

GATHERING

Please stand

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PRAYER PROCESSION



☐ 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.**



☐ 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.

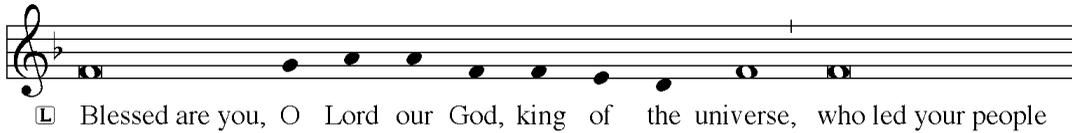
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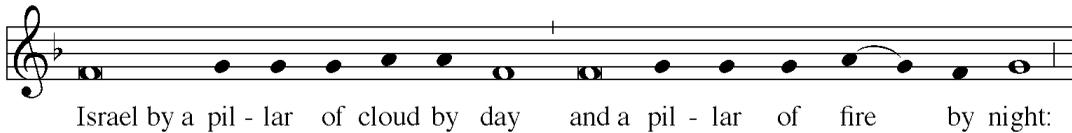
□ The Lord be with you. ☒ And also with you.



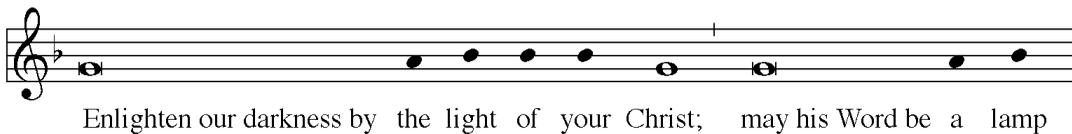
□ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☒ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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



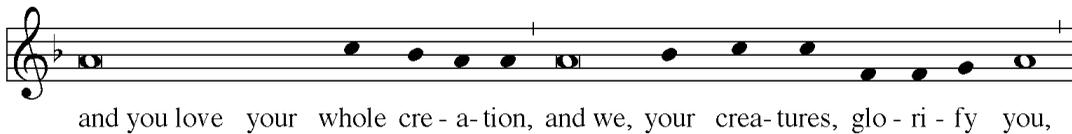
Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:



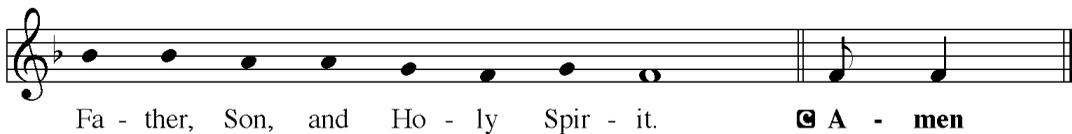
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp



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

Please be seated

PSALMODY

The refrain is sung by the cantor and repeated by all.

Refrain

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Cantor: O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Refrain

Cantor: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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 146 (March 25)

Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the Lord | loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

The Lord shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Please stand

THE HYMN: “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
that with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.
sleep that shall me more vig - rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
praise God a - bove, ye heav' - n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

* *May be sung in canon.*

Please be seated

1 SAMUEL 16:1-3 (March 25)

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”

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

Please stand

Refrain

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my
spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior.

1 My soul proclaims the great-ness of the Lord,
2 You have mer - cy on those who fear you,
3 You have filled the hun - gry with good things

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
from generation to gen - er - ation.
and sent the rich a - way empty.

for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly servant.
You have shown . . strength with your arm
You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - ra - el,

From this day all generations will call me bless'd:
and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,
to remember the prom - ise of mercy,



you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
casting down the might - y from their thrones
the promise made to our . . . fore - bears,



and holy is your name.
and lifting up the low - ly.
to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

LITANY

After each petition, the congregation responds Lord, have mercy.

☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

☑ Lord, have mer - cy.

The Litany concludes:

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

☑ To you, O Lord.

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.

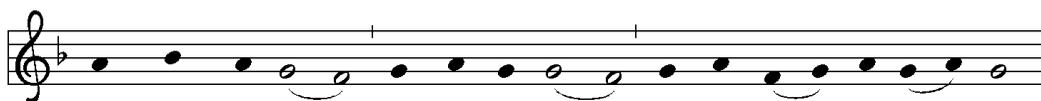
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

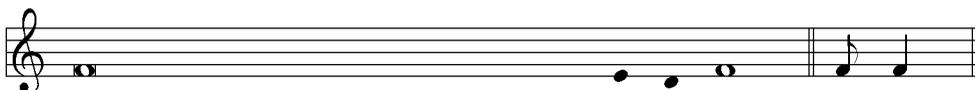


and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION 1



☐ The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless . . . and pre-serve us.

☑ **A - men**