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ORDER OF SERVICE

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **To God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

Sit

The pastor reads the Confessional Address, concluding as follows:

P May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

Approaching the altar, each penitent receives the absolution individually as follows:

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and

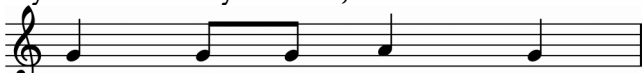
body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

C Amen.

When all have been absolved, they greet each other in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you."

The service then continues with the Introit.

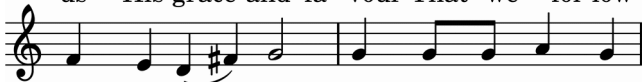
Hymn of the Day: O Lord, We Praise Thee



1. O Lord, we praise Thee,
2. Thy ho - ly bo - dy
3. May God be - stow on



bless Thee, and ad - ore Thee, In thanks - giv - ing
in - to death was giv - en, Life to win for
us His grace and fa - vour That we fol - low



bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy bo - dy
us in heav - en. No great - er love than
Christ our Sav - iour. And live as breth - ren



and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that
this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
here in love and u - nion Nor des - pise this



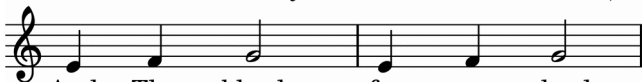
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bo - dy, Lord, born of Ma - ry
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us;



That our sins and sor - row did car - ry,
That Thy blood should bless and sus - tain me.
Grant that heav' n - ly - mind - ed He make us;



And Thy blood for us plead
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Give Thy church, Lord, to see

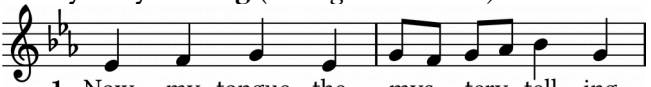


in all tri - al, fear and need:
peace with God once more is made:
days of peace and u - ni - ty;



O Lord, have mer - cy!
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Communion Hymn—Now, My Tongue, the
Mystery Telling (*during distribution*)



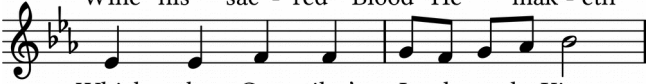
1. Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing
2. Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing
3. That last night at sup - per ly - ing
4. Word-made-flesh, the bread He tak - eth,



Of the glo - rious Bo - dy sing,
To be born for us be - low,
'Mid the twelve, His cho - sen band,
By his word his Flesh to be;



And the Blood, all price ex - cel - ling,
He, with us in con - verse blend - ing,
Je - sus, with the law com - ply - ing,
Wine his sac - red Blood He mak - eth



Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King,
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Keeps the feast its rites de - mand;
Though the sens - es fail to see;



Once on earth a - mong us dwell - ing,
Till he closed with won - drous end - ing
Then, more pre - cious food sup - ply - ing,
Faith a - lone the true heart wak - eth



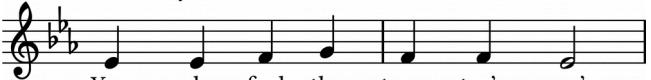
Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
His most pa - tient life of woe.
Gives Him - self with His own hand.
To be - hold the mys - te - ry.

- △ 5. Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, thanks, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing
Who from both with both is One.

Closing Hymn—Go to Dark Gethsemane



1. Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne,
2. Fol - low to the judge - ment hall;
3. Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb
4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb



You who feel the temp - ter's pow'r;
View the Lord of life ar - raigned;
There, a - do - ring at His feet,
Where they laid his breath - less clay;



Your Re - dee - mer's conf - lict see;
O the worm - wood and the gall!
Mark the mir - a - cle of time,
All is so - li - tude and gloom;



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;
O the pangs His soul sus - tained!
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete:
Who hath ta - ken Him a - way?



Turn not from His griefs a - way;
Shun not suff'r - ing, shame, or loss;
"It is fi - nished!" Hear the cry;
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:



Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Learn of Him to bear the cross.
Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
Sav - iour, teach us so to rise.

At the end of the service, the altar is stripped. During the stripping of the altar, the congregation will sing Psalm 22 in unison.