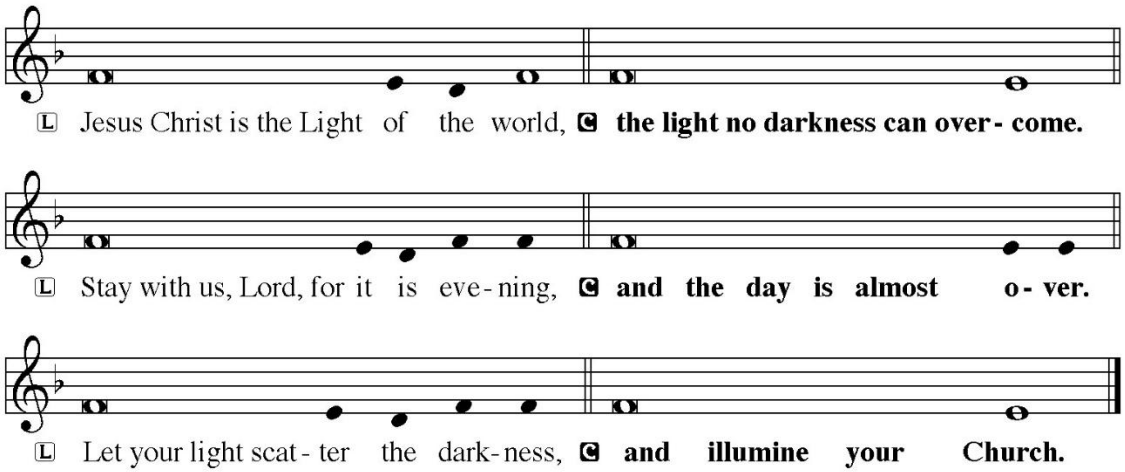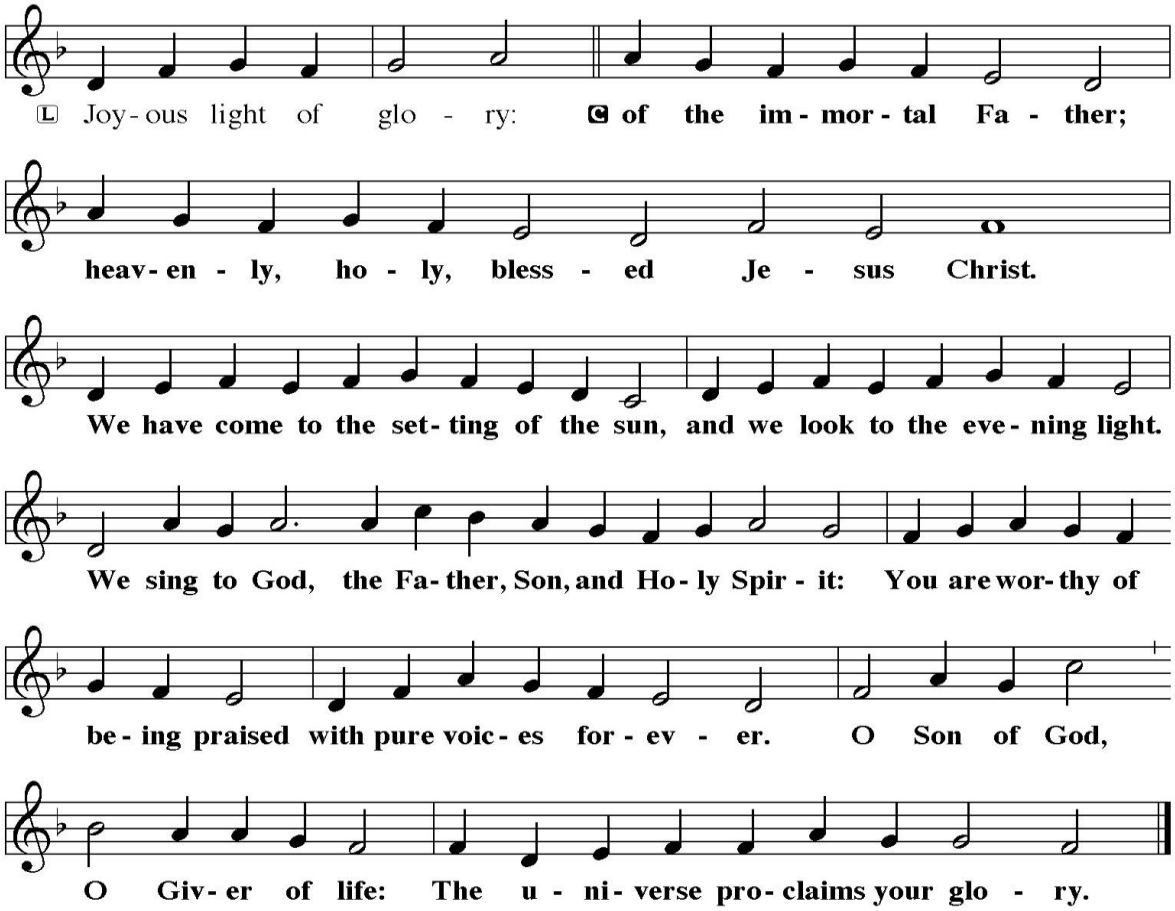


Trinity Lutheran Church
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Vespers/Evening Prayer—*Lutheran Book of Worship*
Thursday, November 19, 2026, 6 p.m.

