

# The Litany

*Kneel/Stand*

## Litany



**L** O Lord,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Christ,



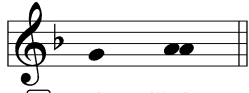
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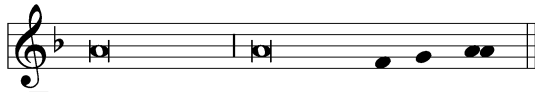
**C** hear us.



**L** God the Fa - ther in heaven,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



**C** have mer - cy.

**L** God the Holy Spir - it,

**C** have mer - cy.

**L** Be gra - cious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**L** Be gra - cious to us.

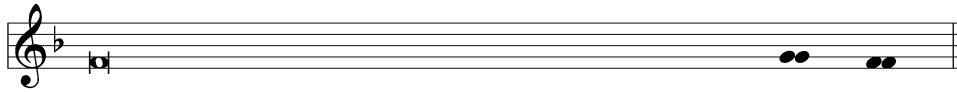
**C** Help us, good Lord.

**L** From all sin, from all error, from all . . . . . e - vil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and e - vil death;  
From pestilence and famine;  
from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from re - bel - lion;  
From lightning and tempest;  
from all calamity by fire and water; and from ever - last - ing death:

**C** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

**L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na - tiv - i - ty;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your  
cross and passion; by Your precious death and . . . . . bur - i - al;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the . . . . . Com - fort - er:

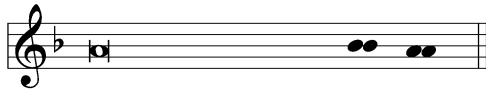
**C** Help us, good Lord.



**L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time  
of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment:



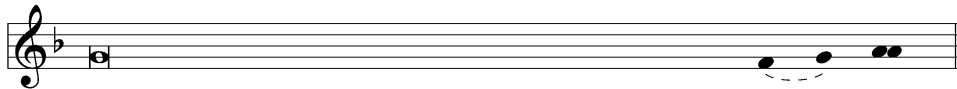
**C** Help us, good Lord.



**L** We poor sinners im - plore You



**C** to hear us, O Lord.



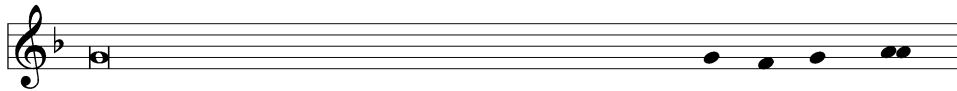
**L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;  
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your  
Church in the true knowledge and understanding  
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy . . . . . liv - ing;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;  
to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and . . . . . are de - ceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;  
and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and . . . . . Spir - it:



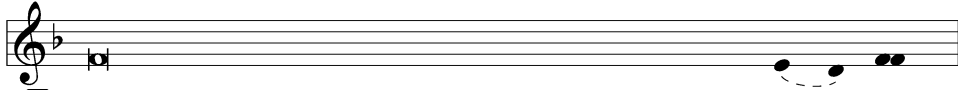
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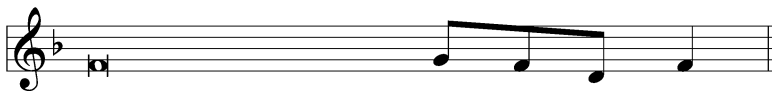
**L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those  
who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed:



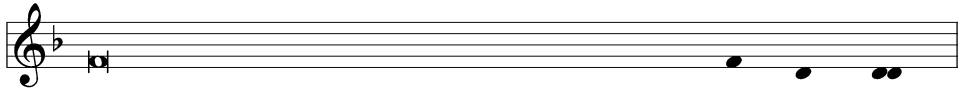
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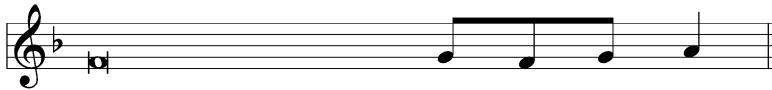
**L** To give to all peoples concord and peace;  
to preserve our land from discord and strife;  
to give our country Your protection in every . . . . . time of need;  
To direct and defend our president/queen/king and all in  
authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our peo - ple;  
To watch over and help all who are in danger,  
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el;  
To grant all women with child, and all mothers  
with infant children, increasing happiness in  
their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and pro-vide for them;  
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and  
young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:



