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EVENING PRAYER

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music for meditation & prayer

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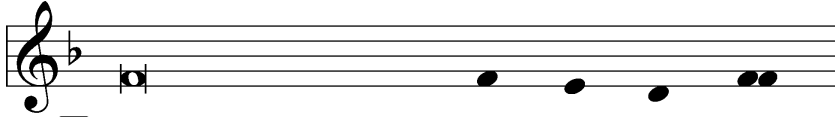
The Service of Light

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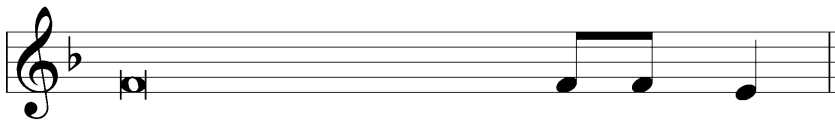
The congregation shall rise at Pastor's invitation and turn to face the processional cross.

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

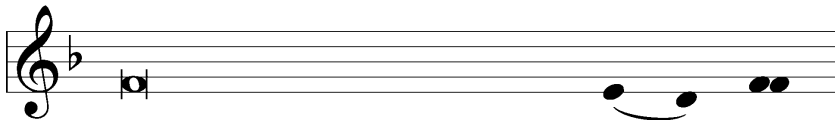
- [L]** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness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



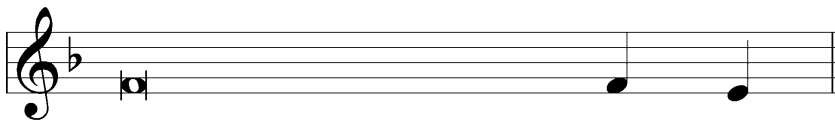
- [L]** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



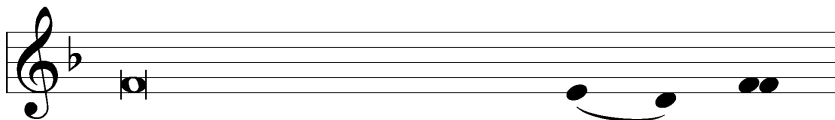
- [C]** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



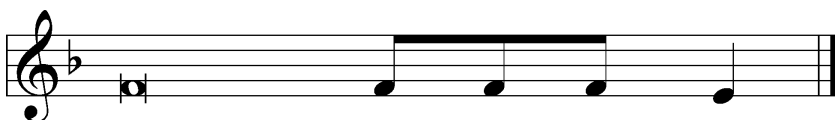
- [L]** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



