

Evening Prayer

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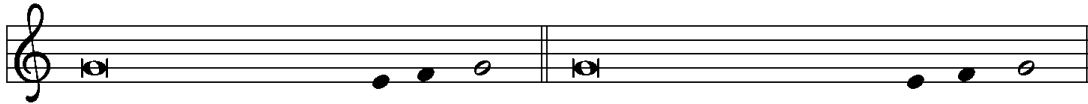


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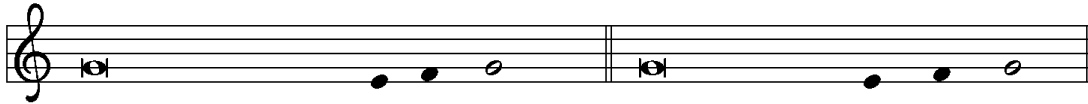
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Dialogue



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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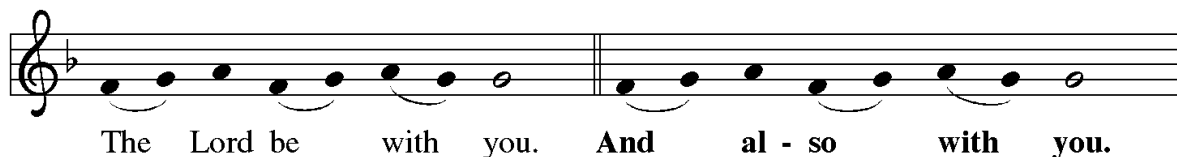
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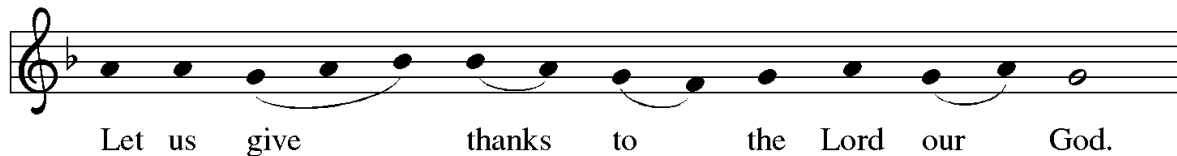
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Thanksgiving for Light



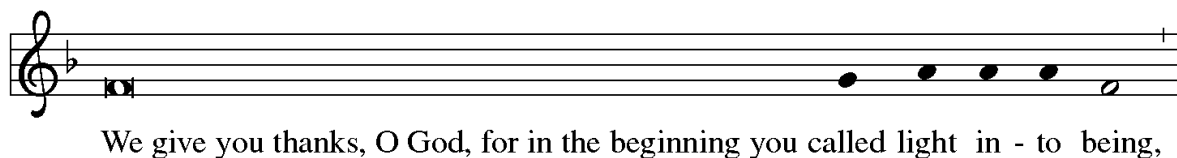
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



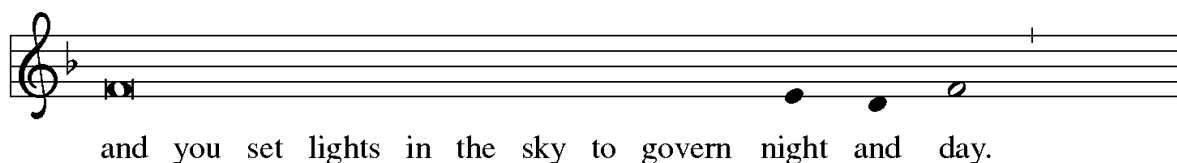
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



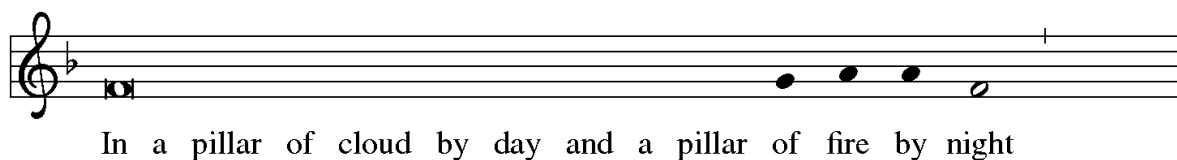
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



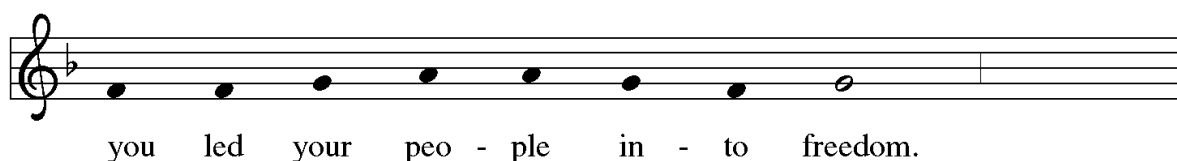
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,



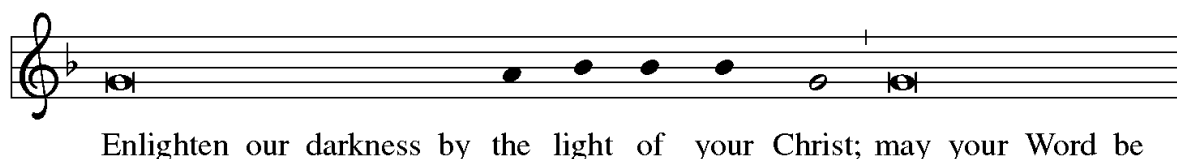
and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.



