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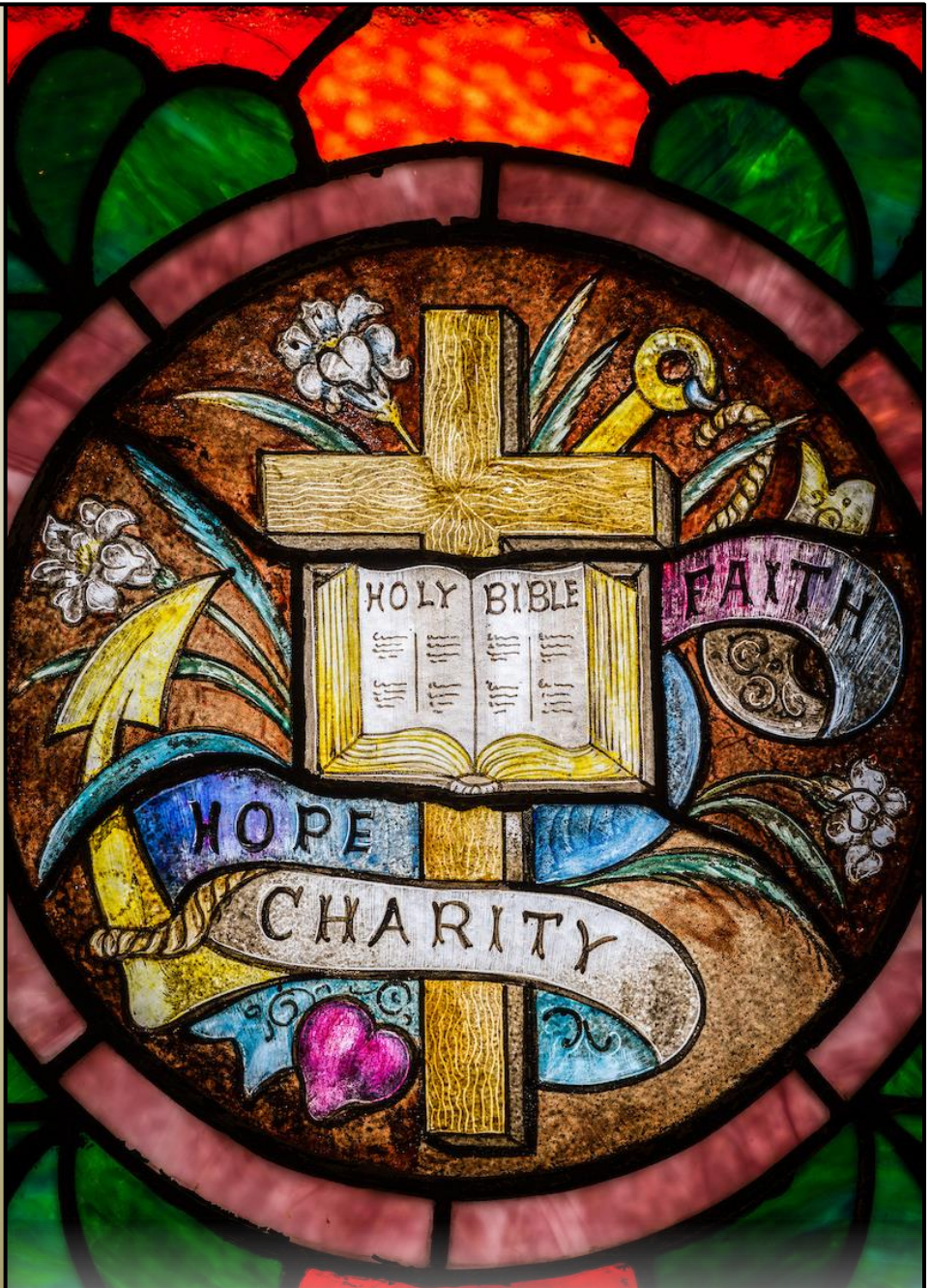
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Faith, Hope, & Love—These Three
Advent Midweek Series

The Service of Evening Prayer

7:30 p.m.

OPENING HYMN..... # 886



1 The day Thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed,
 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un - sleep - ing
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land
 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak - ing
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er,



The dark - ness falls at Thy be - hest;
 While earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
 The dawn leads on an - oth - er day,
 Thy saints be - neath the west - ern skies,
 Like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

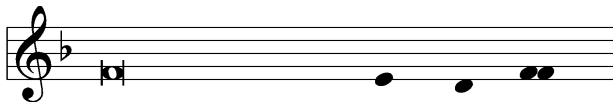


To Thee our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed,
 Through all the world her watch is keep - ing,
 The voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,
 And hour by hour, as day is break - ing,
 Thy king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er,

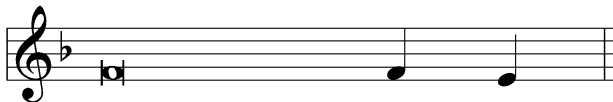


Thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 And nev - er rests by day or night.
 Nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 Fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.
 Till all Thy crea - tures own Thy sway.

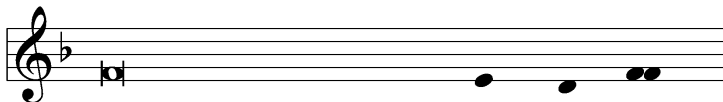
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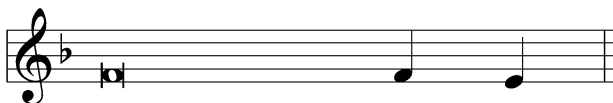
L The Spirit and the Church cry out:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



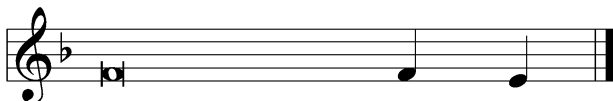
L All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



PHOS HILARON



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

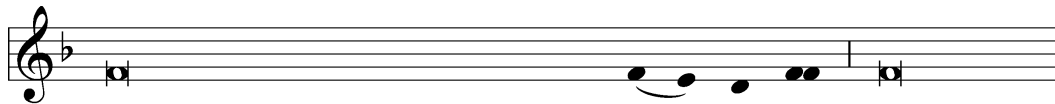


the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

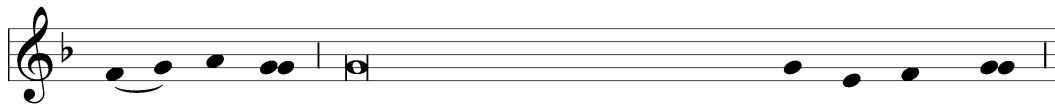
THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT



L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,



who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



may His 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 we, Your creatures, glo-ri-fy You, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it.



C A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



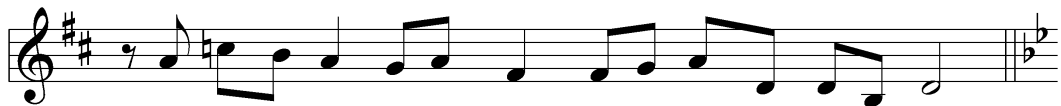
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



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.



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 - do - ers.



But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.



Strip me not of my life. Glo-ry be 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

P *Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.*

C **Amen.**



P ¹*Praise the LORD!*

Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!*

C ²**His offspring will be mighty | in the land;***
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

P ³*Wealth and riches are | in his house,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.*

C ⁴**Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;***
he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.

P ⁵*It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends;**
who conducts his affairs with | justice.

C ⁶**For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;***
he will be remembered for- | ever.

P ⁷*He is not afraid of | bad news;**
his heart is firm, trusting | in the LORD.

C ⁸**His heart is steady; he will not | be afraid,***
until he looks in triumph on his adver- | saries.

P ⁹*He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures for- | ever;**
his horn is exalted in | honor.

C ¹⁰**The wicked man sees it and is angry;**
he gnashes his teeth and | melts away;*
the desire of the wicked will | perish!

