

MID-WEEK ADVENT
EVENING PRAYER with MEDITATION
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OPENING

* SERVICE OF LIGHT



☐ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, ☑ **the light no darkness can over- come.**



☐ Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning, ☑ **and the day is almost o- ver.**



☐ Let your light scat-ter the dark-ness, ☑ **and illumine your Church.**

THE THANKSGIVING



☐ 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,



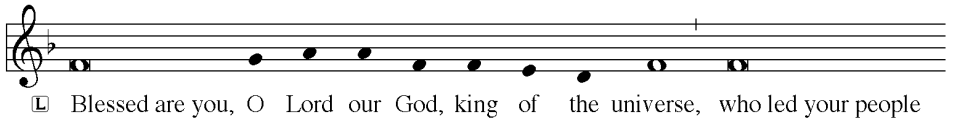
O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.



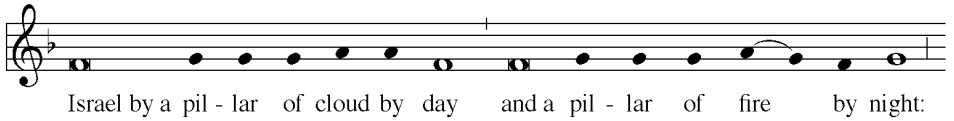
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



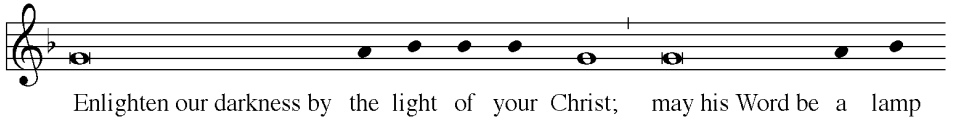
☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people



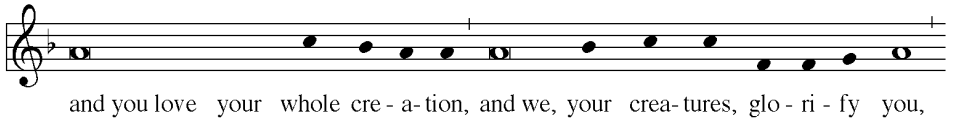
Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:



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 crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. ☑ A - men

PSALMODY



☑ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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



① O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick-ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.



② Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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



① Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



② 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. ① But my eyes are



turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



② Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



① as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



③ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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

Silence for meditation

P: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon 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 and ever.

C: Amen

PSALM

PSALM PRAYER

* GOSPEL READING

(Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.)

MESSAGE AND MEDITATION ON THE READING

SCRIPTURAL DIALOGUE

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.

* GOSPEL CANTICLE



☐ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir- it re- joic- es in



God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa- vor on his low- ly ser- vant.



From this day all gen- er - a - tions will call me bless- ed.



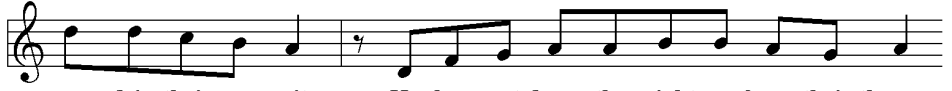
The Al- might- y has done great things for me, and ho- ly is his name.



He has mer- cy on those who fear him in ev- 'ry gen- er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the



proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y from their thrones,



and has lift - ed up the low - ly. He has filled the



hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty.



He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,



for he has re - mem - bered his prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise he



made to our fa - thers, to A - bra - ham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.



Glo - ry 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

* THE LITANY



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

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

C: ,Lord, have mercy.

P: For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our Bishop and all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

Musical notation for the phrase "To you, O Lord." The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), and C3 (half). The bass line is written on a bass clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), and C3 (half).

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

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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.**

* **THE CLOSING PRAYER**

Musical notation for the closing prayer. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), C3 (half), G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), and C3 (half). The lyrics are: "Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God."

* **BENEDICTION**

Musical notation for the benediction. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), C3 (half), G2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), and C3 (half). The lyrics are: "The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless . . . and pre-serve us. A - men"