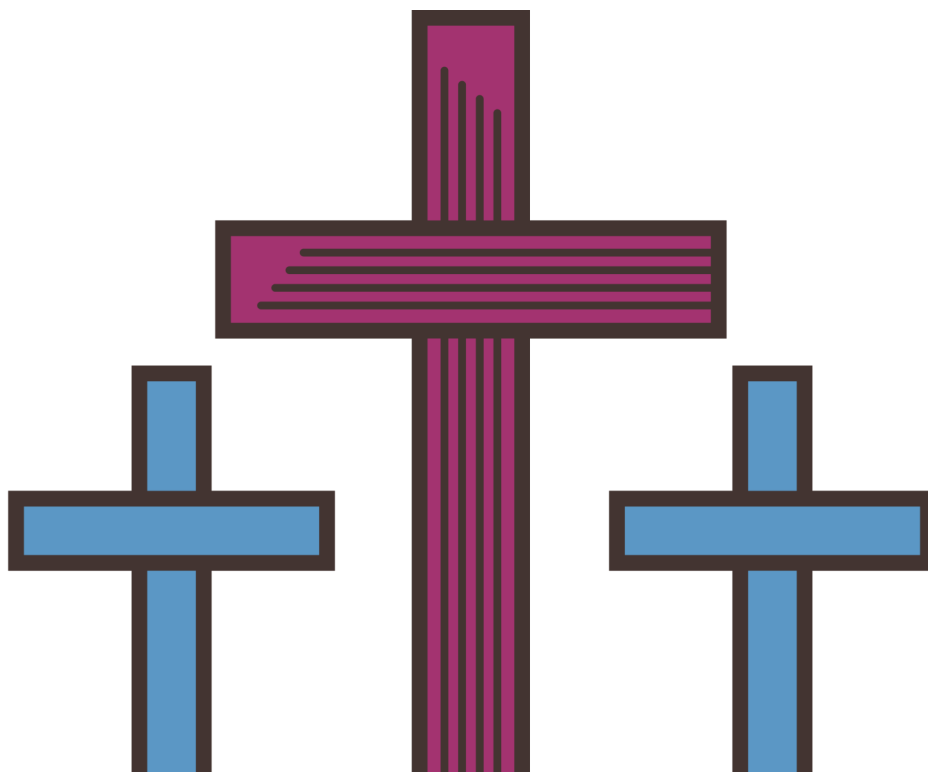


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3rd Lenten Holden Evening Prayer Service 6:00 PM

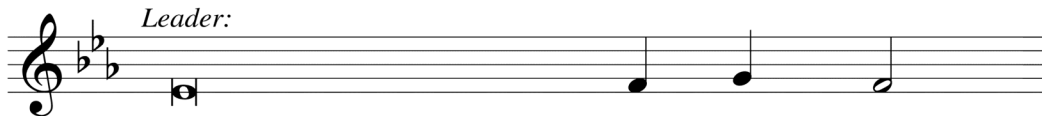


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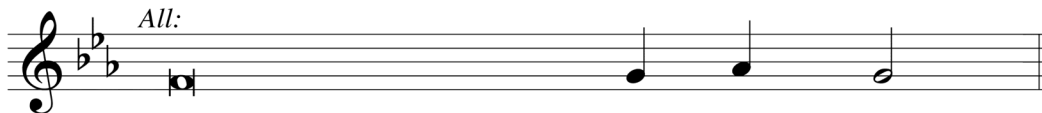
SERVICE OF LIGHT

Leader:



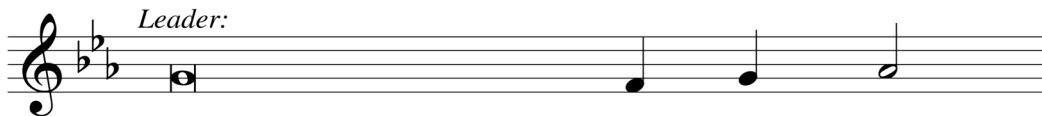
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