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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READINGS

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

P *A reading from 1 John, chapter 4.*

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

P *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Luke 7:36-50

P *A reading from Luke, chapter 7.*

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she

has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven – for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

P *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING RESPONSE

Hebrews 1:1-2a

P *In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.*

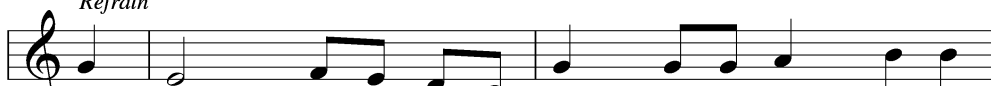
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**



SERMON

“He Loved Us; Let Us Love” – 1 John 4:10-11

Refrain



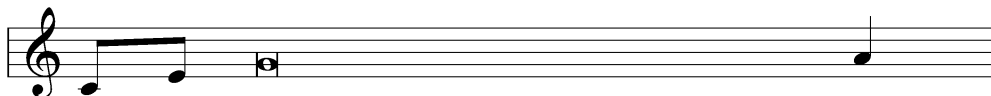
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



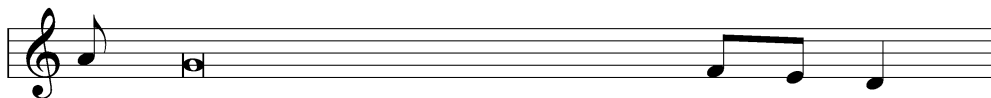
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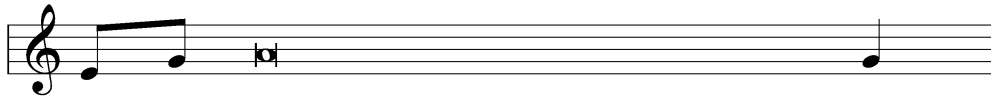
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



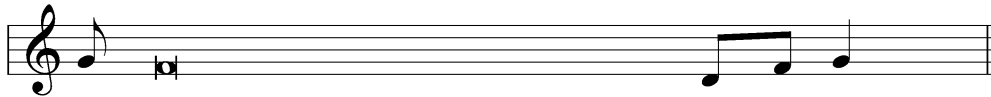
- 1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
- 2 and holy is His name;
- 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



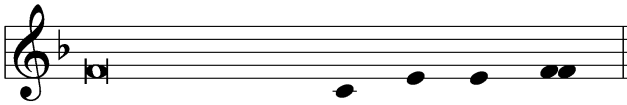
- 1 For be - hold, from this day
- 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
- 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
- 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
- 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



- 1 all generations will call me blessed.
- 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
- 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
- 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
- 5 is now, and will be forever. A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

LITANY

(The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.)



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *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:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For [name of president or monarch], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

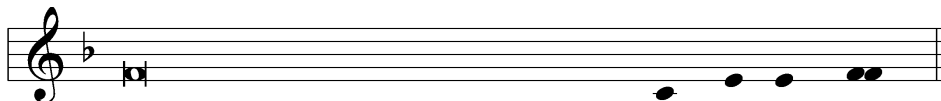
P *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

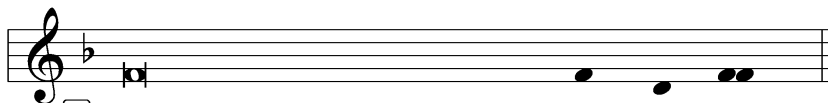
The prayers then continue:



L For the faithful who have gone
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

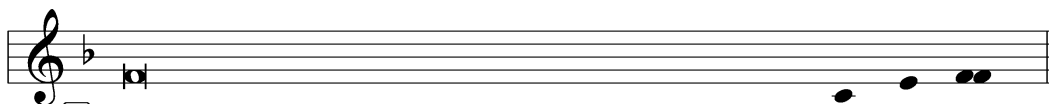


C Al - le - lu - ia.



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us
commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



C To You, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P *O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



C A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

(*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues)

C *Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
*give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

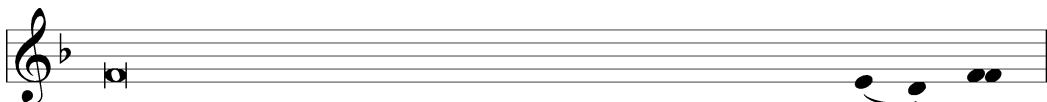


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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