

JOYOUS LIGHT

Evening Prayer

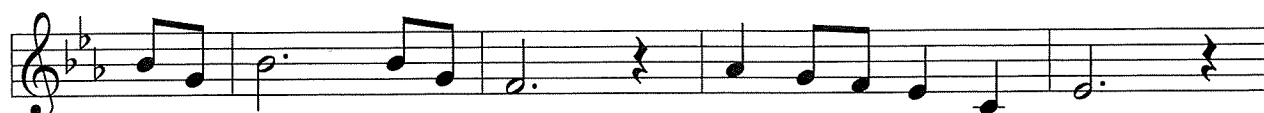


SERVICE OF LIGHT

Opening Dialogue



L Je - sus Christ, Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.



C Je - sus Christ, Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.



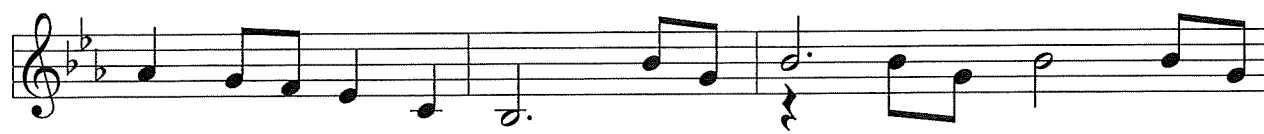
L Stay with us now; put fear to flight as eve - ning ush - ers in the night.



C Warm the dark - ness with your love and light, Je - sus Christ.



L Je - sus Christ, **C** Je - sus Christ, **L** Light of life, **C** Light of life,



shine in your peo - ple here. **L** Je - sus Christ, **C** Je - sus Christ, **L** Light of



life, **C** Light of life, shine in your peo - ple here.

Hymn of Light

Refrain

☑ Joy - ous Light of glo - ry, sa - cred Word made
 hu - man sto - ry, bless - ed Je - sus Christ,
 of the Fa - ther giv - en, Light to earth from
 Light of heav - en: ho - ly, end - less source of life.

☐ As we come to the set - ting of the sun,
 ☐ As we sing, O ho - ly Three in One,

and we look to the gold of eve - ning light,
 fount of life and love and fire di - vine,

☑ we will raise our songs in praise of your glo - ry
 ☑ we re - joice in you with the pure voice of glad - ness

Refrain

and with all the u - ni - verse u - nite.
 as we let your light with - in us shine.

Thanksgiving for Light

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ We praise and thank you, O God,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom you have enlightened us
by revealing the light that never fades.

Night is falling/has fallen

and day's allotted span draws to a close.

The daylight you created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us,
and yet, of your free gift,
now the evening lights do not fail us.

We praise you and glorify you through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom be glory, honor, and power
to you in the Holy Spirit,
now and always and forever and ever.

☑ Amen

PSALM AND SONG

Psalm 141

Refrain



☑ We lift our hands in prayer like in-cense ris - ing



and of - fer our lives to you, O God.



☐ God, we call, for you are near:	☐ hear us and help us.
☐ Touch our lips, form ev - 'ry word:	☐ keep us from e - vil.
☐ As we turn our gaze to you:	☐ Light of cre - a - tion;

Parts marked ☐ and ☐ may be sung by leader and congregation, choir and congregation, by two groups within the congregation, or by all.



I Be now a - mong us here: II hear us and help us.
 I Un - bind our hearts, O Lord: II keep us from e - vil.
 I and live our days with you: II Light of cre - a - tion;



Refrain

I Be thou the lov - ing ear: II hear us and help us and all who cry.
 I Re - mind us we are re - stored: II keep us from e - vil and all its lies.
 I and burn and blaze in you: II Light of cre - a - tion, o - pen our eyes.

Psalm Prayer *(after a time of silence)*

L O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting
 your name is worthy of all praise.
 Let our prayer rise before you as incense,
 and with the lifting up of our hands
 may we offer our whole lives to you,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Additional psalms and biblical songs may be sung (see pp. 10–11, 15). Each may be followed by a time of silence for reflection that may conclude with a prayer.

A hymn or song appropriate to the time of day, the season, or the readings may be sung (see pp. 12–13). One of the traditional office hymns may be used.

WORD

Readings

One or more readings from the scriptures are proclaimed. Additional devotional readings may also be used. Silence for reflection may follow the readings.

