



# Advent

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## EVENING PRAYER

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IN NOMINE JESU

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**music for meditation & prayer**

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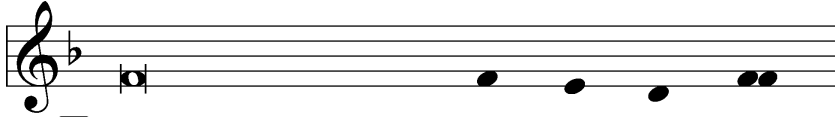
# The Service of Light

*The service begins with a procession.*

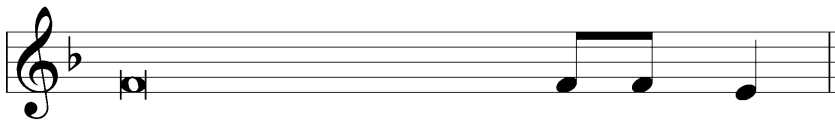
*The congregation shall rise at Pastor's invitation and turn to face the processional cross.*

*The liturgy of the Service of Light shall be intoned responsively.*

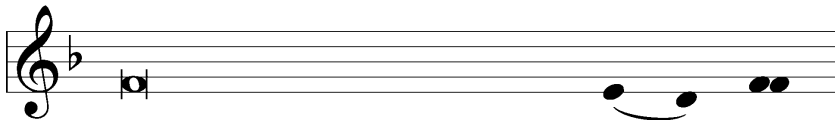
- [L]** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (St. John 1:1-5)



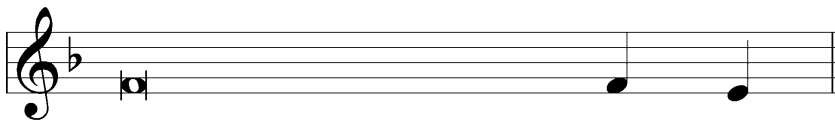
**[L]** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



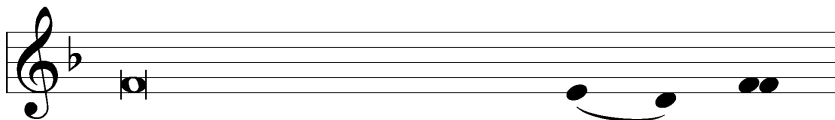
**[C]** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



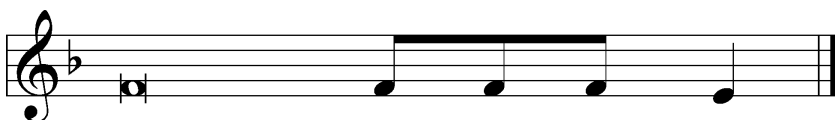
**[L]** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**[C]** and the day is almost o - ver.



**[L]** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

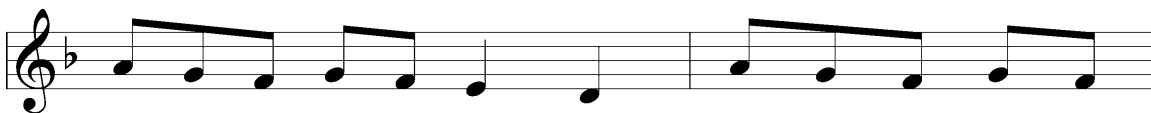


**[C]** and il - lu - mine Your Church.


## 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.

*(Be Seated)*

## Psalm 141



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



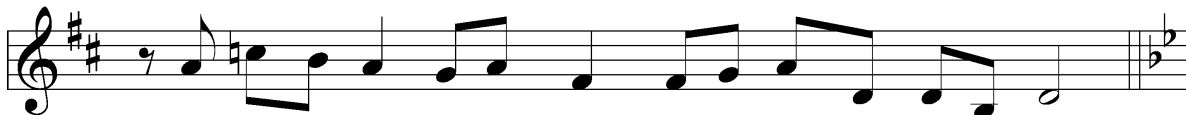
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



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 us pray.

