

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant God of all mercy,
People **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,
That we may abide in your love
And serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Oh God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People **And your glory all the day long.**

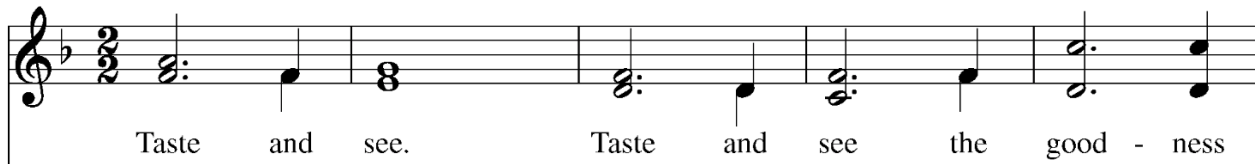
**Praise to the holy, and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant God is the Rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

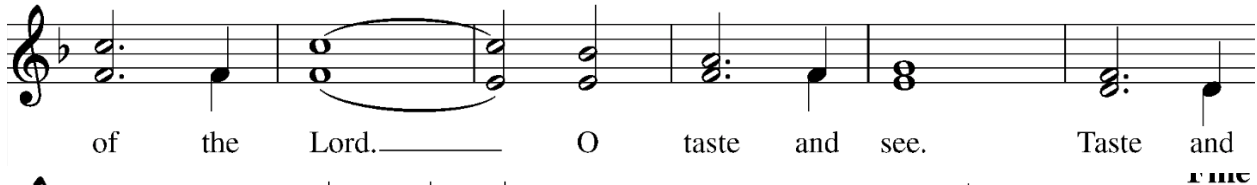
Invitatory Psalm: *Psalms 67:1-5*

Basil Souder

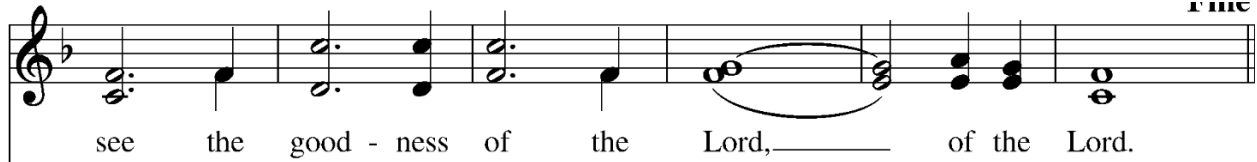
O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.



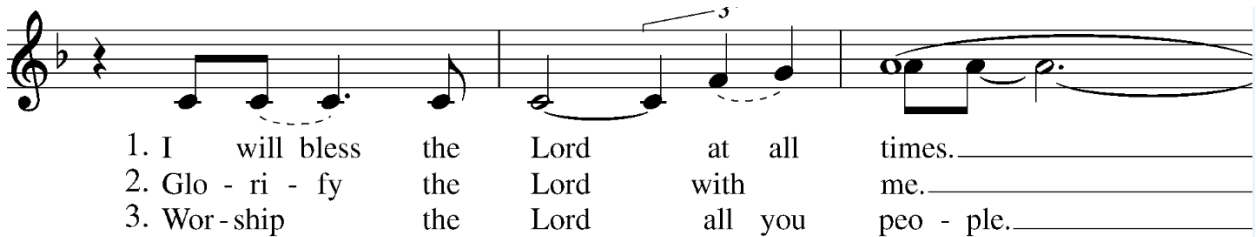
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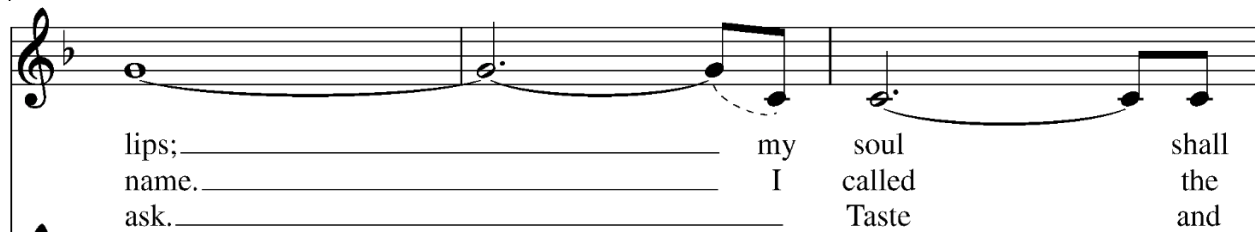
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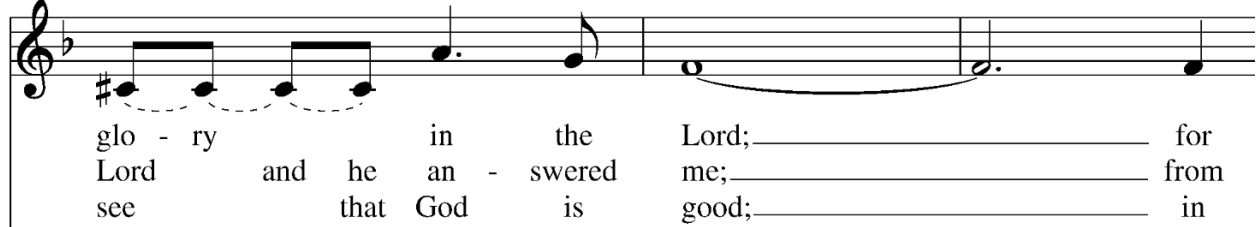
1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.