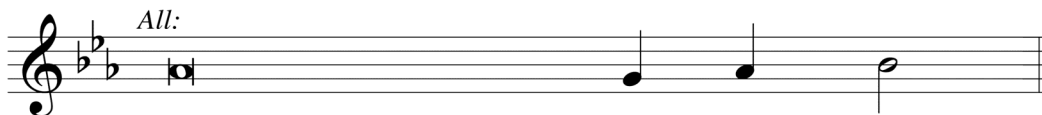
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



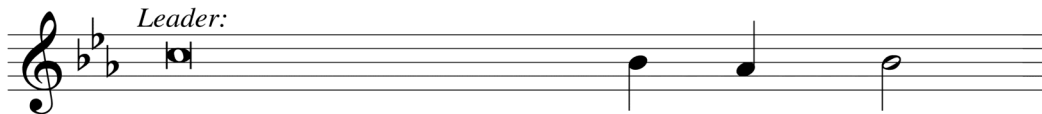
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God,

All: we could press our ear to the page,
hoping to hear you more clearly.

We could silence all the alarms and notifications,
hoping to catch a murmur of your voice.

We could still our beating hearts,
and still we might miss your voice.

So today we pray, open up space in our hearts,
in our spirits, in our minds,
to feel your presence among us.

With you, anything is possible.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

Amen.

EVENING HYMN

All: a tempo



1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

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GOSPEL: MARK 6:32-44

Reader: The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

PSALM 141

(Note that at the bottom of the page, the song splits into 2 parts.)

All:

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. _____


Group 1:

_____ O God, I call to you, come to me

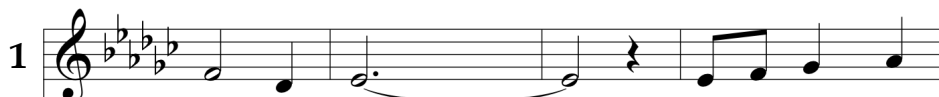
Group 2:

O God, I

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1 
now; O hear my voice when I

2 
call to you, come to me now; O

1 
cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise

2 
hear my voice when I cry to you.


1 
up like in - cense be - fore you, the

2 
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

1 
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

2 
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

1 
you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;

2 
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

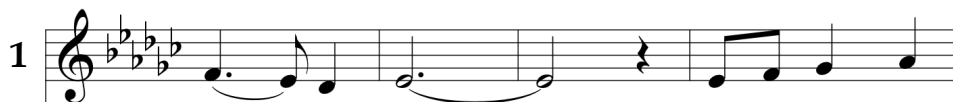
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1 

deep in my heart may the light of your love be

2 

watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

1 

burn - ing bright. ——— Let my prayer rise

2 

light of your love be burn - ing bright.

1 

up like in - cense be - fore you, the

2 

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

1 

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

2 

fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

1 

you. ——— All praise to the God of all - Cre -

2 

of - fer - ing to you. All

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1 a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

2 praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all

1 Spir - it of love. _____ Let my prayer rise

2 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

1 up like in - cense be - fore you, the

2 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

1 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

2 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

1 you. _____

2 of - fer - ing to you.

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THE ANNUNCIATION
Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

[Sung] Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

ALL: THE MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1:46-55)

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. *3rd time ends here*
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Repeat from top

LITANY AND PRAYERS

All:
A *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

B

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

B

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: [A]

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

All: [B]

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: [A] *All: Continue as above with* [B] *after Leader*

3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

Pastor: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

BLESSING

Leader: *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:



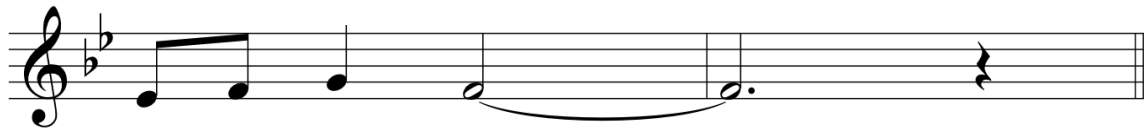
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____

All:



A - men.



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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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