

# Altars for the Festival of St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr

*The Lutheran Hymnal, p.32*

Hymn

TLH #96 – Oh Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly

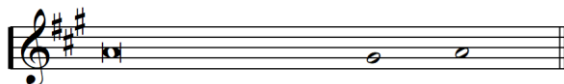
Stand

Versicles and Responses

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The Invitatory

☐ Unto us the Christ is born:



☐ Oh, come, let us wor - ship Him.

The Venite

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Sit

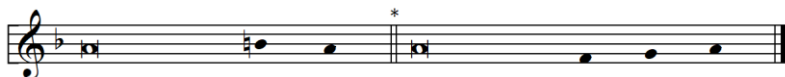
Hymn

TLH #108 - We Sing Immanuel Thy Praise

The Psalmody

Psalm 56

*The Pastor sings the Antiphons. The verses are sung antiphonally by half-verse between the Pastor and Congregation.*



*Antiphon: He has sent redemption to His | people;  
He has commanded His covenant for- | ever*

Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up;

**Fighting all day he oppresses me.**

My enemies would hound me all day,

**For there are many who fight against me, O Most High.**

Whenever I am afraid,

**I will trust in You.**

In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust;

**I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?**

All day they twist my words;

**All their thoughts are against me for evil.**

They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps,

**When they lie in wait for my life.**

Shall they escape by iniquity?

**In anger cast down the peoples, O God!**

You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle;

**Are they not in Your book?**

When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back;

**This I know, because God is for me.**

In God (I will praise His word),

**In the LORD (I will praise His word),**

In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid.

**What can man do to me?**

Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God;

**I will render praises to You,**

For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling,

**That I may walk before God In the light of the living?**

**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.**

*Antiphon: He has sent redemption to His people;  
He has commanded His covenant forever*

**First Lesson**

*Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60*

*After each Lesson:*

**V** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

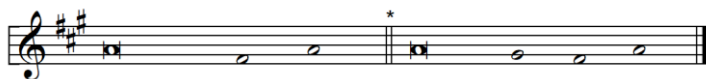


**R** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

**Second Lesson**

*Matthew 23:34-39*

## Responsory



- V** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the | Father,  
**R** Full of | grace and truth.  
**V** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word | was God.  
**R** Full of | grace and truth.  
**V** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho- | ly Ghost.  
**R** Full of | grace and truth.

## Hymn

TLH #481 – *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* (next page)

## The Sermon

## The Offering

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## The Canticle

*The Te Deum, p.35-37*

## The Litany

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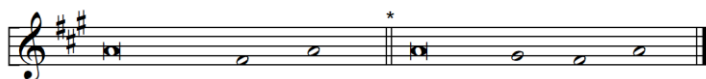
## The Lord's Prayer

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## The Salutation & Collects

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*A Versicle is sung before each Collect. After each Collect, the Congregation sings **Amen**.*



- V** The Word was made flesh. Halle- | lujah!  
**R** And dwelt among us. Hal- | lelujah!

## Collect of the Day

- V** Unto us a Child is born. Halle- | lujah!  
**R** Unto us a Son is given. Hal- | lelujah!

## Collect for Grace

## The Benedicamus and The Benediction

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Igjennem Nat og Traengsal  
Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1825  
Tr., Sabine Baring-Gould, 1867, alt.

**Rex Gloriae**  
Henry Smart, 1868



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row On-ward goes the pil - grim band,  
2 One the light of God's own pres-ence, O'er His ransomed peo - ple shed,  
3 One the strain the lips of thou-sands Lift as from the heart of one;  
4 On - ward, there-fore, pil - grim broth-ers! On-ward, with the cross our aid!



Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, March - ing to the Prom-ised Land.  
Chas - ing far the gloom and ter - ror, Bright-'ning all the path we tread;  
One the con - flict, one the per - il, One their march in God be - gun;  
Bear its shame and fight its bat - tle Till we rest be - neath its shade.



Clear be - fore us, through the dark-ness, Gleams and burns the guid-ing light.  
One the ob - ject of our jour - ney, One the faith which nev - er tires.  
One the glad-ness of re - joic - ing On the far e - ter - nal shore,  
Soon shall come the great a - wak - ing, Soon the rend - ing of the tomb,



Broth - er clasps the hand of broth - er, Step - ping fear-less through the night.  
One the ear - nest look - ing for - ward, One the hope our God in - spires.  
Where the one al - might-y Fa - ther Reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
Then the scat - t'ring of all shad - ows, And the end of toil and gloom.