

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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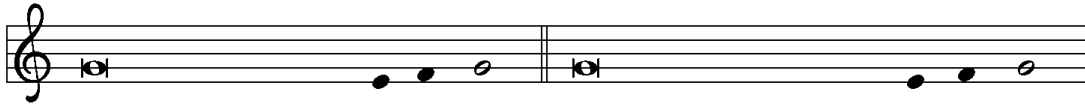


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Dialogue



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



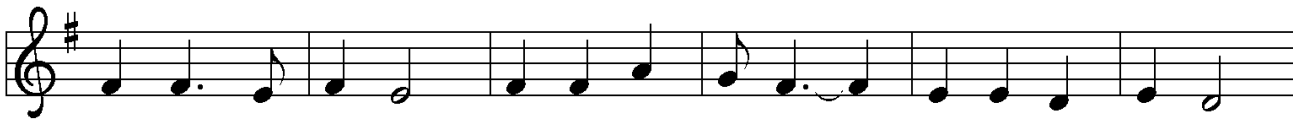
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**



Let your light scat - ter the darkness **and illu - mine your church.**

Hymn

"Now It Is Evening"



1 Now it is eve-ning: lights of the cit - y bid us re - mem-ber
2 Now it is eve-ning: food on the ta - ble bids us re - mem-ber
3 Now it is eve-ning: lit - tle ones sleep-ing bid us re - mem-ber
4 Now it is eve-ning: here in our meet-ing may we re - mem-ber



Christ is our light. Man - y are lone - ly, who will be
Christ is our life. Man - y are hun - gry, who will be
Christ is our peace. Some are ne - glect - ed, who will be
Christ is our friend. Some may be strang - ers, who will be



neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our light.
neigh-bor? Where there is shar - ing, Christ is our life.
neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our peace.
neigh-bor? Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