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



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

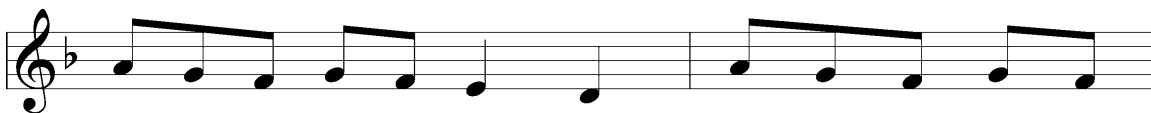


- [C]** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

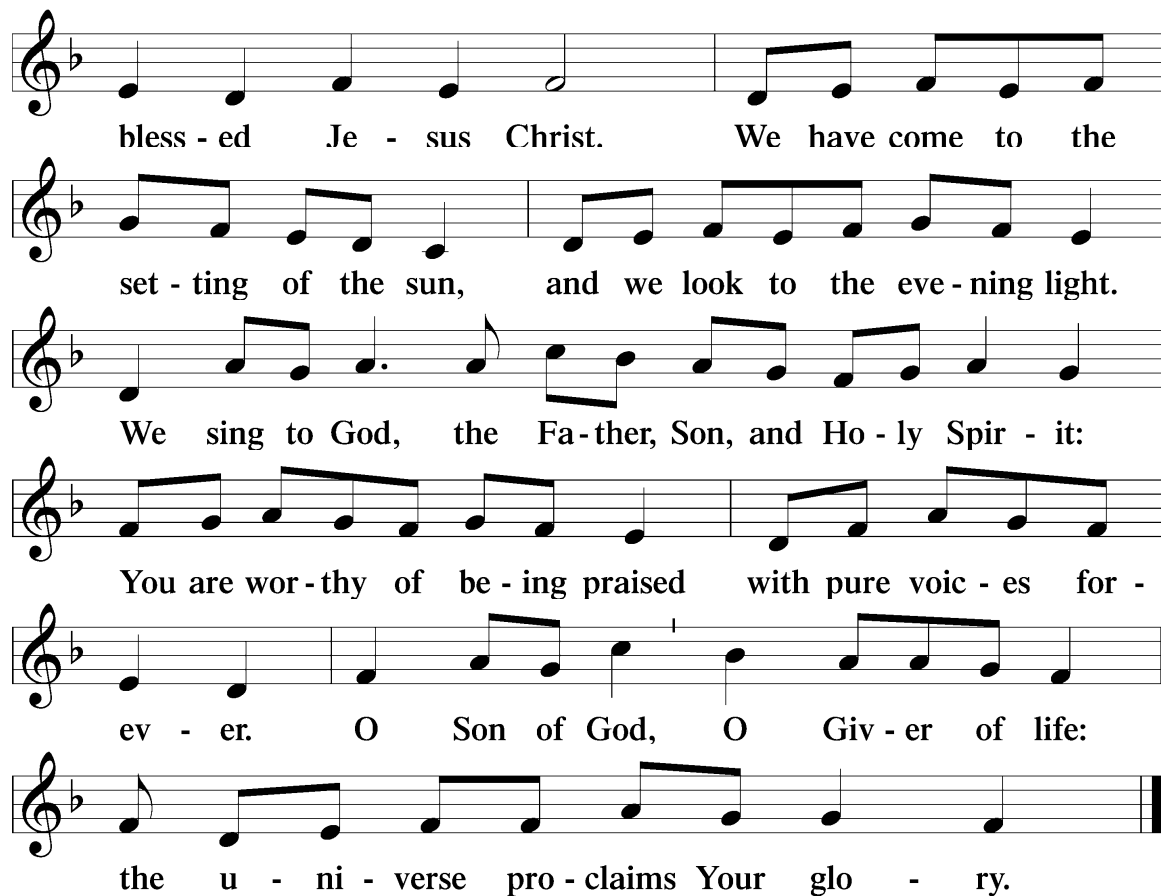
phos HILARON



- [L]** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:




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

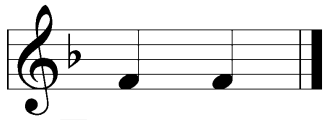


bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the
 set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.
 We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:
 You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:
 the u - ni - verse pro - 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,



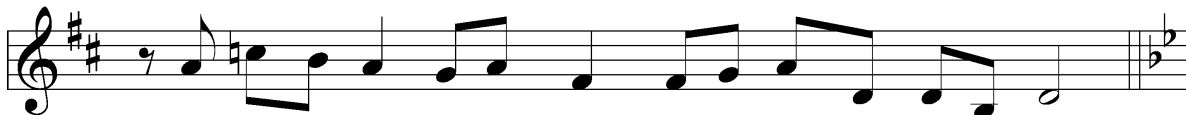
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



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 50:1-6

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

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,*
God shines forth.

Our God comes; he does not keep silence;*
before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above*
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

“Gather to me my faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his righteousness,*
for God himself is judge!

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

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Office Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén; Tune: Swedish, 17th cent. – “Bereden Väg För Herran”; LSB #343 © 2006 CPH



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.

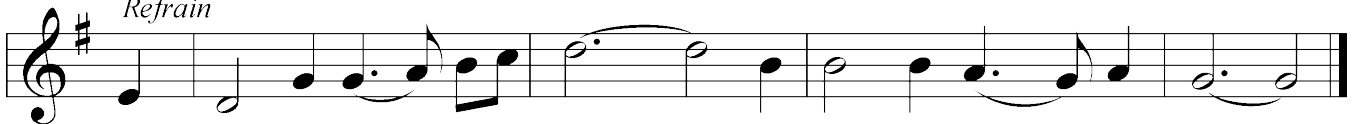


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



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:

Refrain



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

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Reading from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 2:1–5

[1] The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. [2] It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, [3] and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. [4] He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. [5] O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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 Bride of Christ, Rejoice

Text: Danish, c. 1600; tr. Victor O. Petersen; Tune: 1679, Nürnberg – “Wo Soll Ich Fliehen Hin”; LSB #335 © 2006 CPH



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice
2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.
3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;
4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;
5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.
To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.
Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.



