



Advent

Evening Prayer

December 10, 2025

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Music for Meditation and Prayer

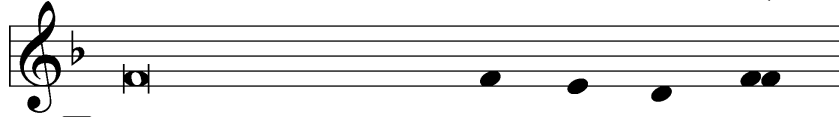
The Service of Light

The service begins with a procession.

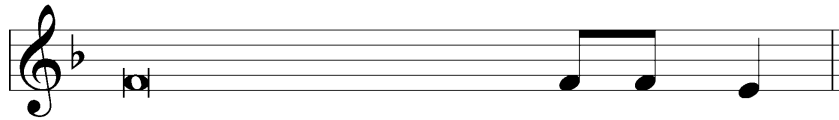
The congregation shall rise at Pastor's invitation and turn to face the processional cross.

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

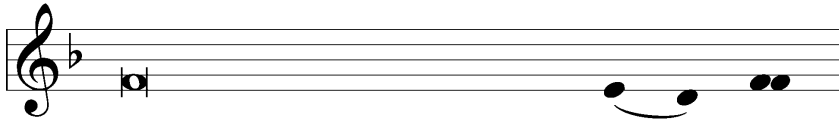
[L] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness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



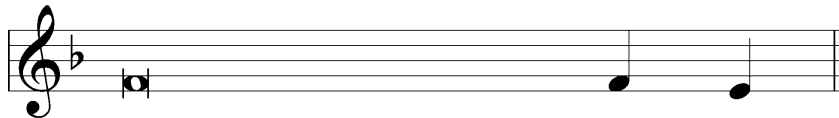
[L] Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



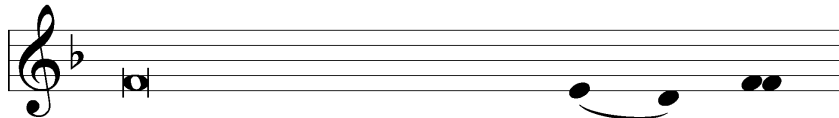
[C] the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



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



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

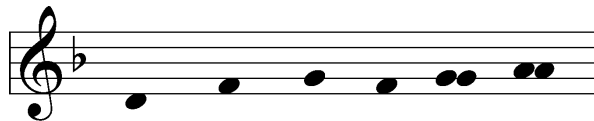


[L] Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



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

Phos Hilaron



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

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

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

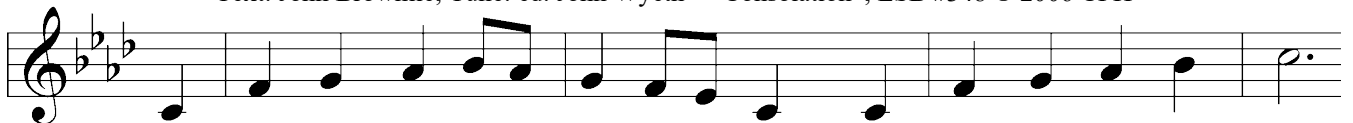
(Intoned by Pastor, with Congregation joining on the Gloria Patri; Psalm 50:1–6, antiphon v. 15)

“Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*”
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”
The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and sum- | mons 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 heav- | ens 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 him- | self is judge!
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.
“Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*”
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

Office Hymn

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Text: John Brownlie; Tune: ed. John Wyeth – “Consolation”; LSB #348 © 2006 CPH



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phunt breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Readings from Holy Scripture

Malachi 3:1–5

P A reading from Malachi, chapter 3.

[1] “Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. [2] But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. [3] He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. [4] Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. [5] “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.



P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Matthew 11:11–15

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 11.

[11] Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. [12] From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. [13] For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, [14] and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. [15] He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C *Thanks be to God.*

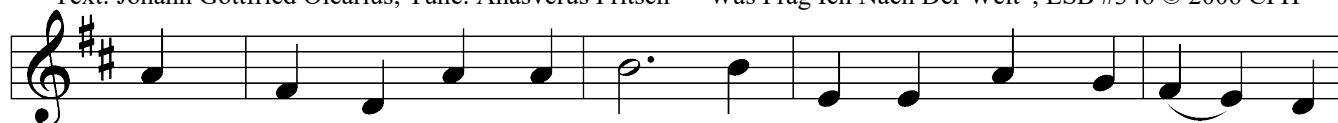
P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

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

Sermon Hymn

When All the World Was Cursed

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius; Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch – “Was Frag Ich Nach Der Welt”; LSB #346 © 2006 CPH