**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



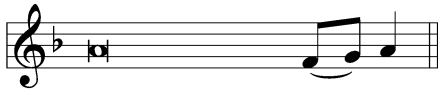
**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers  
and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our  
use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



**C** we implore You to hear us.



**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



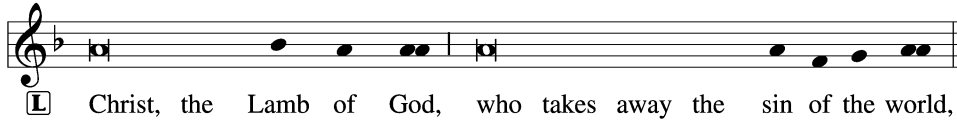
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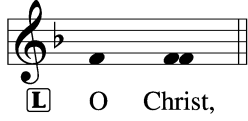
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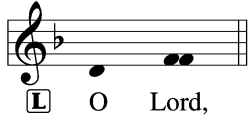
**C** grant us Your peace.



**L** O Christ,



**C** hear us.



**L** O Lord,



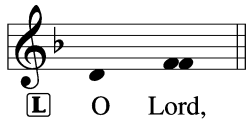
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**L** O Christ,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Lord,



**C** have mer - cy. A - men.

### Lord's Prayer



**C** Our Fa - ther 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 for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give  
 those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in-  
 to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
 For Thine is the king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-  
 ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

**L** O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.

**C** Do not reward us according to our in-iq-ui-ties.

**L** Almighty God, our heavenly Fa-ther, You desire not the  
 death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live.

Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved,  
 and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
 reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for-ev-er.

**C** A-men.

## Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be 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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

**Introit**

*Psalm 57:1–3a, c; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

You have mercy on | all, O Lord,\*  
and abhor nothing | you have made.

You look past the sins of men that they | may repent.\*  
You spare them all because you are our | Lord, our God.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merci- | ful to me,\*  
for in you my soul takes | refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take | refuge,\*  
till the storms of destruction | pass by.

I cry out to | God Most High,\*  
to God who fulfills his pur- | pose for me.

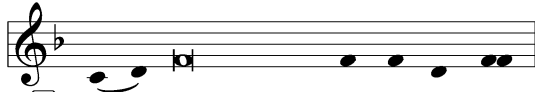
He will send from heaven and | save me.\*  
God will send out his steadfast love and his | faithfulness!

**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.**

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and abhor nothing | you have made.

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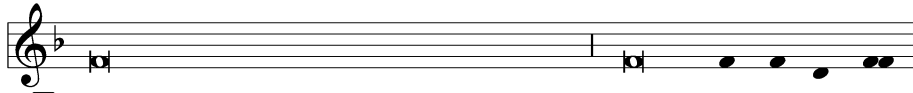
Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



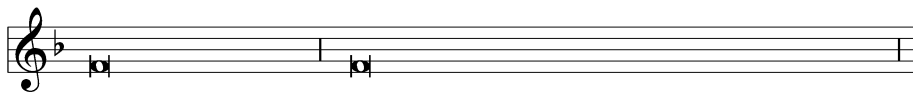
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



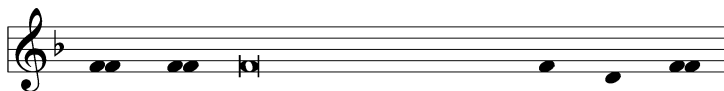
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jonah 3:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup>The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup>but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 57:1a, 3a*

Be merciful to me, O God, be merci- | ful to me,\*  
for in you my soul takes | refuge.  
He will send from heaven and | save me;\*  
he will put to shame him who tramples | on me.

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities

you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

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**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

<sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

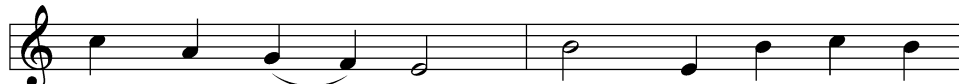
<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and  
2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out  
3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in  
4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the  
5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious  
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest  
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His  
 morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er  
 bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.  
 faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it  
 doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.  
 nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en  
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy  
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort  
 O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it  
 Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?  
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.  
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.  
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.  
 Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

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