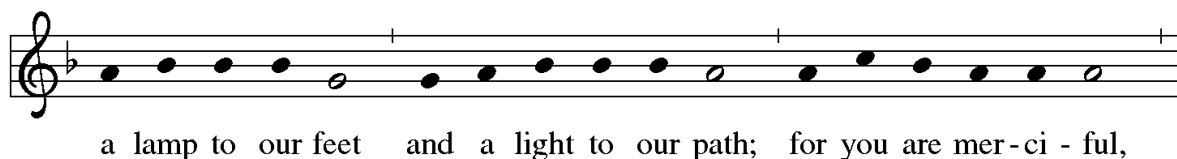
In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night



you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.



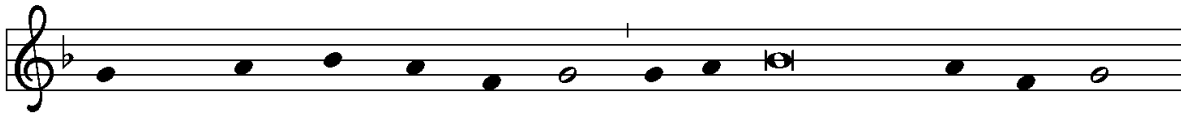
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be



a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,



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

Psalm 141



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



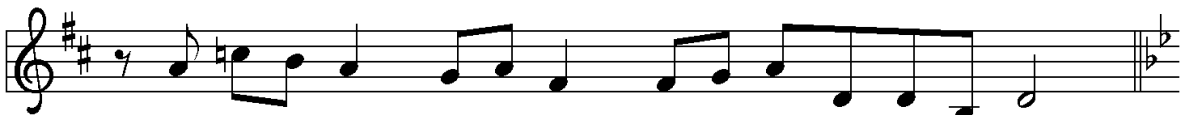
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



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

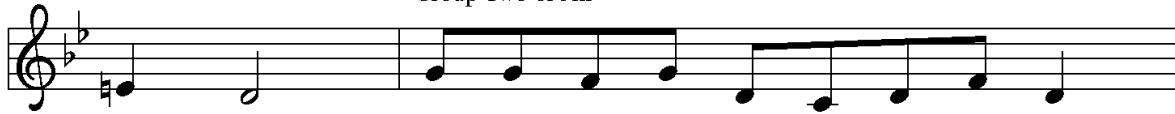


Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

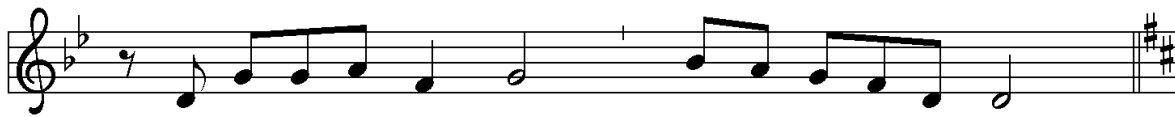


let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

All



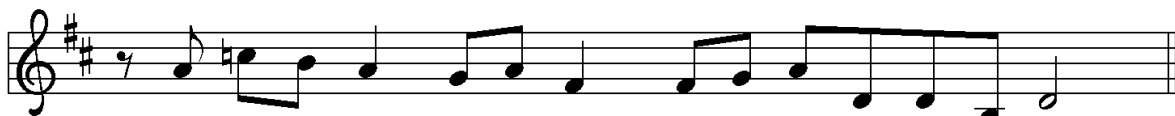
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



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



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

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

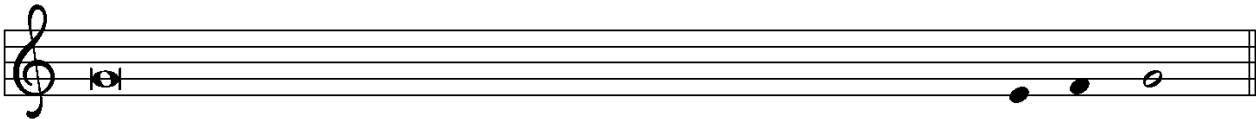
2 Timothy 1: 8-12

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

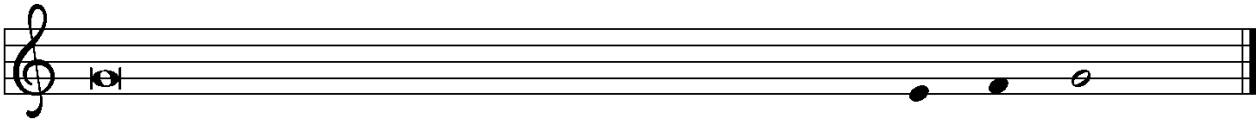
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 Paraphrase

