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EVENING PRAYER

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music for meditation & prayer

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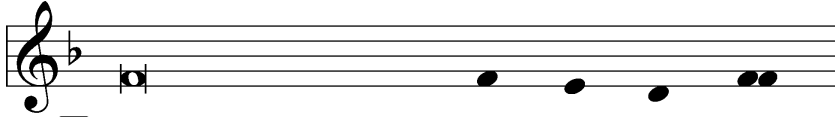
The Service of Light

The service begins with a procession.

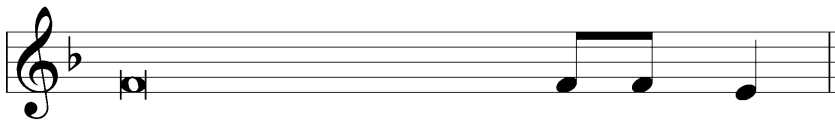
The congregation shall rise at Pastor's invitation and turn to face the processional cross.

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

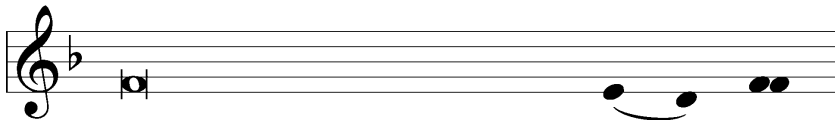
- [L]** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness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



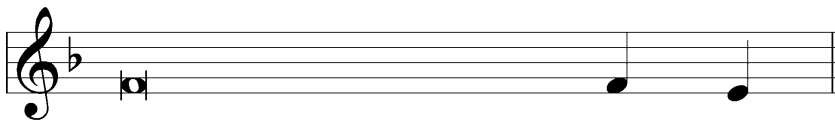
[L] Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



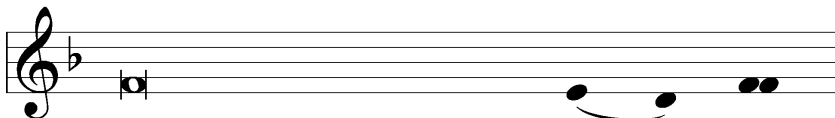
[C] the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



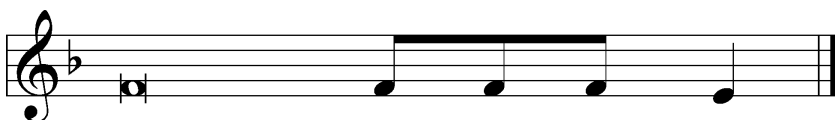
[L] Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



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



[L] Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

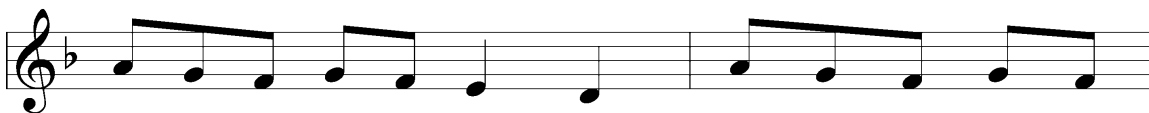


[C] and il - lu - mine Your Church.


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,



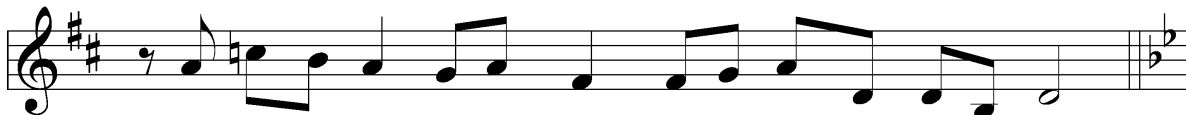
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



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.

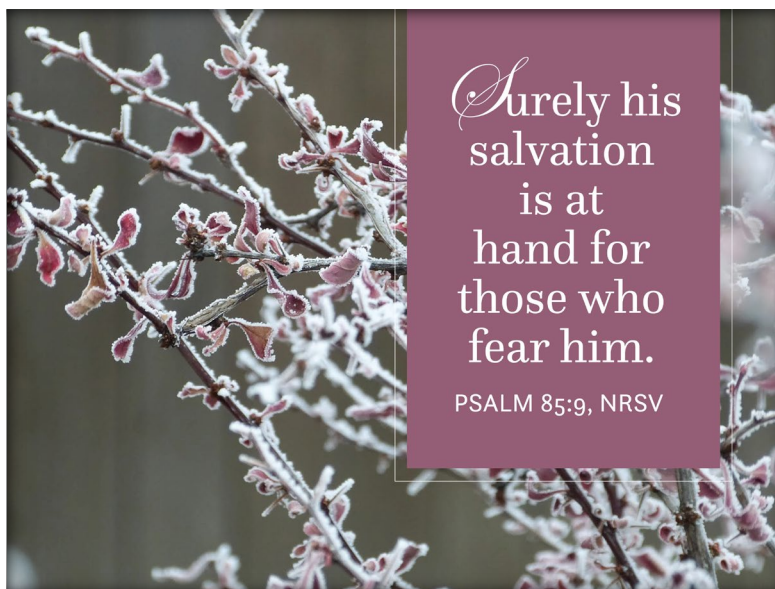
Psalm 85:1-9

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

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.
You withdrew | all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot | anger.
Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | toward us!
Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*

Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.

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.
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.



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-phant 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!

