

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

UELCSA

(United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures
forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations!

Psalm 100

We have come together as the family of God
in our Father's presence
to offer him praise and thanksgiving
to hear and receive his holy word
to bring before him the needs of the world
to ask his forgiveness of our sins
and to seek his grace
that through his Son Jesus Christ
we may give ourselves to his service.

My God and Father, I come to you
to hear your word as the Bible is read;
to sing your praise in the poetry and the music of our
hymns;
to speak to you in my prayers;
to listen to you in silence.
Help me today to worship you in spirit and in truth:
through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help us
to see more clearly the way we ought to take;
to know more fully the truth we ought to know;
to go out to live more faithfully the life we ought to live.
This we ask for your love's sake. Amen

M: = Minister, Liturgist, Lay Preacher
C: = Congregation
Ch: = Choir

SILENT PRAYER
 RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS
 PRELUDE
 [WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS]

OPENING HYMN and/or
 [CONFESSIONAL PRAYER)
 PSALM

GLORY TO THE FATHER (GLORIA PATRI) *(omitted from Judica until Holy Saturday)*

C: Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and the Son, and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be
 for ev - er more. A - - - - - men.

KYRIE ELEISON

Ch/M: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son C: Lord, have mer - cy.
 Ch/M: Chri - ste e - lei - son C: Christ, have mer - cy.
 Ch/M: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. C: Lord, have mer - cy.

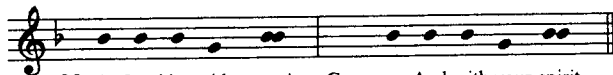
GLORY TO GOD (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS)

M: Glo - ry to God - in the high - est
 Ch/C: and on earth peace, to all in whom he de - lights!

C: A verse (verses), eg. from Luth. Hymnal 136

*(All glory be to God on high, who hath our race befriended!
 To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended.
 God showeth His good will to men, and peace shall reign on earth again;
 O thank Him for his goodness.)*

SALUTATION

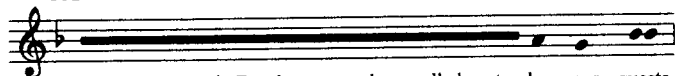


M: The Lord be with you! C: And with your spirit
or: And also with you!

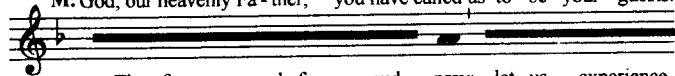


M: Let us pray!

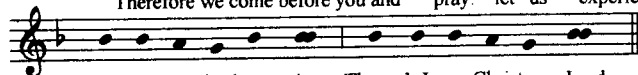
PRAYER OF THE DAY



M: God, our heavenly Fa-ther, you have called us to be your guests.



Therefore we come before you and pray: let us experience



your peace and sal-va-tion. Through Je-sus Christ, our Lord.

(Collects for the church year see appendix)

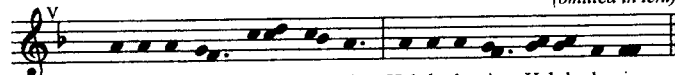


C: A-men!

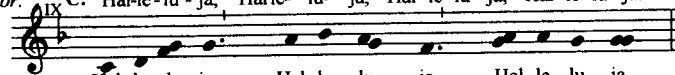
(If the prayer is spoken, the congregation says Amen, instead of singing it)

READING FROM THE LETTERS (EPISTLE)

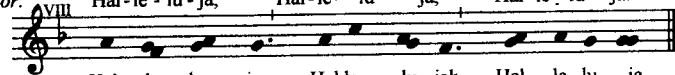
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or: C: Hal-le-lu - ja, Hal-le-lu - ja, Hal-le-lu - ja, Hal-le-lu - ja.



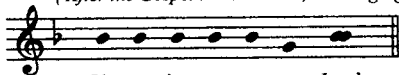
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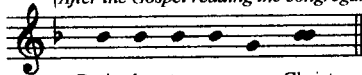
Hal-le-lu - ja, Hal-le-lu - jah, Hal-le-lu - ja

HYMN OF THE DAY

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

(After the Gospel is announced, the congregation sings:)

Glo-ry be to you, o Lord.

(After the Gospel reading the congregation sings:)

Praise be to you, o Christ.