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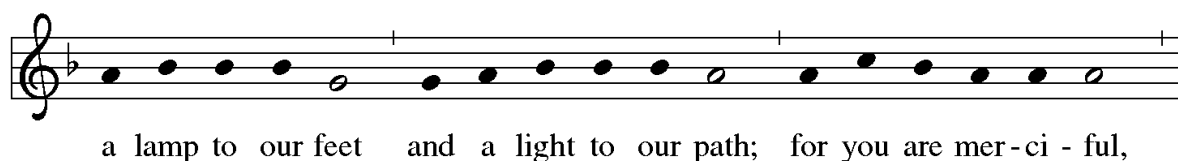
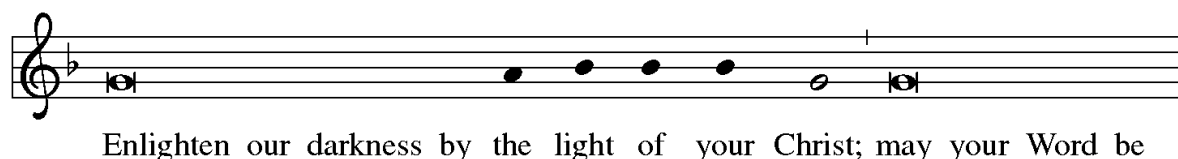
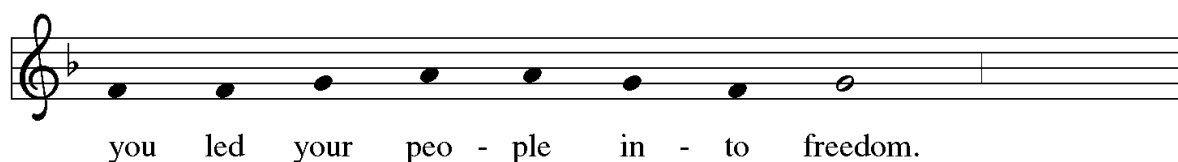
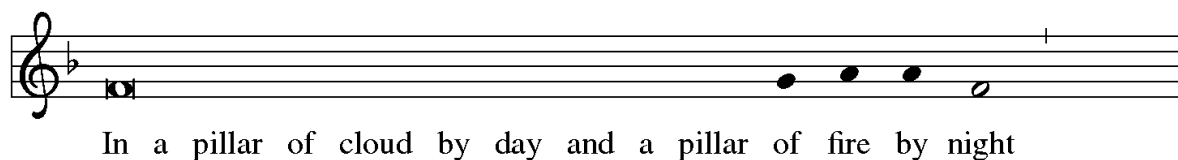
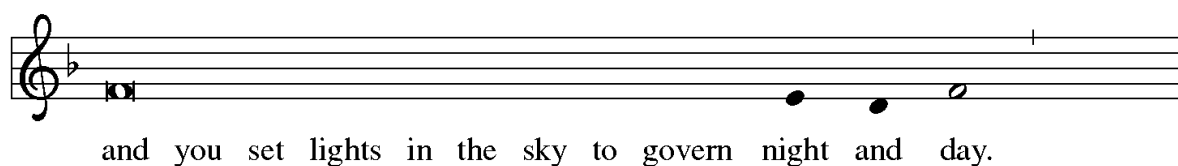
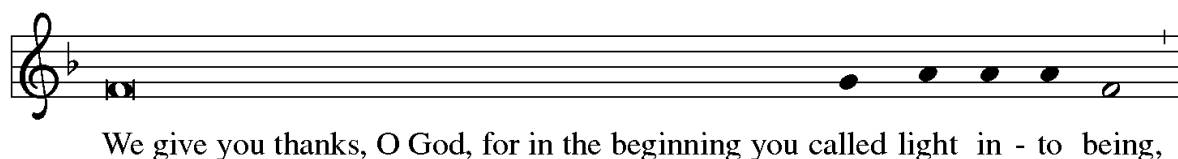
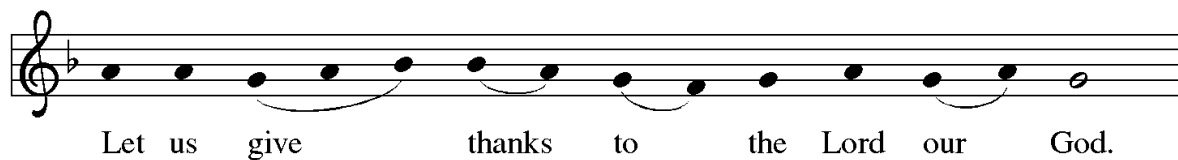
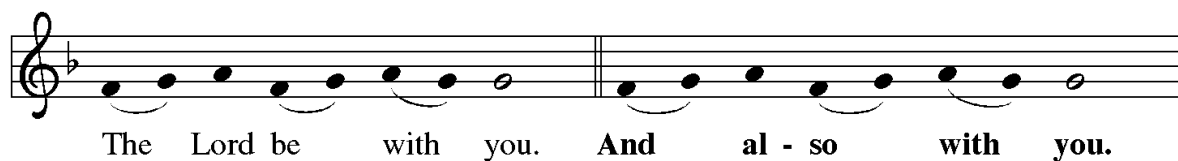
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Thanksgiving for Light





and you love your whole cre-a-tion, and with all your crea-tures we give you glory,



through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,



now and for - ev - er. **A - men.**

Psalmody

Psalms 141



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when



I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

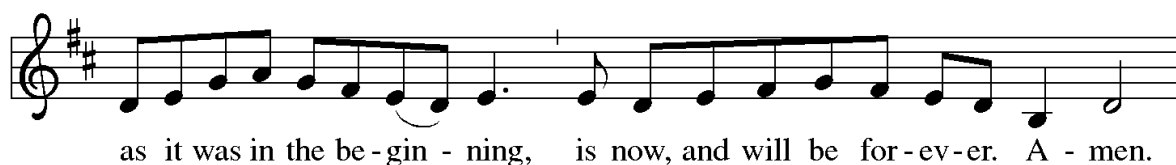
Group One or All



Group Two or All



All



Psalm Prayer

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

Reading

Luke 1: 57-80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

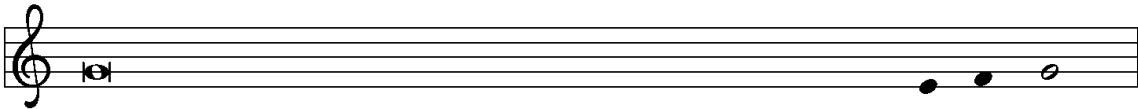
The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The word of the Lord.