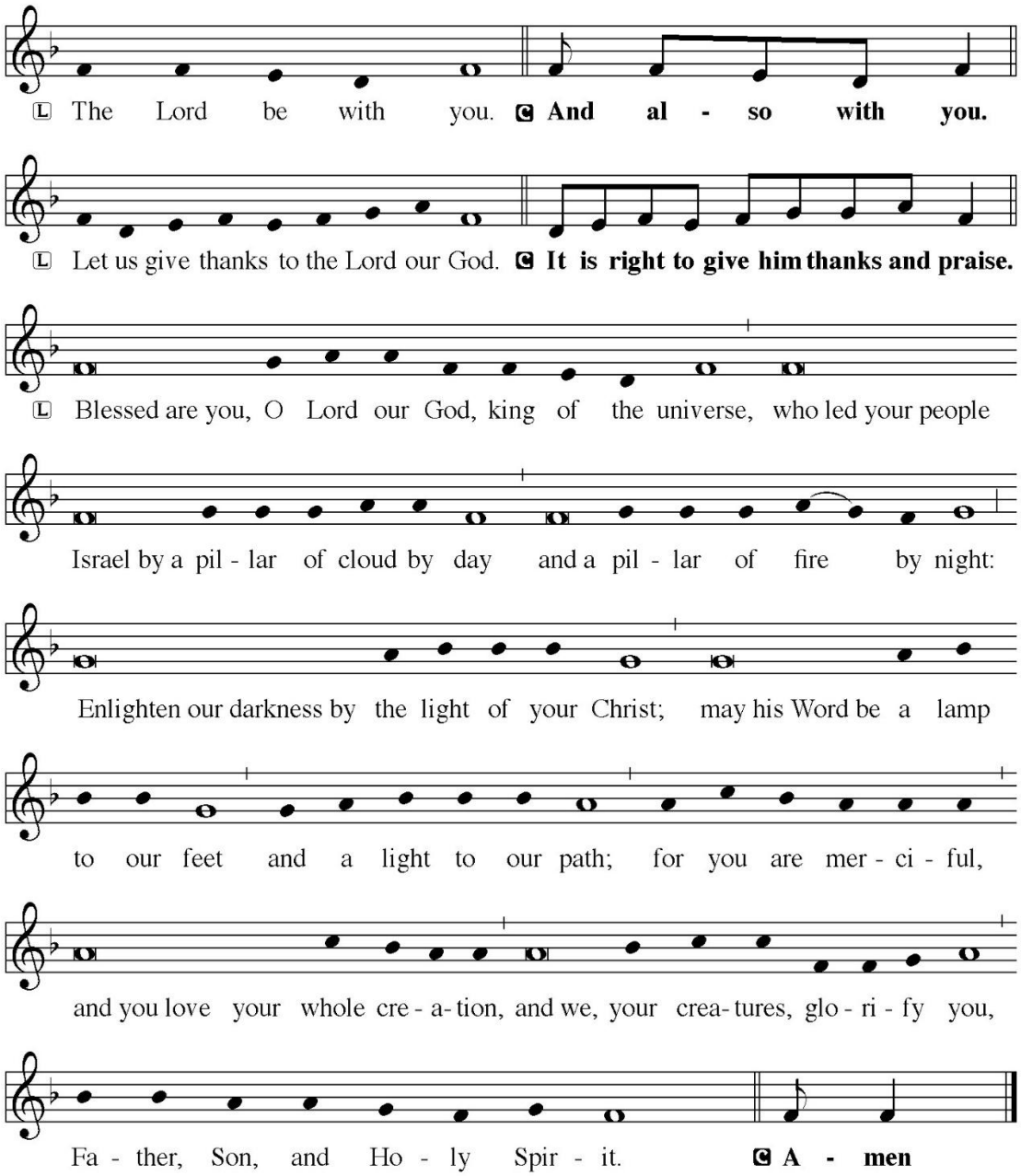
The Service of Light may be used to begin Evening Prayer. The service may be begun with a procession in which a large, lighted candle is carried to its stand in front of the congregation.



