



St. Paul's Spirituality Center

an outreach ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Holden Evening Prayer

Jesus Calms the Storm

June 4, 2025

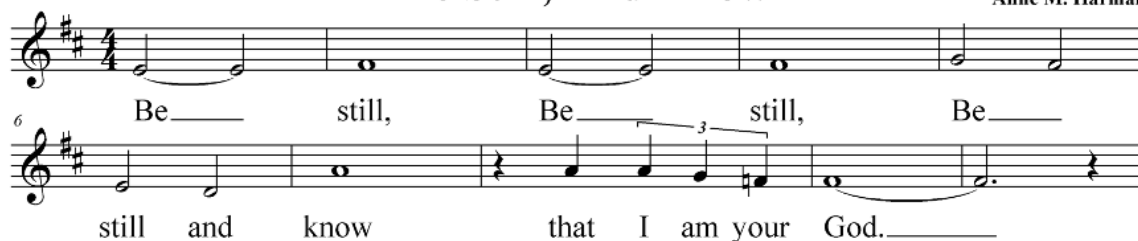
GATHERING

As darkness descends and we gather to offer our evening song of praise to God, we pause to reflect on our day and all that holds our attention this night. As you enter, you will be given a piece of incense. Pause for a moment and gather in your heart, your needs and concerns this day. Then place the incense in the bowl on the table at the entrance.

Psalm 46:11

Be Still, And Know

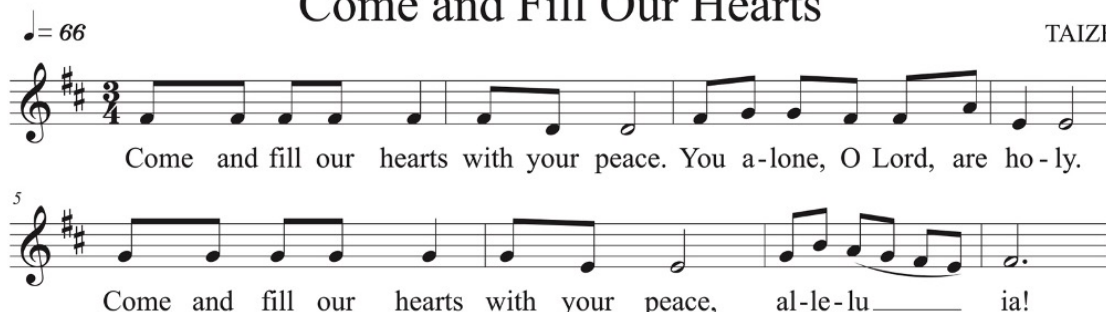
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Come and Fill Our Hearts

TAIZE



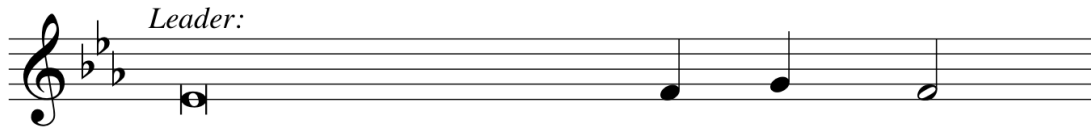
SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The Pastor invites all to stand in body or spirit.
The Paschal Candle is lit.*

From Psalm 107

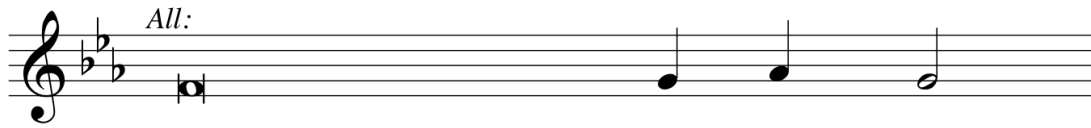
Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,
gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south

Leader:



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.
They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.
Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

Leader:



Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

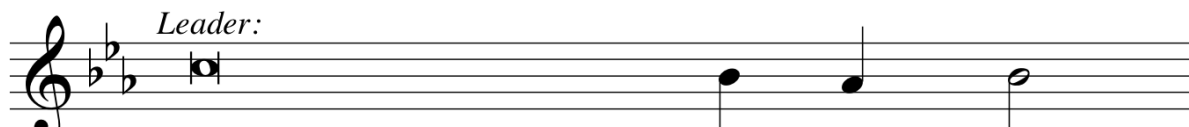


and the day is al - most over.