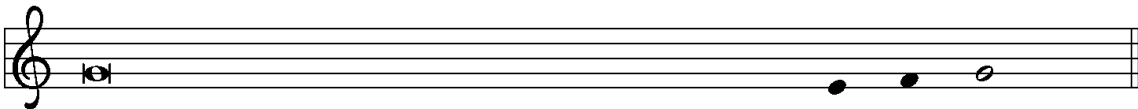
Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

Responsory



Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,



but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Magnificat

Song of Mary



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my



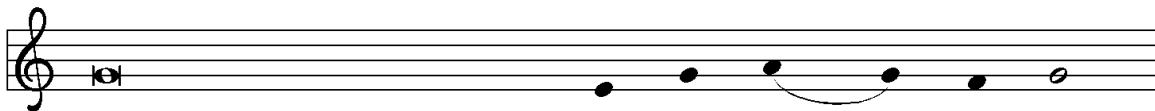
spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior.



- 1 My soul proclaims the great - ness of the Lord,
- 2 You have mer - cy on those who fear you,
- 3 You have filled the hun - gry with good things



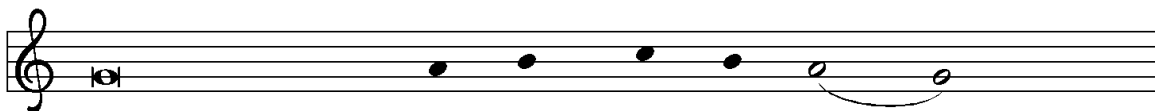
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
from generation to gen - er - ation.
and sent the rich a - way empty.



for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly servant.
You have shown . . strength with your arm
You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - ra - el,



From this day all generations will call me bless'd:
and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,
to remember the prom - ise of mercy,



you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
casting down the might - y from their thrones
the promise made to our . . . fore - bears,



and holy is your name.
and lifting up the low - ly.
to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

Refrain

Litany of the Saints

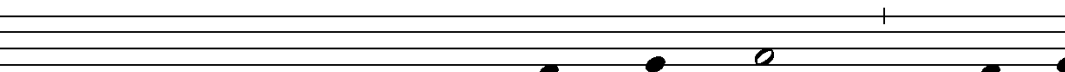
Leader

Assembly

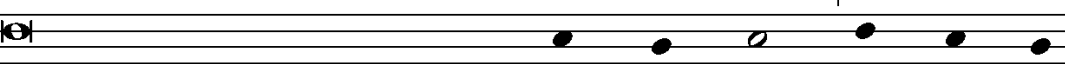
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Be gra - cious to us: Hear us, O God.
De - liv - er your people: Hear us, O God.



You loved us before the world was made: **Hear us, O God.**
You rescued the people of your promise: **Hear us, O God.**
You spoke through your prophets: **Hear us, O God.**
You gave your only Son for the life of the world: **Hear us, O God.**

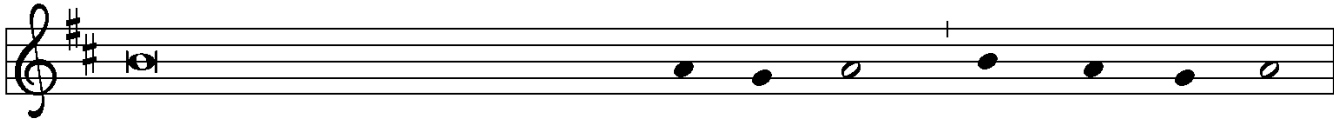


For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: **Great is your love.**
 and was born of the vir - gin Mary: **Great is your love.**
 who by his cross and suffering re - deemed the world: **Great is your love.**
 and has washed us from our sins: **Great is your love.**
 who on the third day rose from the dead: **Great is your love.**
 and has given us the vic - to - ry: **Great is your love.**
 who ascend - ed on high: **Great is your love.**
 and intercedes for us at the right hand of God: **Great is your love.**