As the hymn is sung, the candles on and near the altar are lighted. When the large candle is used, the candles are lighted from its flame.

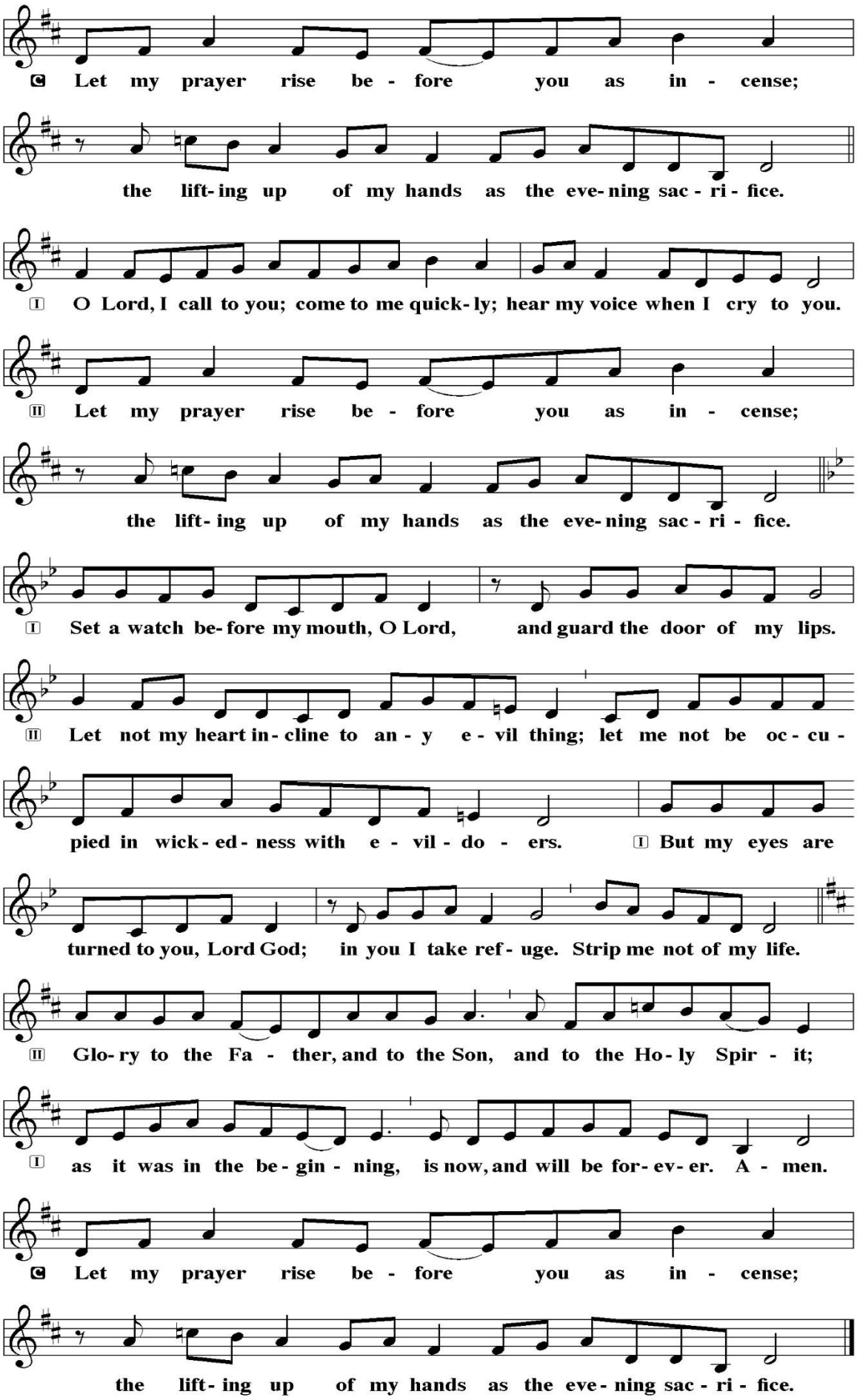


The thanksgiving concludes the Service of Light.



PSALMODY

The Psalmody begins with this song for forgiveness and protection.


