

## Opening Hymn #356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:

Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross is made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

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

## Left Column

**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 & death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Psalm 89:1-5 Antiphon vs. 8

K: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

K: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;\*,  
 in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness."

**C: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;\*,  
 I have sworn to David my | servant:**

K: I will establish your offspring for- | ever;\*,  
 and build your throne for all gener- | ations."

**C: Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD;\*,  
 your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!**

**All: 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.**

K: O LORD God of hosts,  
 who is mighty as you are, | O LORD;\*,  
 with your faithfulness all a- | round you?

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis (*is omitted during Advent*)

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Let us pray.  
**P** ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*After the reading is said:*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

### Epistle

*After the reading is said:*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

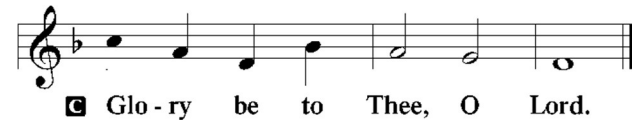
## Alleluia, Verse (Kantor), Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life **✝** of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

### Sermon Hymn #357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d' rest all things  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's  
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law  
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,  
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain**

7

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of all mankind;  
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain**

### Sermon

Stand

### Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Offering (Please give online following the service)**

### Prayer of the Church

*After each petition is said:*

- P** Lord, in Your Mercy
- C** Hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**G** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...  
... evermore praising You and saying:

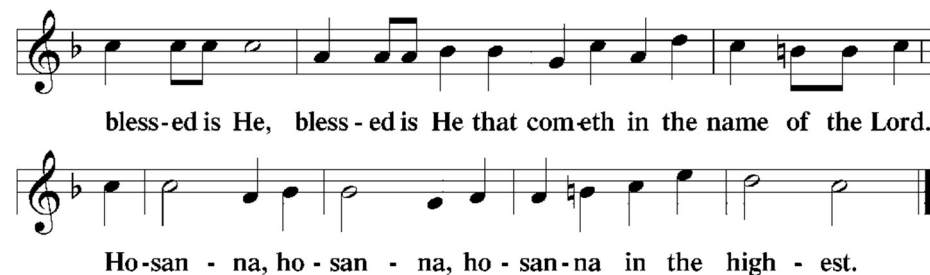
## Sanctus



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

**G** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

### Agus Dei



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, tha



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

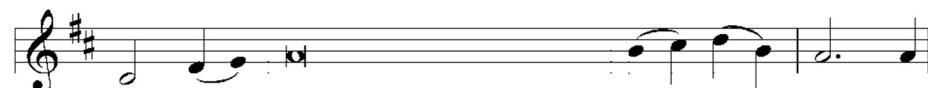
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Distribution Hymn(s) #337, 353 (*see below*)

*Stand*

### Corporate Dismissal

### Nunc Dimittis



**G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

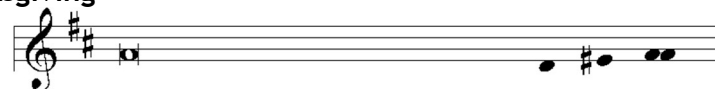


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

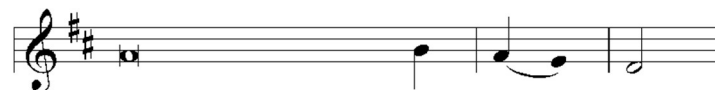


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

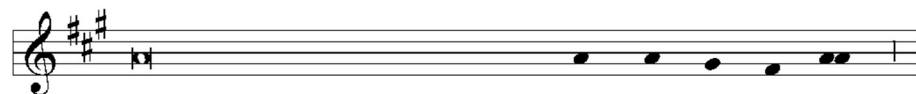


**C** Thanks be to God.

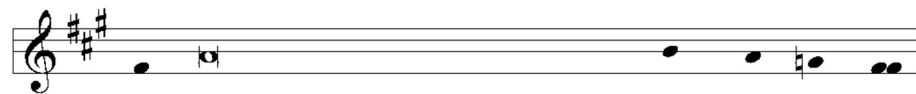
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Communion Hymn #337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our



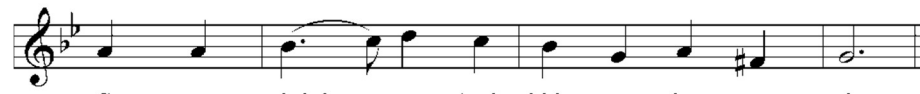
not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant  
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
new cre - a - tion— This child its seal and sign.  
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.

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**God dwells with us in darkness**

**And makes the night as day;**

**Yet we resist the brightness**

**And turn from God away.**

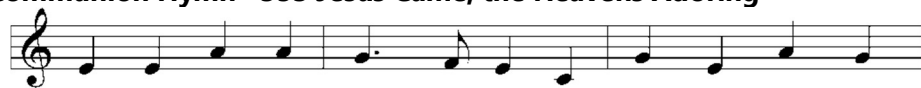
**But grace does not forsake us,**

**However far we run.**

**God claims us still as children**

**Through Mary's infant Son.**

# Communion Hymn #353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.