Ho - san - na, praise, and glo - ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

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(Stand for the Text)

SERMON

Text: Isaiah 2:1–5

“Christ’s Second Coming:
For What Has He Come?”

(Stand)

VOTUM

Offering PRAYER

(Be Seated)
Offering



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Advent Prayer

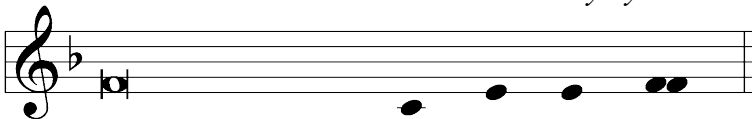
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Laudate Choir

*Lord, Savior come to me, Jesus, I wait for Thee,
Angels and all the earth give praise to You, O Lord;
Your glory shines on me, Your birth shall set me free,
Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord; Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord.*
*Lord, Savior come to me, (Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming,) Jesus, I wait for Thee,
(From tender stem shall come,) Angels and all the earth give praise, we praise You Lord and call Your name;
Your glory shines on me, (Of Jesse's lineage coming,) Your birth shall set me free,
Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord; Holy, holy, Great and mighty are You, O Lord, Savior come to me,
(Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming,) Jesus, I wait for Thee, Lord, come to me in love.
Lord, come to me in peace and love.*

(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.

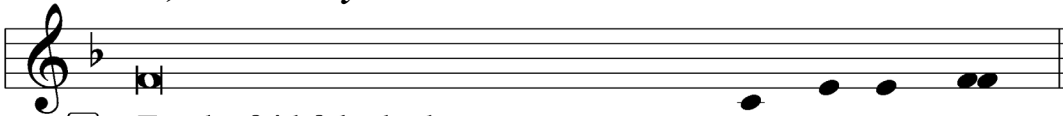


L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

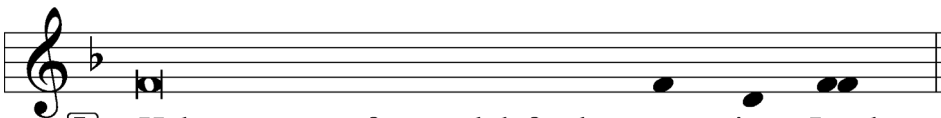
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** *Lord, have mercy.*
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** *Lord, have mercy.*
- L** For this holy house and for all 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:

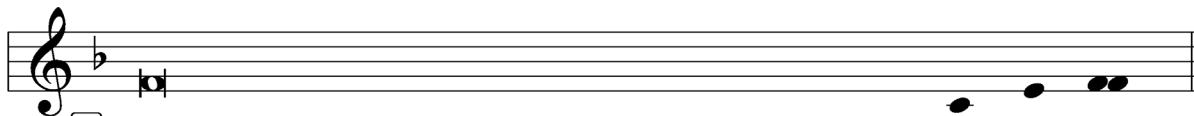


- C** Al - le - lu - ia.



- 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

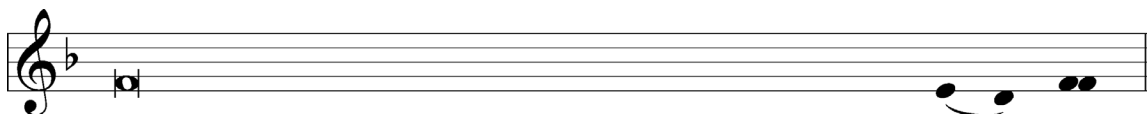


L Let us bless the Lord.



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

The Day Thou Gavest

Text: John Ellerton; Tune: Clement C. Scholefield – “St. Clement”; LSB #886 © 2006 CPH

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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Chimes & Silent Prayer