

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE

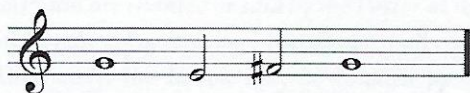
☪ A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn shall be sung. If there is a procession, the congregation shall rise prior to the singing of the hymn. Otherwise, the congregation shall rise prior to the Invocation.

☪ The Pastor shall enter the chancel, reverence the altar, cross himself, and silently pray the twenty-fourth Psalm, or at least these verses:

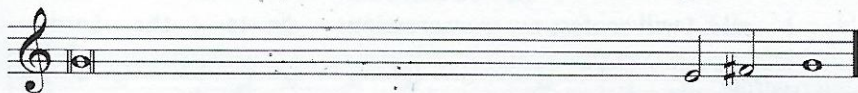
P: Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD; or who shall stand in His Holy Place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD; and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

24: 3-5

☪ Then shall be played and the congregation shall rise:



☪ Then the Pastor shall turn to face the congregation and chant or speak the Invocation:



In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Ho - ly Ghost.

☪ The Congregation shall chant or say:



[THE CONFESSION OF SINS¹

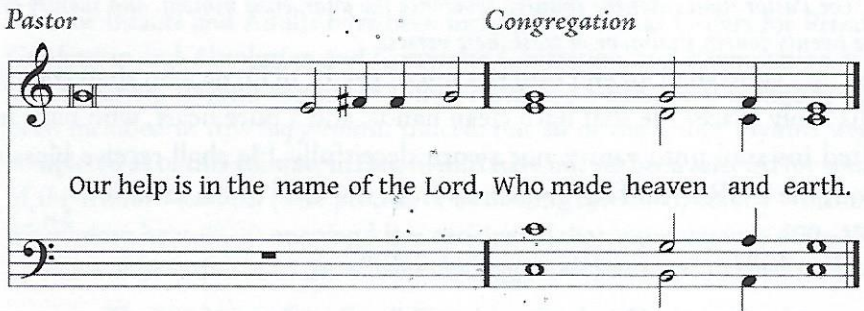
☩ *The Pastor shall chant or say:*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

☩ *The Pastor shall turn to face the altar and kneel, as shall any assisting clergy. The congregation may kneel.*

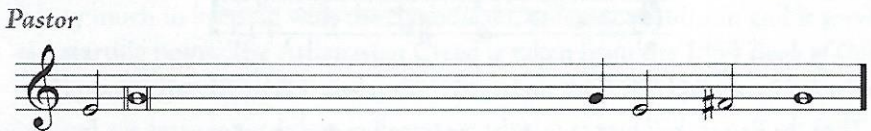
Pastor

Congregation



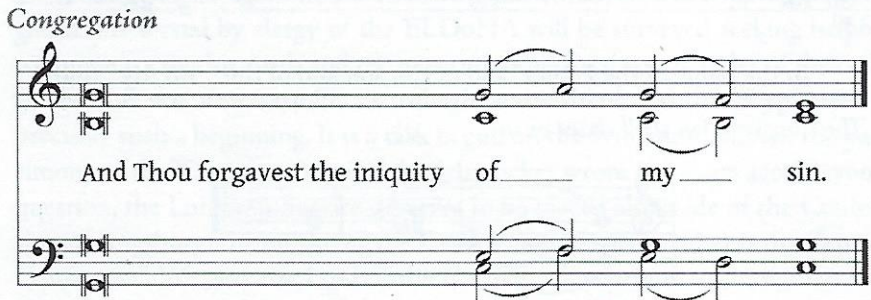
Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor



I said, I will confess my transgressions un-to the Lord.

Congregation



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

☩ *Then all the baptized shall say:*

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for

¹ "The Order of the Confessional Service" (p. 225) may be substituted for the Confession of Sins set forth in this Order, beginning with the words of that Service, "Make haste, O God, to deliver me." If "The Order of the Confessional Service" is used, then the service shall continue from the Introit.

them and truly repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

☩ *Then the Pastor shall stand, face the congregation, and pronounce the Absolution:*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you who heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly purpose by the assistance of God the Holy Ghost henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.]

☩ *Then all may stand to the close of the Collect. The Pastor shall turn to face the altar and shall approach the altar. Then shall be chanted or said*

THE INTROIT

☩ *The Antiphon and Psalm are chanted or said by the Pastor at the altar and the Gloria Patri is chanted or said by the Congregation. The Pastor shall repeat the Antiphon after the Gloria Patri. Alternately, the Introit may be chanted by the Choir. The Pastor continues to face the altar until the Salutation.*

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,

and to the Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning,