

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Fareham

**The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist**

Vespers

24 June 2020

7 pm

Explanation of Symbols:

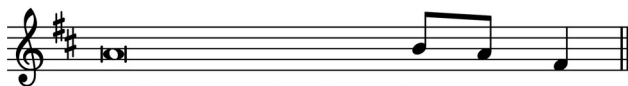
- C** Congregation
- L** Liturgist
- A** Assisting minister
- I** Men / Lower Voices
- II** Women / Higher Voices
- ✠** You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖** You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Stand

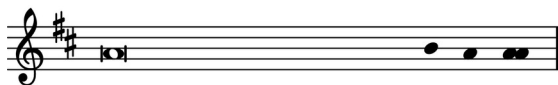
A cross may be marked with the thumb on the lips:



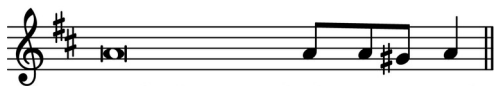
L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de-clare Your praise.



L Make † haste, O God to de-li-ver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



❖ *Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spi-rit;*



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Psalmody

Psalm 85 (antiphon: v. 9)



A Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

I Lord, you were favourable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

II You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.

I You withdrew | all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot | anger.

II Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | towards us!



- I** Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*
- Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
- II** Will you not revive | us again,*
- that your people may re- | joice in you?
- I** Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,*
- and grant us your sal- | vation.
- II** Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak,*
- for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not
turn back to | folly.
- I** Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
- that glory may dwell | in our land.
- II** Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
- righteousness and peace kiss each | other.
- I** Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
- and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
- II** Yes, the Lord will give | what is good,*
- and our land will yield its | increase.
- I** Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
- and make his foot- | steps a way.
- C** *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**
- and to the Holy | Spirit;*
- as it was in the be- | ginning,*
- is now and will be forever. | Amen.
- A** Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
- that glory may dwell | in our land.

Sit

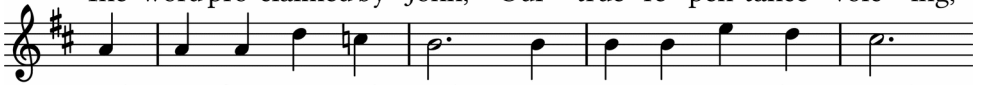
Office Hymn: LSB 346—When All the World Was Cursed



1. When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con - dem - na - tion,
2. Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3. Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,
4. O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - iour's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - iour he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the pro - phets told.
Who for our peace and joy Will full at - one - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius (1635–17110; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann (1883–1965), alt.

Music: Ahasverus Fritsch (1629–1701)

Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1–5

After the reading:

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

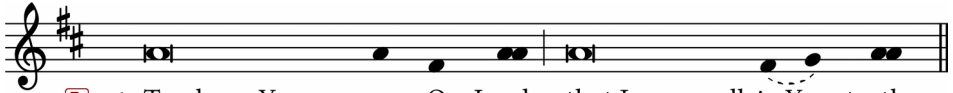
Second Reading: Luke 1:57–80

After the reading:

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Psalm 86:11; 119:105



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name, that I may walk in Your truth.
3 ❖ *Glory be to
the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.*



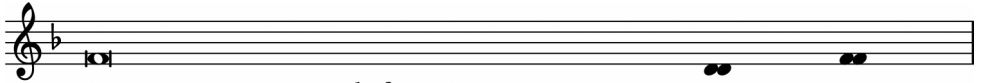
- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Sermon

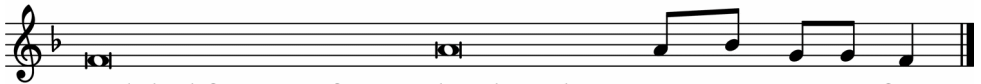
Canticle

Stand

Antiphon



- L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat



- C** My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav - iour,



- I** for He has re - gard - ed the lowliness of His hand - maid - en.



- II** For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



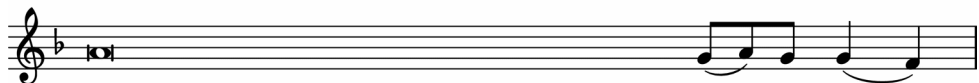
I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen-er-a-tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm;



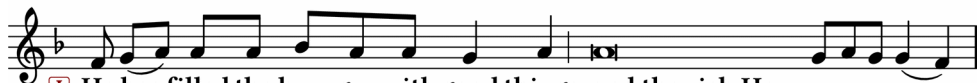
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.



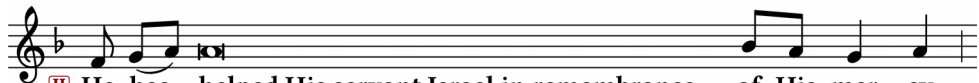
II He has cast down the might-y from their thrones



and has ex - - alt - ed the low - ly.



I He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer-cy



as He spoke to our Fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



❖ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Prayer

Kneel/Stand



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but ✝ deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Collects



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

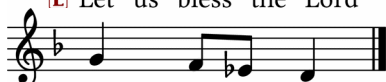
C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord

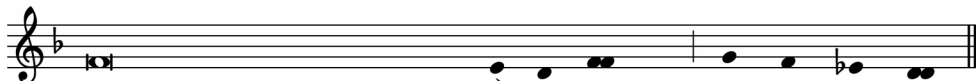


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

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