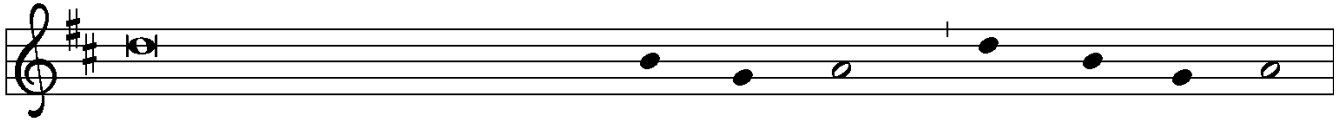
A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody begins with a whole note chord of G4 and B4, followed by a half rest. Then it continues with quarter notes: D5, C#5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, and ends with a half note D4.

For the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Thanks be to God.**
For the one holy catholic and apos - tol - ic church: **Thanks be to God.**
For the great cloud of witnesses
 into which we are bap - tized: **Thanks be to God.**

For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Re - bekah: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Gideon and Deborah, Da - vid and Esther: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremi - ah and Daniel: **Thanks be to God.**
 For Miriam and Rahab, Abi - gail and Ruth: **Thanks be to God.**



For Mary, mother of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**
For John, who baptized in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**
For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Ma-ry and Martha: **Thanks be to God.**
For James and John, Pe - ter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**
For Paul and Apollos, Ste - phen and Phoebe: **Thanks be to God.**



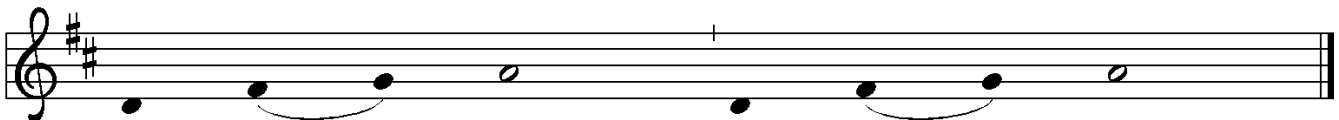
For all holy men and women,
our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**
For the noble band of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**
For the glorious company of the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**
For the white-robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**
For cherubim and seraphim,
Michael and the ho - ly angels: **Thanks be to God.**



Be gra - cious to us: **Hear us, O God.**
De - liv - er your people: **Hear us, O God.**



Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism: **Hear us, O God.**
Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross: **Hear us, O God.**
Clothe us in compas - sion and love: **Hear us, O God.**
Bring us with all your saints to the riv - er of life: **Hear us, O God.**



Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



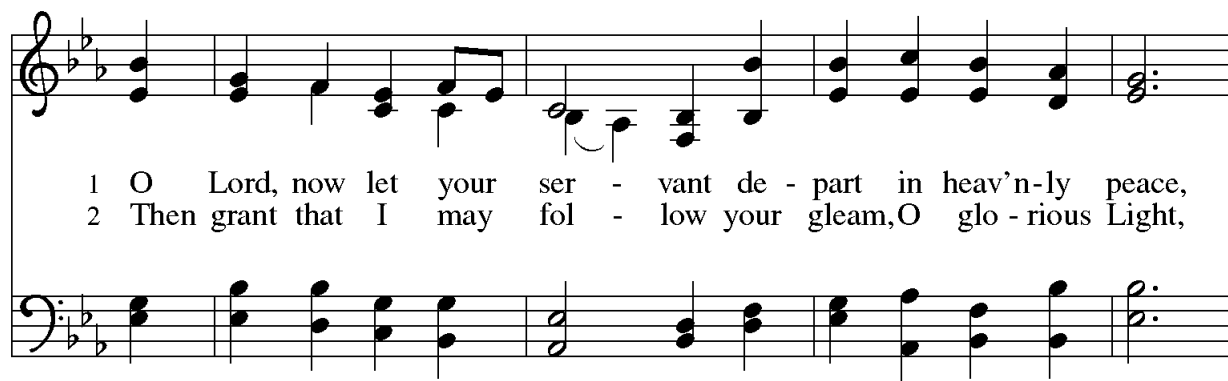
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