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.*

# Psalm 24:1-6

*(Intoned by Pastor, with Congregation joining on the Gloria Patri)*

The earth is the Lord's and the full- | ness thereof,\*  
the world and those who | dwell therein,  
for he has founded it up- | on the seas\*  
and established it upon the | rivers.  
Who shall ascend the hill | of the Lord?\*

And who shall stand in his | holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,\*  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear de- | ceitfully.  
He will receive blessing | from the Lord\*  
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.  
Such is the generation of those who | seek him,\*  
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.

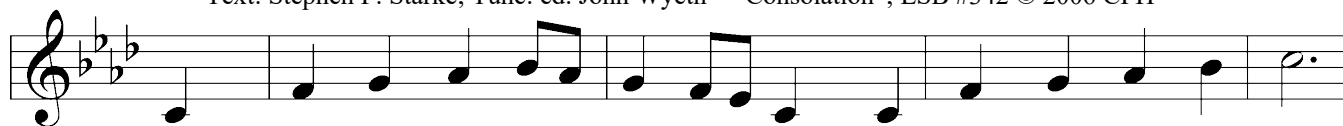
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The earth is the Lord's and the full- | ness thereof,\*  
the world and those who | dwell therein,  
for he has founded it up- | on the seas\*  
and established it upon the | rivers.

## Office Hymn

### What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

Text: Stephen P. Starke; Tune: ed. John Wyeth – “Consolation”; LSB #342 © 2006 CPH



- 1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
- 3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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## Reading from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 11:1–10

[1] There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. [2] And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. [3] And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, [4] but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. [5] Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. [6] The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. [7] The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. [8] The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. [9] They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. [10] In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

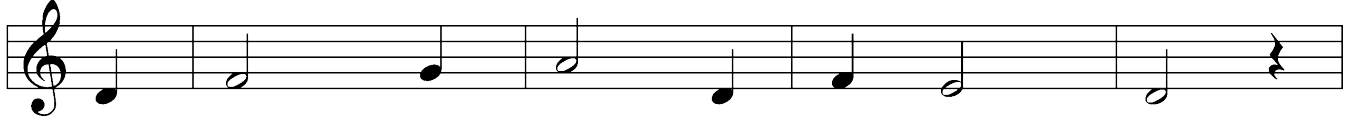
**P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

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

# SERMON HYMN

## O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

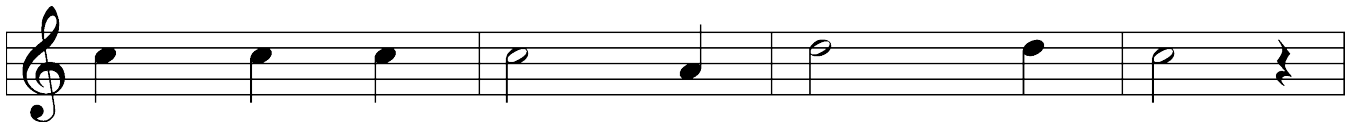
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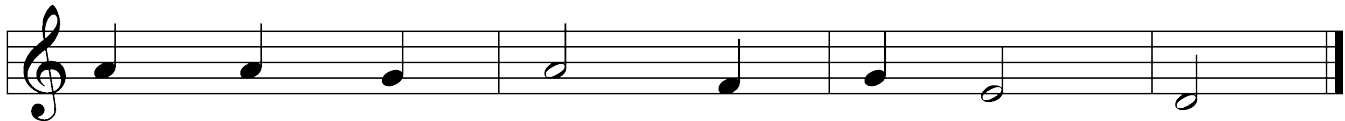
1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

- 5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun, When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
O Sun, arise; without Your light We grope in gloom and dark of night.
- 6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
O come, lead us with mighty hand From exile to our promised land.
- 7 There shall we all our praises bring And sing to You, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud You and adore Forever and forevermore.



*(Stand for the Text)*

## **SERMON**

Text: Isaiah 11:1–10

“Christ’s First Coming: Who Lies in the Manger?”