“My Soul Cries Out”



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

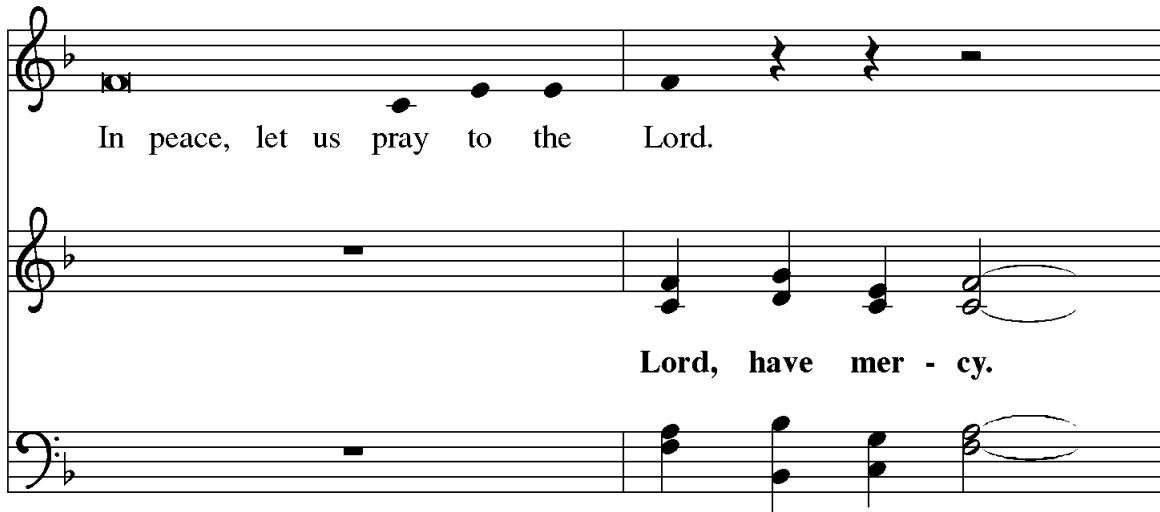


Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Prayers



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protects us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

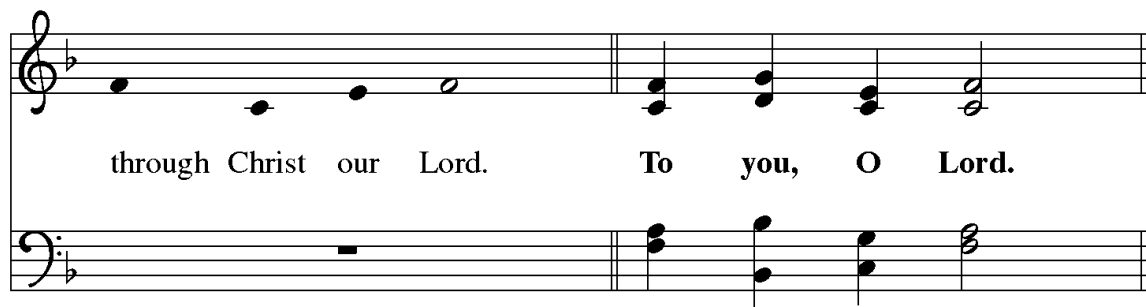
For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,



through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angel be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

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-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al

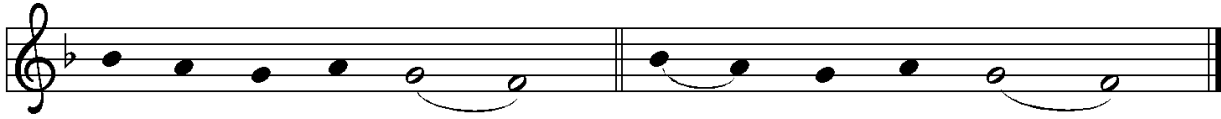


and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

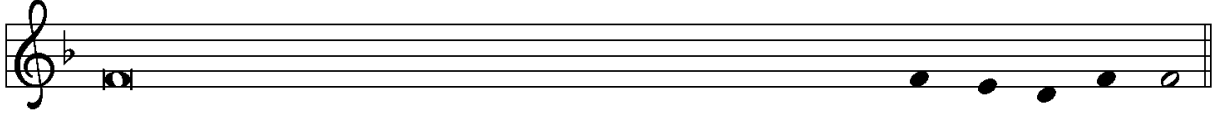


and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