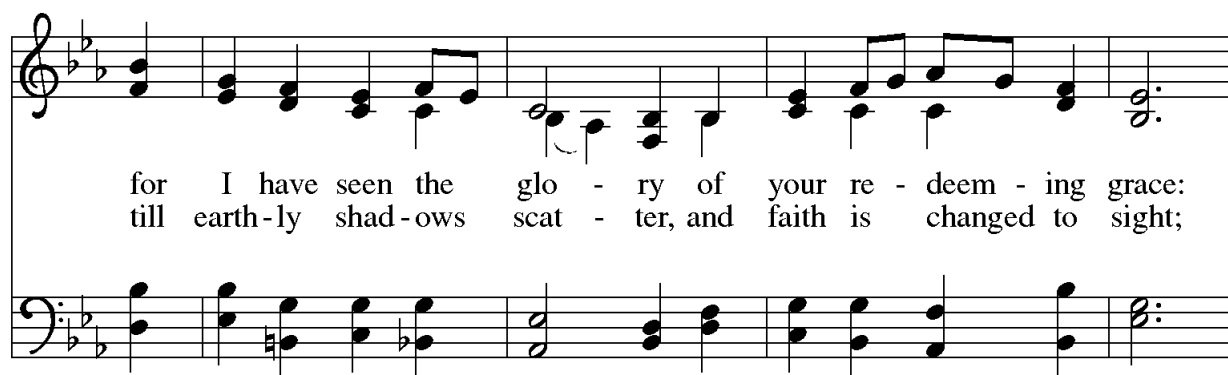
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



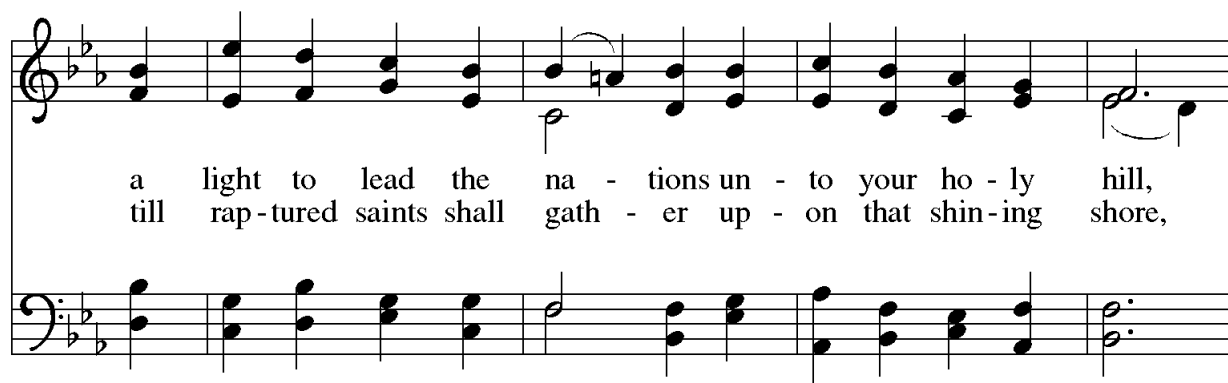
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.




1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

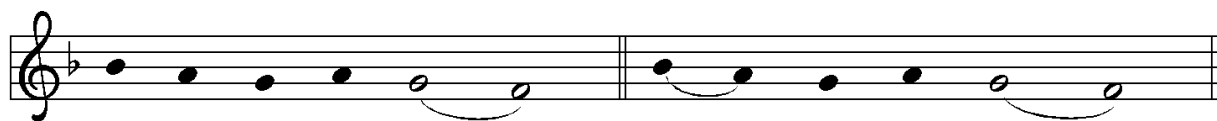


a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



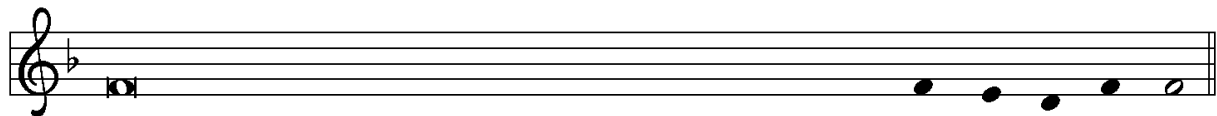
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Blessing



Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

