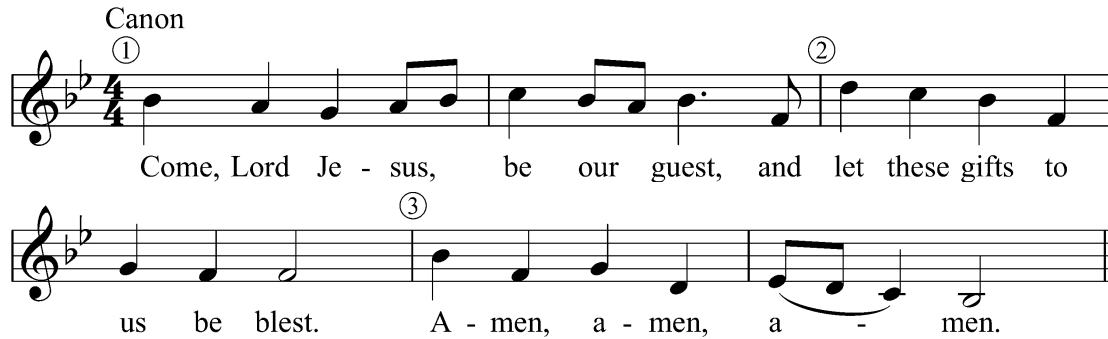


At Home In The Word

Thanksgiving Day Prayers And Praise For Families

MEAL PRAYERS *to speak or sing*

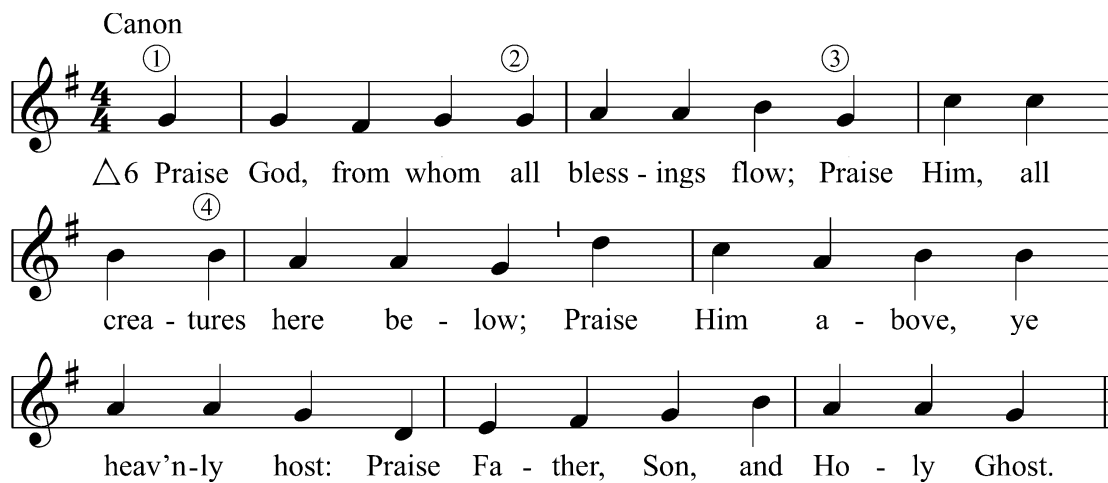
Canon



①
Come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and let these gifts to
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us be blest. A - men, a - men, a - men.
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Canon



①
△6 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
②
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
③
heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
④

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PSALM AND MEAL PRAYER

The eyes of all look to You, [O Lord,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15–16)

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYERS "FOR _____"

Each person thinks of something they are thankful for and prays, saying:

"For... _____ " Then everyone joins in saying **"We thank you, God."**
repeat with each person (usually starting with the least shy to the most shy)

For example, a child might say, **"For puppies"** (all say) **"We thank you, God"**

At the end, the leader may pray: "For all the gifts that God has given, For all the sins Christ has forgiven, For all the Spirit's faithful guiding, For faith and hope and love abiding, For all our triune God's providing, (all say) **"Thanks be to God."**

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE TO SHARE BEFORE THE MEAL

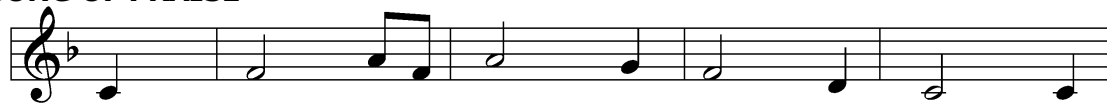
Philippians 4:6-9 ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there

is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

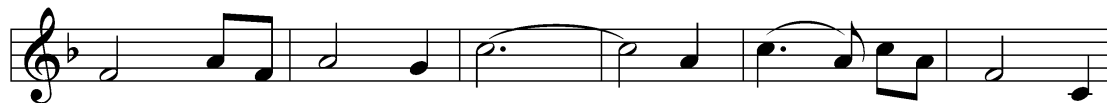
John 3:16 ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Amazing Grace" LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

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SONG OF PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Lutheran Service Book 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
 △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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