His praise shall al - ways be on my
To - geth - er let us all praise his
You'll want for noth - ing if you



lips; my soul shall
name. I called the
ask. Taste and



glo - ry in the Lord; for
Lord and he an - swered me; from
see that God is good; in



he has been so good to me.
all my trou - bles he set me free.
him we need put all our trust.

The Lessons

First Lesson: A poem by Hagen Hasselbalch

Jay Souder

Let there be peace, welfare and righteousness in
every part of the world.

Let confidence and friendship prevail
for the good of the east and the west

For the good of the needy south For
the good of all humanity.

Let the people inspire their leaders
Helping them to seek peace by peaceful means
Helping them and urging them
To build a better world
A world with a home for everybody
A world with food and work for everybody
A world with spiritual freedom for everybody.

Let those who have the power of money Be
motivated by selfless compassion.
Let money become a tool For
the good of humankind.

Let those who have power
Deal respectfully with the resources of the planet. Let
them respect and maintain
The purity of the air, water, land and subsoil. Let
them co-operate to restore
The ecological soundness of Mother Earth.

Let trees grow up by the billions Around
the world.
Let green life invade the deserts.

Let industry serve humanity
And produce waste that serves nature.

Let technology respect
The holiness of Mother Earth.

Let those who control the mass media
Contribute to create mutual understanding
Contribute to create optimism and confidence.

Let ordinary people
Meet by the millions across the borders. Let
them create a universal network
Of love and friendship.

Let billions of human beings

Co-operate to create a good future For
their children and grandchildren.

Let us survive
In peace and harmony with Mother Earth.

Preacher Holy wisdom, holy word.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle I: Hymn #679

First Song of Isaiah

The Hymnal 1982

Second Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

Michele Johns

A reading from Mark.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle II: Hymn #391

Jubilate Deo

The Hymnal 1982

Reflection

Jay Souder

Choir Anthem

O Taste and See, by Ralph Vaughan Williams (Psalm 24:8)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in them.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Leader Today, congregations throughout Maine are encouraged to remember and pray
(Pal Covie) for all those affected by the Lewiston mass-shooting last October, for those who
died and their loved ones, and for an end to gun violence. Therefore, let us join
our voices together by praying *A Litany in the Aftermath of Gun Violence* on this
day of remembrance.

Prayer Leader Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live
together in peace. Surround us with your love as we face again the tragedy of gun
violence. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For the children and adults who were killed, the many who were wounded and
hospitalized, the traumatized, grieving survivors, and those known to you alone,
Loving God
People **Make us instruments of your peace.**

God of Righteousness, you have granted our leaders, especially Joseph Biden, our President, and Janet Mills, our Governor, the members of Congress and of our courts and legislatures, power and responsibility to protect us, and to uphold our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Strengthen their devotion to our common life and give them clarity of purpose. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For all who bear such responsibility, for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces, Loving God

Make us instruments of your peace.

God of Compassion, we give you thanks for first responders: police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and all those whose duties bring them to the streets, the schools, the malls and the homes where the carnage of gun violence takes place every day. Give them courage and sound judgment in the heat of the moment and grant them compassion for the victims. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For our devoted siblings who risk their lives and serenity as they rush to our aid, Loving God

Make us instruments of your peace.

Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For all whose lives are forever changed and broken by the scourge of gun violence, Loving God

Make us instruments of your peace.

God of Repentance and Forgiveness, we hold before you the one who fired the weapon and seek your grace for transformation. We struggle to forgive, but we trust in your power to make all things new. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For those who from malice or illness are the instruments of violence and death, Loving God

Make us instruments of your peace.

God Who Remembers, may we not forget those who have died, more than 30,000 in the past year, in the gun violence that we have allowed to become routine. Receive them into your heart and comfort us with your promise of eternal love and care. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For all who have died, those who die today, and those who will die tomorrow, Loving God

Make us instruments of your peace.

God of Tender Mercy, be with those who are overwhelmed, enraged, frustrated and demoralized by the plague of gun violence. Give them a sense of your presence and plant in them the seed of hope. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For those whose hope for life in this world is shattered and broken, Loving God
Make us instruments of your peace.

God of Justice, help us, your church, find our voice. Turn us from the worship of power. Give us courage to confront our false gods and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Help us rise above our dread that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change. *Brief silence for reflection.*

For your dream of a world where children are safe and all of us live together without fear, Loving God
Make us instruments of your peace.

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Leader Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace (said together)

People Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concluding Collect

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us show to each other a sign of Christ's Peace.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)
Let us, then, with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to God.

The people are seated. At this time, the ushers will collect the offering.

Offertory Hymn, #429

I'll praise my maker while I've breath

The Hymnal 1982

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Let us pray,
People All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee.
Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant Having been gathered by the Spirit, fed by the Word, and transformed by God's vast grace, let us pray together:
People **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn, #460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. (Ephesians 3:20,21)

People

Amen.

Postlude

“Echo Fantasie” by Gerhardus Scronx

Orange Candle for Gun Violence Victims

The Worship & Music Committee decided at their spring retreat to light the orange candle in remembrance of victims of gun violence each week as a prayerful vigil rather than lighting the candle only at the 5th Sunday Healing Services. The Worship & Music Committee hopes that by lighting this candle each week, our community will not allow itself to forget about the severity of this issue and of our need as a community to remember and to engage in meaningful change. For more information about the Orange Candle and the "Wear Orange" movement, visit <https://wearorange.org/>

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