*(Stand)*

## **VOTUM**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*(Be Seated)*

## **OFFERING**

## **VOLUNTARY**

### **A Litany for Advent**

By Shirley W. McRae © 1991 Choristers Guild

**Laudate Choir**

*Lord Jesus, come to us, we pray. Bring us your truth, show us your way,  
As once the prophets did foretell, Oh, come to us, Immanuel. Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*The universe is in our care, Help us protect, help us to share,  
Send us your peace, your glad Noel, Oh, come to us, Immanuel. Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

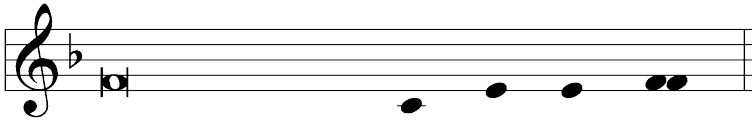
*Our world is torn in war and sin, Our people hurt, without, within,  
Your healing love will make us well, Oh, come to us, Immanuel. Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*Prepare our hearts, tell all the earth, That we may celebrate your birth.  
Oh, enter in our lives to dwell, Oh, come to us, Immanuel. Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

(Stand)

# 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.

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

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**L** 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.*

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

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**L** 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.*

**L** 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.*

**L** 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.*

**L** 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.*

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

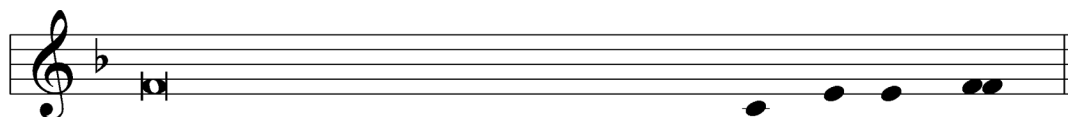
**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

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

**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

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

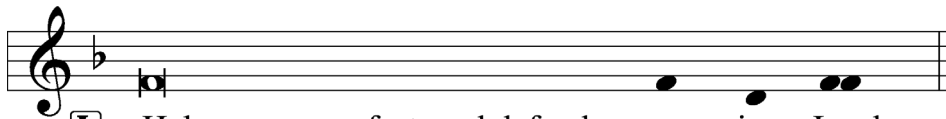
**C** *Lord, have mercy.*



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

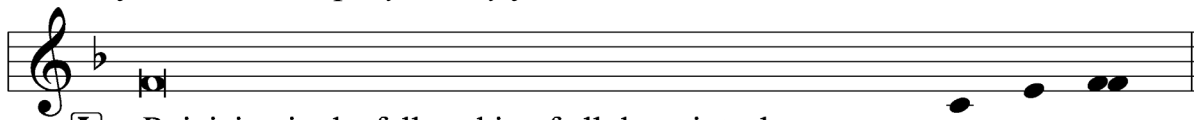


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**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, the 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 the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**C** *Amen.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

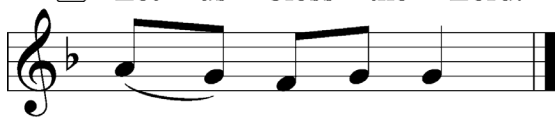
**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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

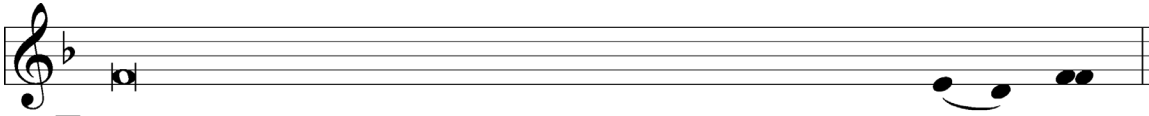


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**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.

## Closing Hymn

### God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

Text: R. Heber, W. Mercer, R. Whately; Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams – “Ar Hyd Y Nos”; LSB #877 © 2006 CPH



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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## Chimes & Silent Prayer