You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.
Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.


Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.
Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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



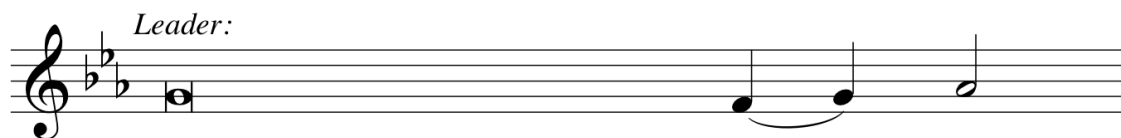
light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

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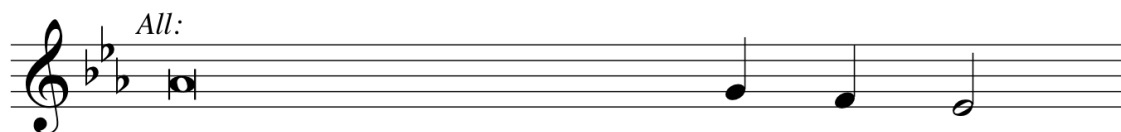
Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

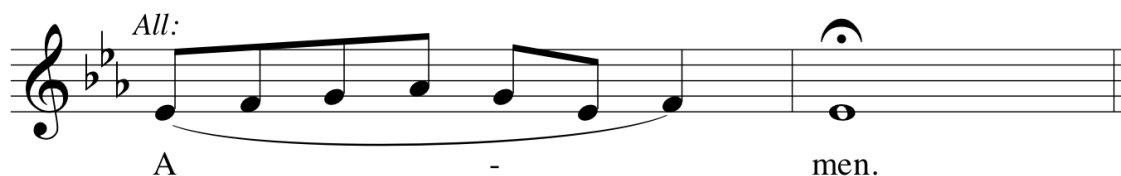


Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

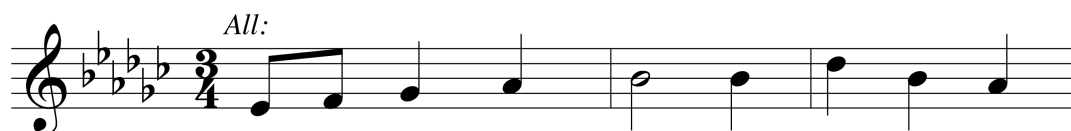


A - men.

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Please be seated.

Psalm 141:



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. ———

North Side:

I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer be counted as incense before you
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

South Side:

Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;
keep watch over the door of my lips.
Do not turn my heart to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with those who work iniquity;
do not let me eat of their delicacies.

North Side:

Let the righteous strike me;
let the faithful correct me.
Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head,
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

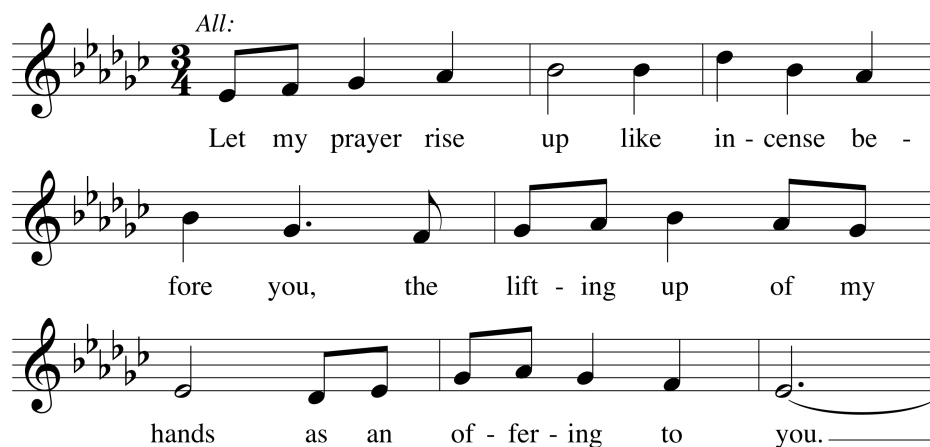
South Side:

When they are given over to those who shall condemn them,
then they shall learn that my words were pleasant.
Like a rock that one breaks apart and shatters on the land,
so shall their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.

ALL:

**But my eyes are turned toward you, O God, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenseless.
Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me
and from the snares of evildoers.
Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
while I alone escape.**

*The Psalm refrain is sung as a round.
 The South side leads following the Cantor
 The North side enters two measures later following the pastor.*



Psalm Prayer:

Pastor: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense,
 And may your presence surround, fill us, calm our hearts and bring your peace.
 So that in union with all creation, and trusting in your care,
 we might sing your praise and your love in our lives
 tonight and always,

ALL: Amen

SILENCE

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Bless The Lord

TAIZE



Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho-ly name.



Bless the Lord my soul, God res-cues me from death.

Come, Bring Your Burdens



Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -
Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your



thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U -
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for



ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Text: South African; English text Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick
Music: WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO, South African melody; arr. Welile Sigabi
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In Your Hands

For Milt - In his dying

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Lead Me Into Silence

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SILENCE

Evening Canticle: The Annunciation and Magnificat

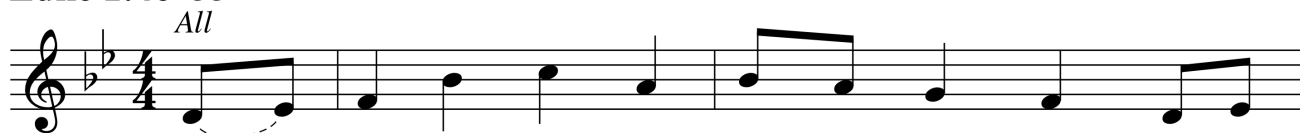
All stand

Pr. Anne: The Light shines in the darkness

ALL: and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



it re-joic-es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift-ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun-gry with



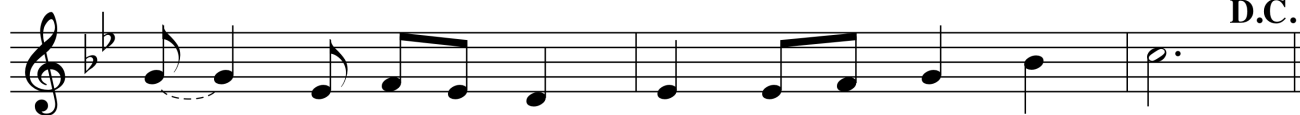
vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.



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



is your kind-ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to



and low-ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra-ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

D.C.

LITANY AND PRAYERS:

A *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

B

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

At the end - Sung 3x's

Leader:

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

All:

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

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Prayer:

Great and merciful God, source
and ground of all goodness and life,
calm the storms of our lives,
give us peace in our hearts,
and the assurance of knowing
that in all of life's journey
you accompany us,
and guide our way.

Let the people of God say, Amen.