CREED (Apostle's or Nicene Creed, or in Hymn form)

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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty,
 from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN *(If the Creed was sung, the hymn can be omitted)*

M: SALUTATION:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1,4)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13, 14)

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come. (Rev 1,4)
 C: Amen

SERMON

M: BLESSING: The peace of God which transcends all understanding,
 will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4,7

C: Amen

HYMN after the sermon

[ANNOUNCEMENTS - HYMN during which the OFFERING is gathered]

[THANKSGIVING PRAYER AND VERSE

eg:

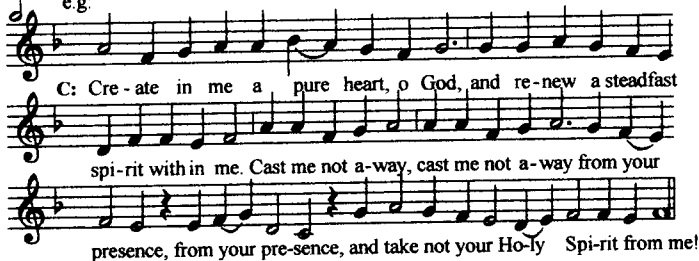
C: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
 praise him, all creatures here below,
 praise him above, you heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Should there be no Holy Communion, the Prayer of the Church ends with the Our Father)

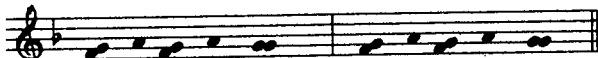
PREPARATORY HYMN FOR HOLY COMMUNION

e.g:



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, o God, and re - new a steadfast
 spi - rit with in me. Cast me not a - way, cast me not a - way from your
 presence, from your pre - sence, and take not your Ho - ly Spi - rit from me!

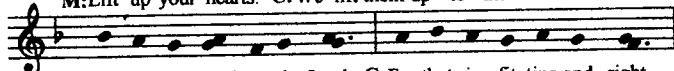
PRAYER OF PRAISE



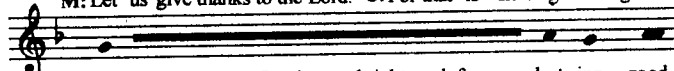
M: The Lord be with you. C: And with your spi - rit
 or: And al - so with you



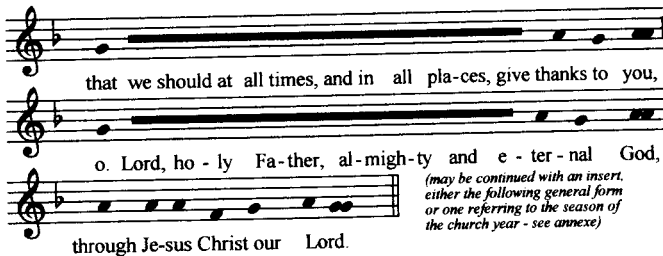
M: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them up to the Lord.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord. C: For that is fit - ting and right.

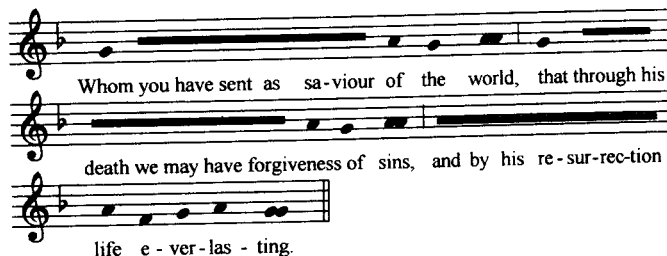


L: It is tru - ly fit - ting and right, and for our last - ing good,

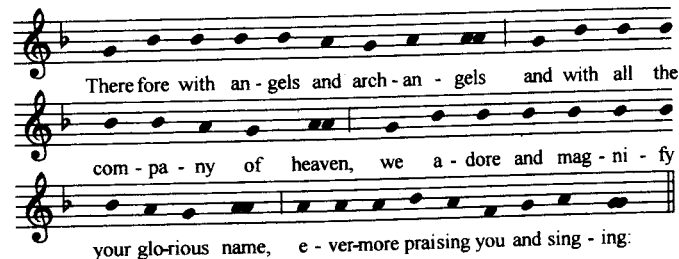


that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you,
 o. Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, al - migh - ty and e - ter - nal God,
 through Je - sus Christ our Lord.

