

PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' CARSHALTON

4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT: EVENSONG

9TH FEBRUARY 2025



The minister offers a welcome; we then begin with the General Confession:

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

The general Confession is said by the whole Congregation, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution is prayed for by the minister, standing: the people still kneeling:

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: ✠ He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.


Then the minister and People shall say the Lord's Prayer:

OUR Father,
which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

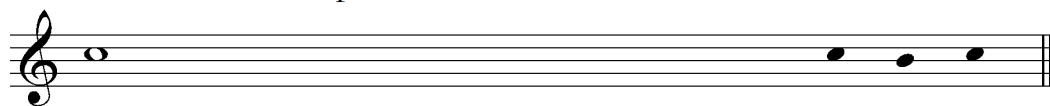
Please STAND to sing the opening responses:



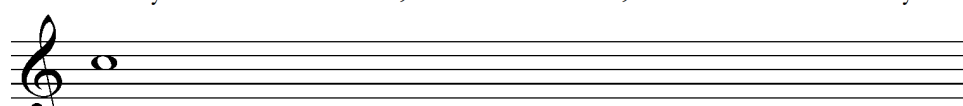
O Lord, open thou our lips: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.



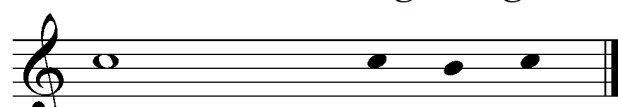
O God, make speed to save us: O Lord, make haste to help us.



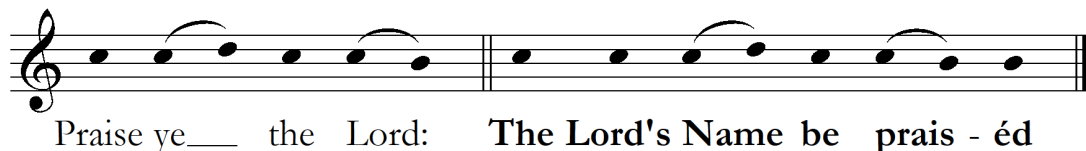
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost:



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



world without end. A- men.



We recite Psalm 2, pausing at the ♦. Please SIT:

Why do the heathen so furiously rage together ♦ and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together ♦ against the Lord, and against his Anointed:

Let us break their bonds asunder ♦ and cast away their cords from us.

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn ♦ the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath ♦ and vex them in his sore displeasure:

Yet have I set my King ♦ upon my holy hill of Sion.

I will preach the law ♦ whereof the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thine inheritance, ♦ and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron ♦ and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings ♦ be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

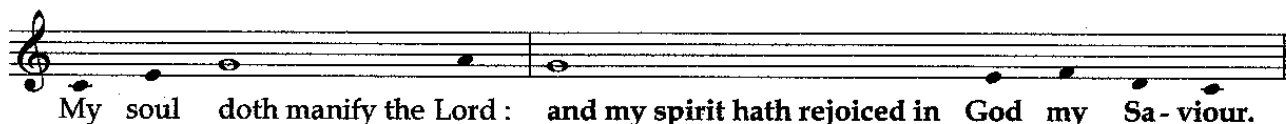
Serve the Lord in fear ♦ and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way ♦ if his wrath be kindled, (yea but a little) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson, from the Old Testament (Wisdom 6:1-21) follows.

Magnificat, the Song of Mary (Luke 1.46) follows (STAND), during which, a minister adds incense grains to the burner in front of the Altar:



For he hath re - gard - ed : the lowliness of his hand - maid - en.

For be - hold, from hence - forth : all generations shall call me bles - sed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and ho - ly is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all ge - ne - ra - tions.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagina - tion of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the hum - ble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way.

He re - membering his mercy hath holpen his servant Is - rael :

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for e - ver.