ALL: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

FINAL 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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DISMISSAL

Pr. Anne: Go in peace. God is with you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



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Taizé Prayer Come, Spirit of Peace

Wednesday, June 25
7:15 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
gathering at St. John's Episcopal
1676 S. Belcher Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33764



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Summer 2025 Schedule

Wednesday, June 4 – Evening Prayer: Jesus Calms the Storm – 7:15 PM

We gather this first week of hurricane season, aware that there are storms in life; some of them are named and others are deeply private and don't involve wind or rain. No matter what storm we face, Jesus is in the boat with us! Join us for an hour of sung prayer as we invite Jesus to calm the storms of our lives. And just in case we do have named storms this year, we will be handing out hurricane information from Pinellas County.

Wednesday, June 25 – Taizé Prayer: Come, Spirit of Peace – 7:15 PM

Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to bring us peace. Not peace that has winners and losers, but God's peace which is built on justice, mutual care, kindness, mercy and love. In our sung contemplative prayer this night, we invite the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and bring God's peace to us and the world.

Wednesday, July 9 – Prayer Around the Globe – 7:15 PM

We gather around an image of the earth and pray for the needs of the world. We pray for peace and justice, for unity and compassion. We pray for the Earth and that we will be good stewards of the gifts God has given us to sustain and nurture life.

Wednesday, July 23 – Taizé Prayer: Be Still and Know - 7:15 PM

"Be still and know that I am God" – Psalm 46:10. The psalmist invites us to quiet our hearts and seek God's presence. However, the Hebrew text for "be still" doesn't mean silence, it means to desist, to go limp, to stop fighting. The psalmist is inviting us to lay down the warring and conflict in our hearts and to recognize God's presence, God's sovereignty over our lives. This night, we will gather for sung contemplative prayer inviting God to make God's presence known to our anxious hearts.

Wednesday, August 13 – Taizé Prayer: O Tremendous Love – 7:15 PM

Why is it so hard for us to accept God's love, to believe that God is love? Why is it so hard to trust that God loves us, just as we are? This night, in the quiet of sung prayer, we will open our hearts and invite God to reveal God's heart to us.

Wednesday, August 27 – Service of Healing and Holy Communion – 7:15 PM

God desires our wholeness and healing. We all have places of woundedness. We are all in need of God's healing which frees us from carrying our wounds into the world. Tonight we will hear God's Word and have an opportunity for individual prayer for healing with our pastors. We will conclude at the Lord's Table where we are invited to encounter the presence of Jesus in bread and wine.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation, embodies God's love, and promise of salvation through faith in Christ by extending inclusion and welcome to all.



Offering We leave a basket at the back of the church for an offering. No one should feel they are expected to make a donation. Your presence and prayer are the most important gifts you bring to our community. However, your contributions support our Wednesday Contemplative Worship services and Retreat ministries. Our congregation uses an online giving service and with this QR code you can create an online account and make a donation towards our Taizé Ministry. If you use the app and it asks for an "Invite Code" it is MW9599

About St. Paul's Lutheran St. Paul's is a **Reconciling in Christ (RIC)** congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). This congregation was one of the first RIC congregations in Florida. We believe in and work at not only being inclusive but also being a place of reconciliation. Too many people have been told God doesn't love them because of their sexual identity or orientation. But our work and ministry go far beyond issues of sexual identity. As an RIC congregation we welcome all seeking God's healing for the wounds of exclusion, poverty, oppression, and racism. If you have found yourself on the outside of a church community and are looking for a place where you can bring all of who you are, and you desire to seek God's healing for these wounds please don't hesitate to reach out to me after the service tonight or at a time of your convenience.

A Word About Wednesday Contemplative Worship

We gather on Wednesday evenings for worship in the quiet of night to bring our whole selves before God. We hear and reflect on God's Word, we pray for the needs of the world, and the deepest needs of our hearts. Each week has a different theme and format. We offer Taizé Prayer, Eucharist, Evening Prayer, Healing Services, and other opportunities for prayer.

We have a plan to expand this ministry to include days of retreat and workshops. For ongoing and updated information see our website <https://stpaulsclearwater.org>
You will find information under the WORSHIP Tab

We also post on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/st.paulslutheranchurch.clearwater.fl>

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