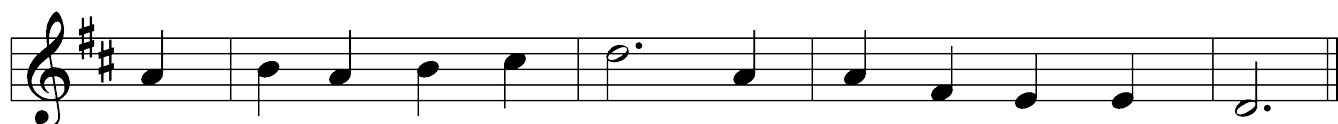
1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans - gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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(Stand for the Text)

Sermon

Text: Malachi 3:1
“Suddenly”

(Stand)

Votum

Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering Voluntary

Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)

By Chris Eaton & Amy Grant; Arranged by Angi Bemiss

Noelle Synnott, soprano; Ethel Hikal, piano

*I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside.
And I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your son.*

*I am waiting in a silent prayer, I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone? Be with me now, be with me now.*

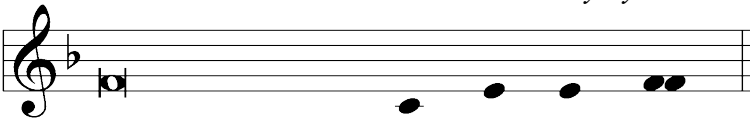
*Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me Your holiness, for You are holy, Breath of Heaven.*

*Do You wonder as You watch my face, if a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan. Help me be strong, help me be strong.*

(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:

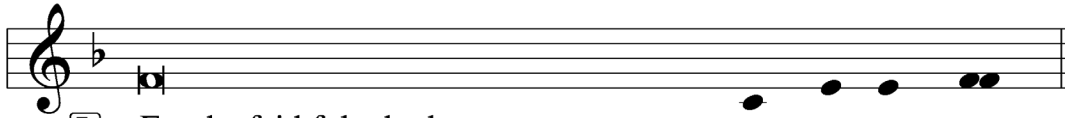
C *Lord, have mercy.*

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:

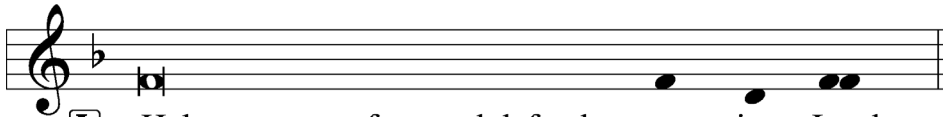
C *Lord, have mercy.*



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

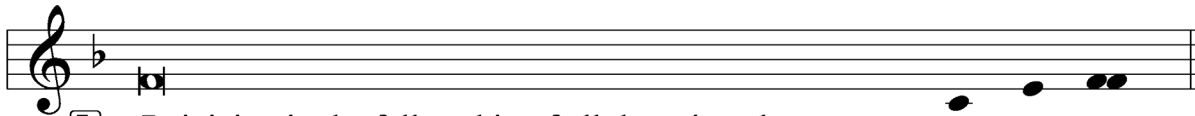


C Al - le - lu - ia.



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

- L** 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

- 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

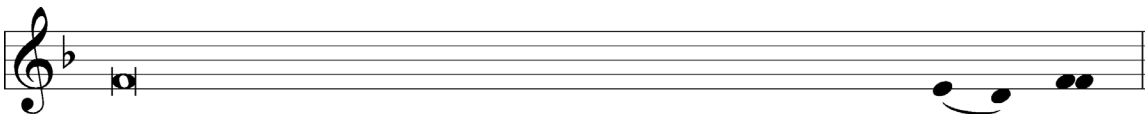


L Let us bless the Lord.



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.

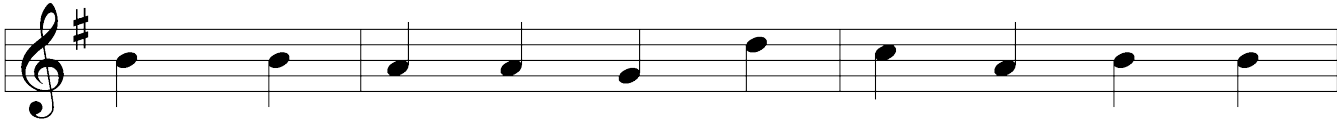
Closing Hymn

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

Text: Thomas Ken; Tune: Thomas Tallis – “Tallis’ Canon”; LSB #883 © 2006 CPH



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
I this day have done, That with the world, my -
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Chimes and Silent Prayer

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