(may be continued with an insert, either the following general form or one referring to the season of the church year - see annex)



Whom you have sent as sa - viour of the world, that through his
 death we may have forgiveness of sins, and by his re - sur - rec - tion
 life e - ver - las - ting.



There fore with an - gels and arch - an - gels and with all the
 com - pa - ny of heaven, we a - dore and mag - ni - fy
 your glo - rious name, e - ver - more praising you and sing - ing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, that
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

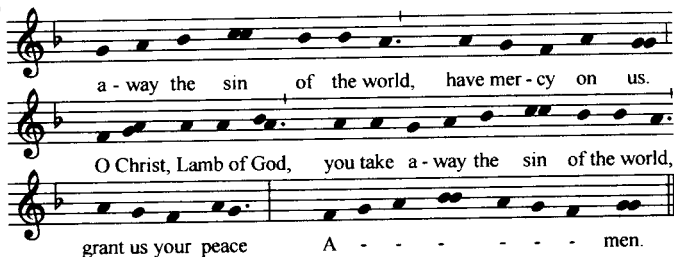
THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Our Fa - ther in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil.
 C: For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
 now and for - ev - er. A - - men

M: Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when he was be - trayed, took bread
 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his dis - cip - les
 and said: Take and eat, this is my (+) bo - dy which is gi - ven for you.
 Do this in re - mem - brance of me.
 In the same way he took the cup after the sup - per,
 and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said:
 Drink of it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new co - ve - ant,
 which is shed for you for the for - give - ness of sins.
 Do this as of - ten as you drink it, in re - mem - brance of me.

AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take

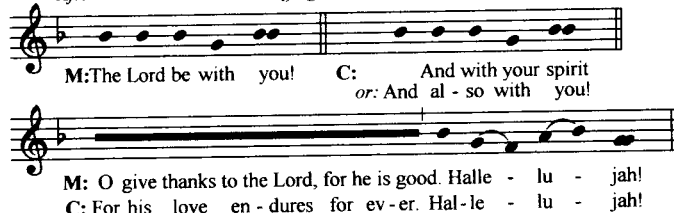


a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us your peace A - - - - - men.

[M: The peace of the Lord be with you always
C: Amen]

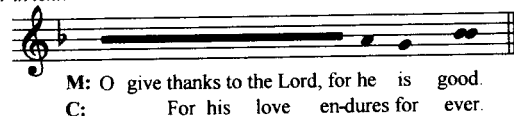
DISTRIBUTION

After the distribution the congregation rises



M: The Lord be with you! C: And with your spirit
or: And al - so with you!
M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Halle - lu - jah!
C: For his love en - dures for ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

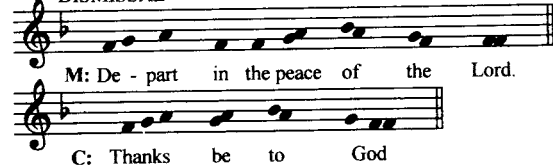
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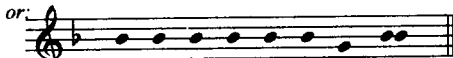
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C: For his love en - dures for ever.

PRAYER C: Amen
or: HYMN OF PRAISE

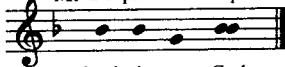
DISMISSAL



M: De - part in the peace of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God



M: De-part in the peace of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

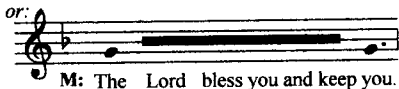
BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

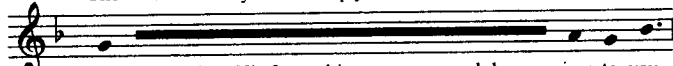
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace

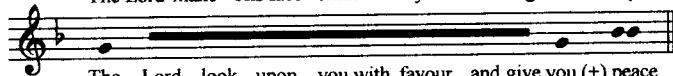
C: Amen



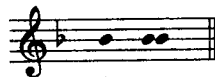
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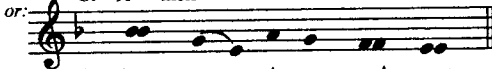
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C: A - men



C: A - men, A-men, A -men.

MUSIC