Glo - ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

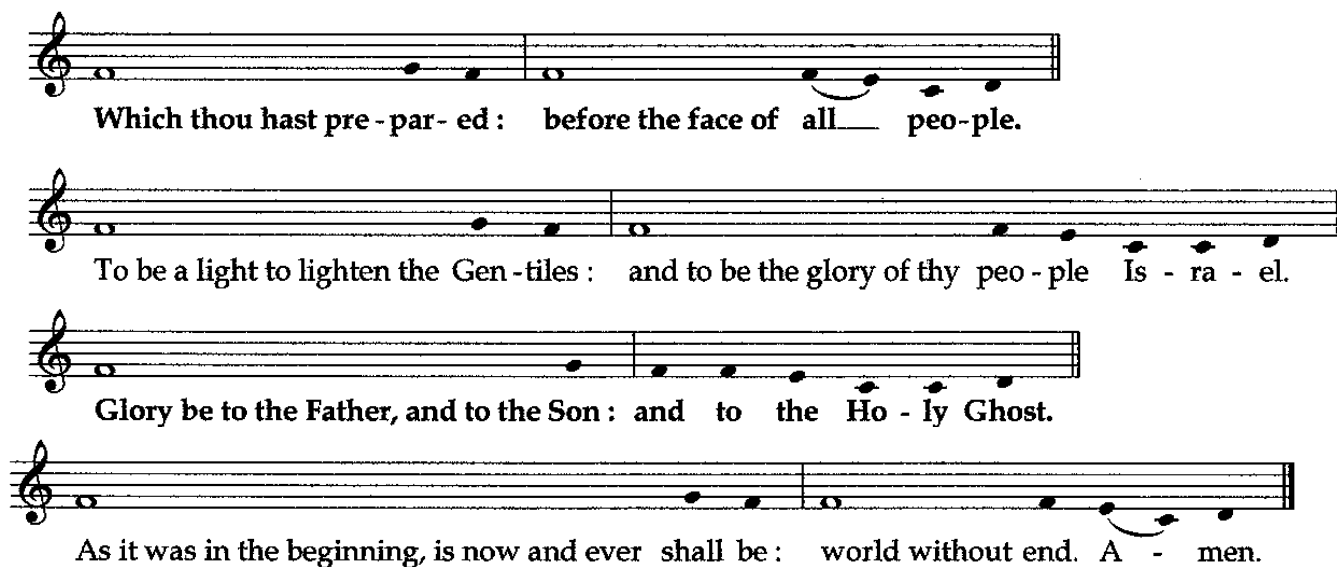
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Please SIT for the Second Lesson, from the New Testament (Colossians 3:1-22)

Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29) follows (STAND):

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : ac - cord - ing to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy sal - va - tion.



Which thou hast pre - par - ed : before the face of all peo - ple.

To be a light to lighten the Gen - tiles : and to be the glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

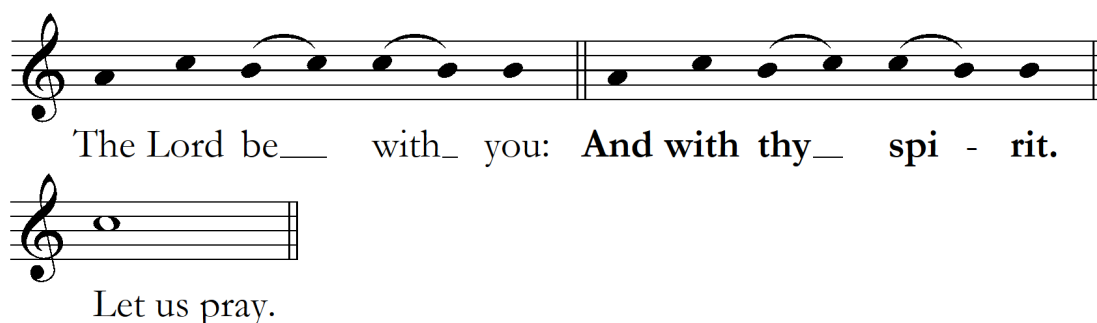
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. A - men.

We face the High Altar to recite the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
✠ The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

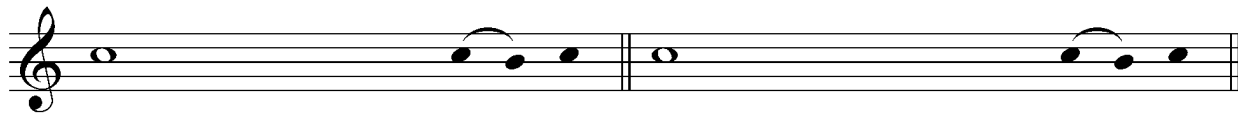
Remain standing, for the Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Suffrages and Responses:



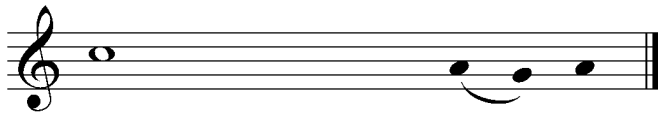
The Lord be___ with_ you: And with thy__ spi - rit.