Text and tune: Public domain

Reading from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 35:1–10

[1] The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; [2] it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. [3] Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. [4] Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” [5] Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; [6] then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; [7] the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. [8] And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. [9] No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. [10] And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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.*

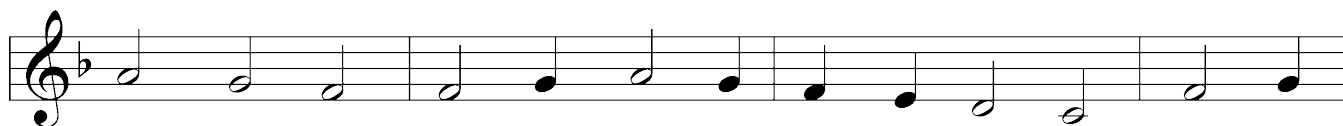
SERMON HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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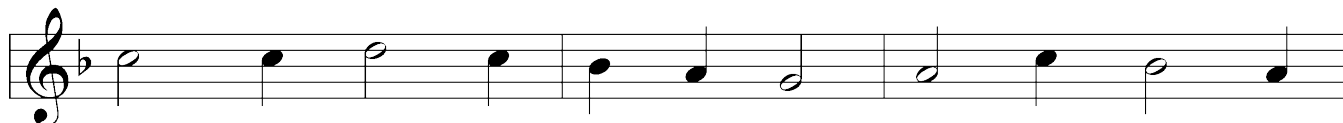
1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



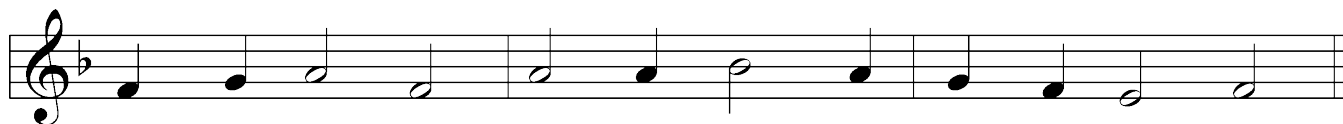
saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



’neath their sor - rows’ load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o’er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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(Stand for the Text)

SERMON

Text: Isaiah 35:1–10

“Christ’s Third Coming: How Has He Saved Us?”

(Stand)

VOTUM

Offering PRAYER

(Be Seated)

Offering



VOLUNTARY

Still, Still, Still

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Laudate Choir

Still, still, still; He sleeps this night so chill.

The Mother’s tender arms enfolding, warm and safe the child are holding.

Still, still, still; He sleeps this night so chill.

Sleep, sleep, sleep; He lies in slumber deep.

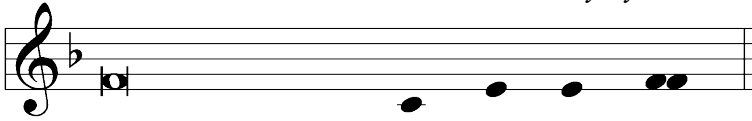
While angel hosts from heav’n come singing songs of adoration bringing sleep, sleep, sleep.

He lies in slumber deep. Sleep, sleep, sleep; while we our vigil keep.

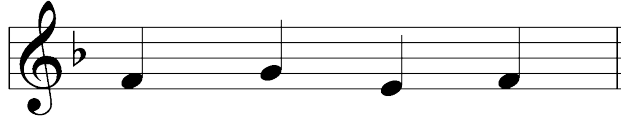
(Stand)

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:

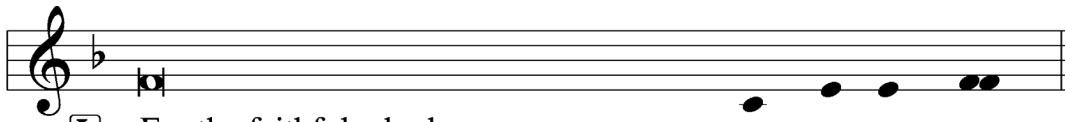
C *Lord, have mercy.*

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:

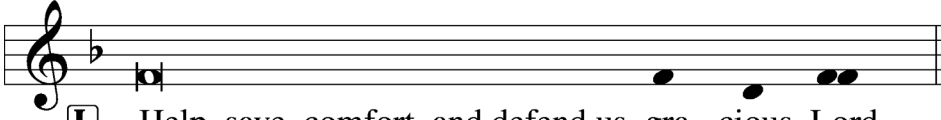
C *Lord, have mercy.*



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

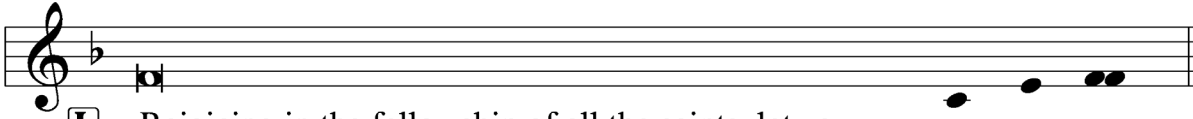


C Al - le - lu - ia.



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, 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 *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

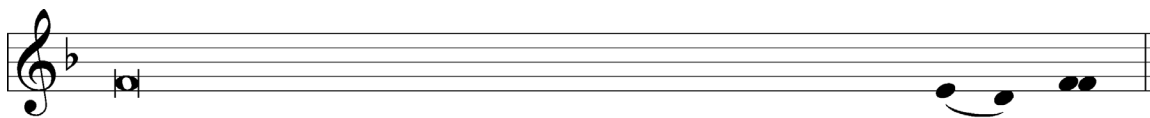


L Let us bless the Lord.



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

Lord of All Hopefulness

Text: Jan Struther; Tune: Irish – “Slane”; LSB #738 © 2006 CPH



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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