In response to the readings, one or more of the following may be used: brief commentary; vocal or instrumental music; interpretation and reflection through visual arts or dance.

At the conclusion, a sentence such as the following may be spoken:

L The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.
C Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Magnificat

Refrain

☐ My soul pro - claims your great-ness, O God,



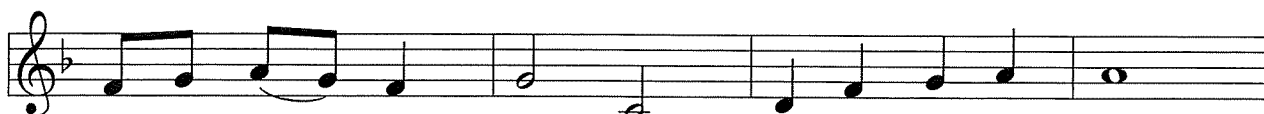
my spir-it re - joic - es in the love of my Sav - ior.



You have looked with fa - vor on my sim - ple ways,



and I will praise you all of my days.



1 You have called me bless - ed, done great things for me.
2 You have hum-bled the might - y, scat-tered earth-ly pride.



You have shown your mer - cy, set my spir-it free.
You have strength-ened your ser-vants, kept us by your side.



You have lift - ed the low - ly, sent the rich a - way.
You have hon-ored your prom - ise made so long a - go.

*Refrain*

You have filled the hun - gry, and ho - ly is your name.
You have blessed your chil - dren from age to age, and so:

For an alternate, see "Lord, now you let your servant," pp. 14-15.

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Litany

Refrain

☑ God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer.
(God.)

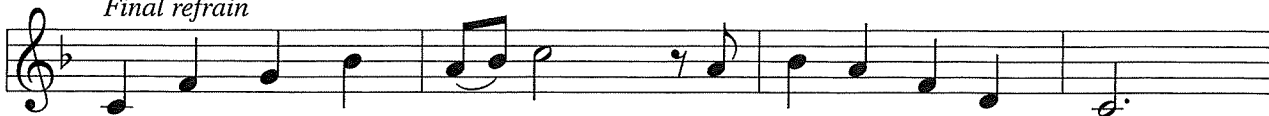
☐ *Petitions*



1 For peace born of heav - en, and
 2 For peace in the whole world, and
 3 For all those who gov - ern: give
 4 For all who work for jus - tice and
 5 For rain, sun, and har - vest, and
 6 For all who know af - flic - tion, des -
 7 For all those who suf - fer in
 8 For all our be - lov - ed, our
 9 Re - joic - ing in com - mu - nion with



for our sal - va - tion, we pray to you, O
 peace a - mong all peo - ples,
 wis - dom and com - pas - sion;
 free - dom from op - pres - sion,
 food to fill the hun - gry,
 pair, wrath, and dan - ger,
 grief, pain, and sor - row,
 fam - 'ly, friends, and neigh - bors,
 saints gone be - fore us,

Final refrain

☑ God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer,
(God.)



God of love, hear our prayer. A - men

COMMUNION GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

*Blessed are you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,*

*we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.*

7B

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Pour out your Holy Spirit
in this meal,
and make us one
in this community of faith
and with your people
throughout the world.*

*Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever.*

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

*May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and give you peace.*

Amen.

Concluding Prayers

☐ God of love, we thank you that you have kept us
under your protecting care in the day that is past.
Bring your healing to the wounds of this day,
those we have inflicted, those we have felt,
those that trouble our world.
Cover us this night with the wings of your grace,
and raise us to a new day
with Christ, our light and our peace.

☑ Amen

☐ Let us pray with confidence
in the words our Savior gave us:

☑ **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

OR ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
and teach us to pray:

☑ **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



☐ Let us bless the Ho-ly One. ☑ To God our thanks we raise. ☐ May



God Al-might-y bless us, guide us and de-fend us, and lead us in - to



life. ☑ A - men, a - men, a - men.

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You Show Us the Path of Life

Psalm 16


Refrain




You show us the path of life; in your
 pres-ence, O God, there is full-ness of joy. You show us the
 path of life; at your right hand are plea-sures ev - er - more.



1 Our dai - ly feast, O God, our bless - ing cup:
 2 So it is you we bless, O God, our guide;
 3 Our hearts are glad; in spir - it we re - joice.




it is you who hold us, lift us up.
 in our hearts each night your words a - bide;
 Bod - ies rest in hope; we hear your voice.



All that we are is like a plea - sant land.
 and with you here to lead us day by day,
 You will not leave us lone - ly in the grave.

Refrain



All that is good comes from your gra - cious hand.
 7 hand in hand we shall not fall a - way.
 In you we live; in you we shall be saved.

Rest in God Alone

Psalms 62

Refrain

Rest in God a - lone, my soul; oh, rest in

God, my soul. Rest in God a -

lone, my soul; oh, rest in God, my soul.

1 On - ly in God is my soul at rest. From
2 On - ly in God be at rest, my soul; from
3 God is my safe - ty and God my glo - ry. God

God comes my sal - va - tion. God
God comes hope for each day. God
is the source of my strength. Trust

on - ly is my rock, my strong - hold.
on - ly is my rock, my strong - hold,
God in ev - 'ry time, O peo - ple;

Refrain

I shall not be dis - turbed.
the love for ev - 'ry way.
pour out your hearts to God.

Open Our Lives to the Word



1 May our words, may our songs, may our wor - ship this night
 2 May our griefs, may our woes, may the sor - rows we share
 3 May our joys, may our smiles, may the gifts that we bring



fill up our hearts and give us new sight. May our prayers, may our
 fill up our hearts and call forth our care. May our tears, may our
 fill up our hearts and stir us to sing. May we serve, may we



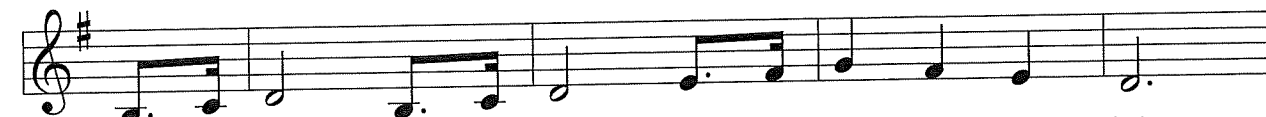
praise give us light for our days, and o - pen our lives to the Word.
 fears be ac - cept - ed right here, and o - pen our lives to the Word.
 dance, may we all take that chance; and o - pen our lives to the Word.



O - pen our lives to the liv - ing Word.
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O - pen our hearts to the truth we have heard.
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May our words, may our songs, may our wor - ship this night
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o - pen our lives to the Word.
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Holy One, in You Alone



We do not call this world our own, yet we will make this earth our



home; Ho - ly One, in you a - lone.



1 We do not claim this liv - ing word
 2 We do not claim this love of ours
 3 We do not claim these seeds we sow
 4 We do not claim our prayers for change



that we have heard is ours a - lone to give:
 can tame the pow'rs that lead our world to sin:
 will sprout and grow from our own hope - ful hands:
 can re - ar - range this world by our own will:



We on - ly know we have a
 We on - ly know we walk the
 We on - ly know we are the
 We on - ly know the ris - en



heart in which it lives.
 road where Christ has been.
 ground on which it lands.
 Christ is with us still.

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

Nunc dimittis



Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace:



your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



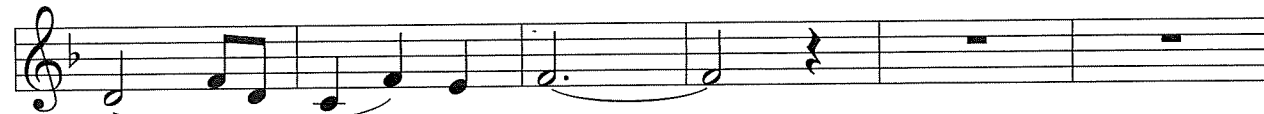
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry



of your peo - ple Is - ra - el,



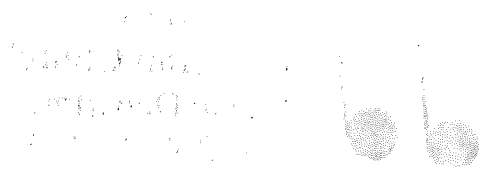
Is - ra - el.



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,
a - men.

Come unto Me

Come un - to me, all ye who la - bor;
come un - to me and I will give you rest. For my
yoke, it is eas - y, and my bur - den, it is light.
Come un - to me and rest.