Let us pray.

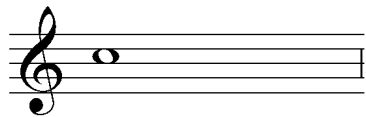
Please sit or kneel



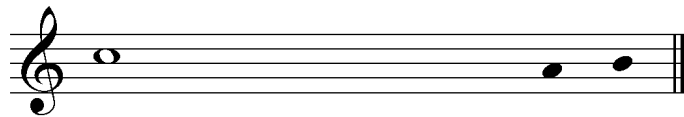
Lord, have mercy up - on__ us. **Christ, have mercy up - on__ us.**



Lord, have mercy up - on__ us.



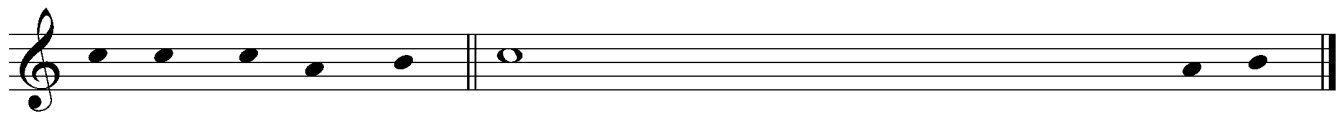
Our Father, ...



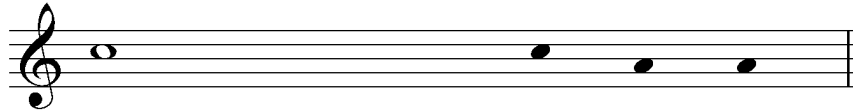
...But deliver us from evil. A-men.



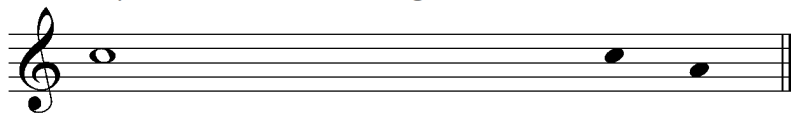
O Lord, show thy mercy up - on us: **And grant us thy sal - va - tion.**



O Lord, save the King: **And mercifully hear us when we call up - on thee.**



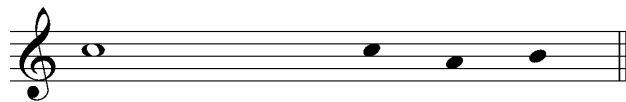
Endue thy ministers with right - eous - ness:



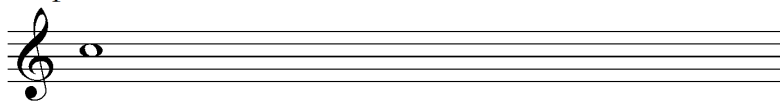
And make thy chosen people joy - ful.



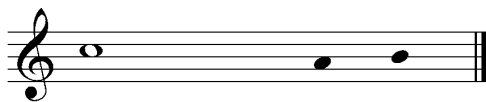
O Lord, save thy peo - ple: **And bless thine in - he - ri - tance.**



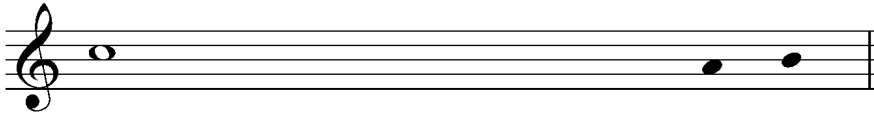
Give peace in our time, O Lord:



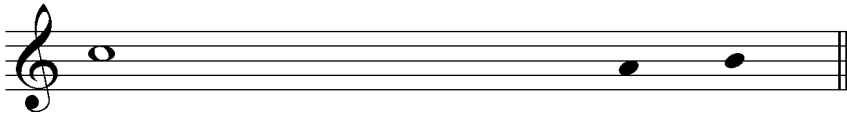
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,



but only thou, O God



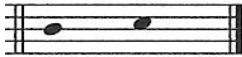
O God, make clean our hearts with - in us:



And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

The minister intones the Collect for the 4th Sunday before Lent:

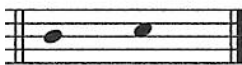
O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE:

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.



A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS:

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.



A - men.

Prayers of Intercession follow, and then any notices are announced.

The service ends with the Dismissal:



The Lord be with you: **And with thy spirit.**



Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

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