℄ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.
I O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick-ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.
II Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.
I Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
II 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. I But my eyes are
turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref-uge. Strip me not of my life.
II Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;
I as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
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Silence for meditation.
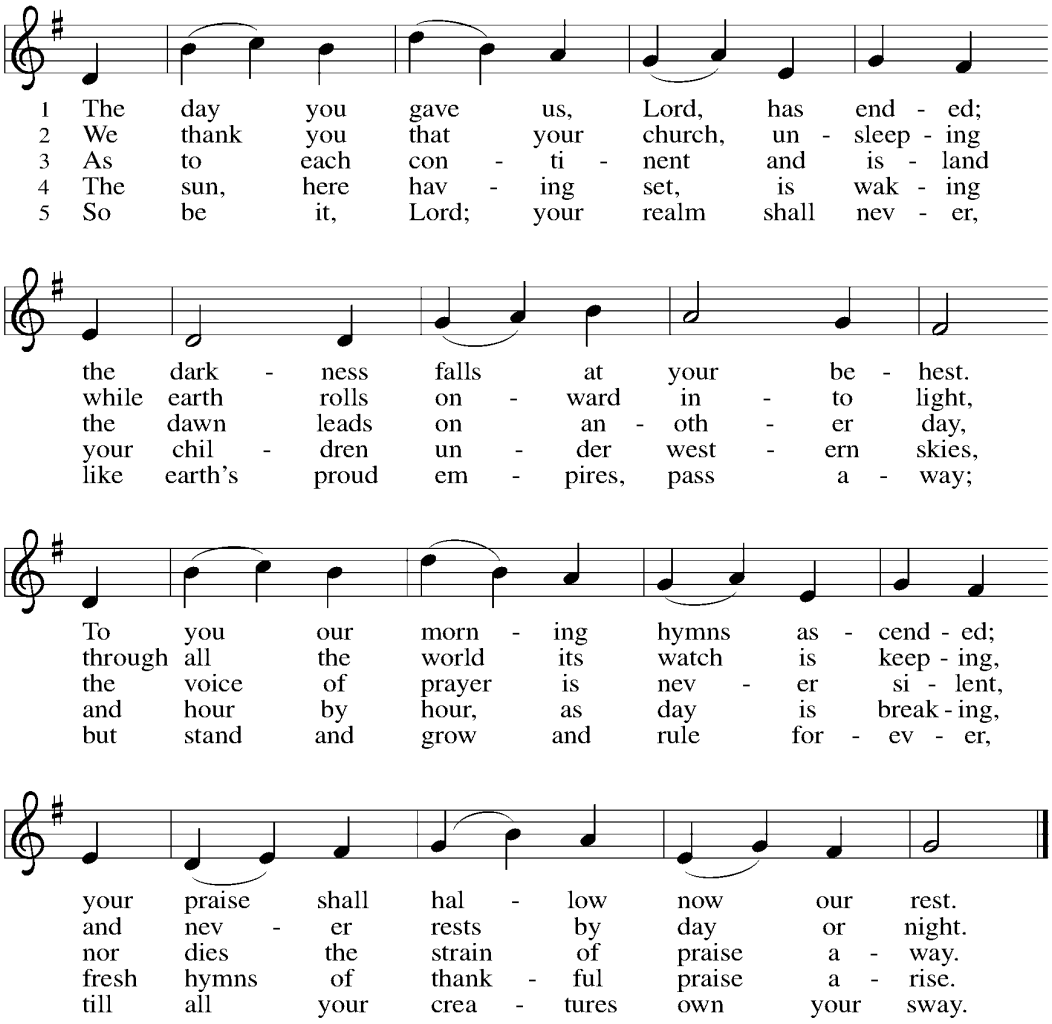
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.
Amen

PSALM 80

[1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
[2]In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
[3]Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
[4]O LORD | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?
[5]You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
[6]You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
[7]Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
[8]You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;*
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
[9]You prepared the | ground for it;*
it took root and | filled the land.
[10]The mountains were covered | by its shadow*
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
[11]You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea*
and its branches | to the river.
[12]Why have you broken | down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
[13]The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
[14]Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and | tend this vine;*
preserve what your right | hand has planted.
[15]They burn it with | fire like rubbish;*
at the rebuke of your countenance | let them perish.
[16]Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,*
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.
[17]And so will we never turn a- | way from you;*
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
[18]Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
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.

THE HYMN
Verses 1-2

The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended



Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.
Music: ST. CLEMENT, Clement C. Scholefield, 1839–1904

LESSONS

One or two lessons are read. Silence for meditation follows each reading.

Luke 13:18-30

18 He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? 19 It is like a
mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds
of the air made nests in its branches."
20 And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? 21 It is like yeast that a
woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."
22 Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to
Jerusalem. 23 Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, 24 "Strive to
enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. 25 Once the
owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at
the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come
from.' 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' 27 But
he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!'
28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all
the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. 29 Then people will come from
east and west, from north and south, and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God.
30 Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."
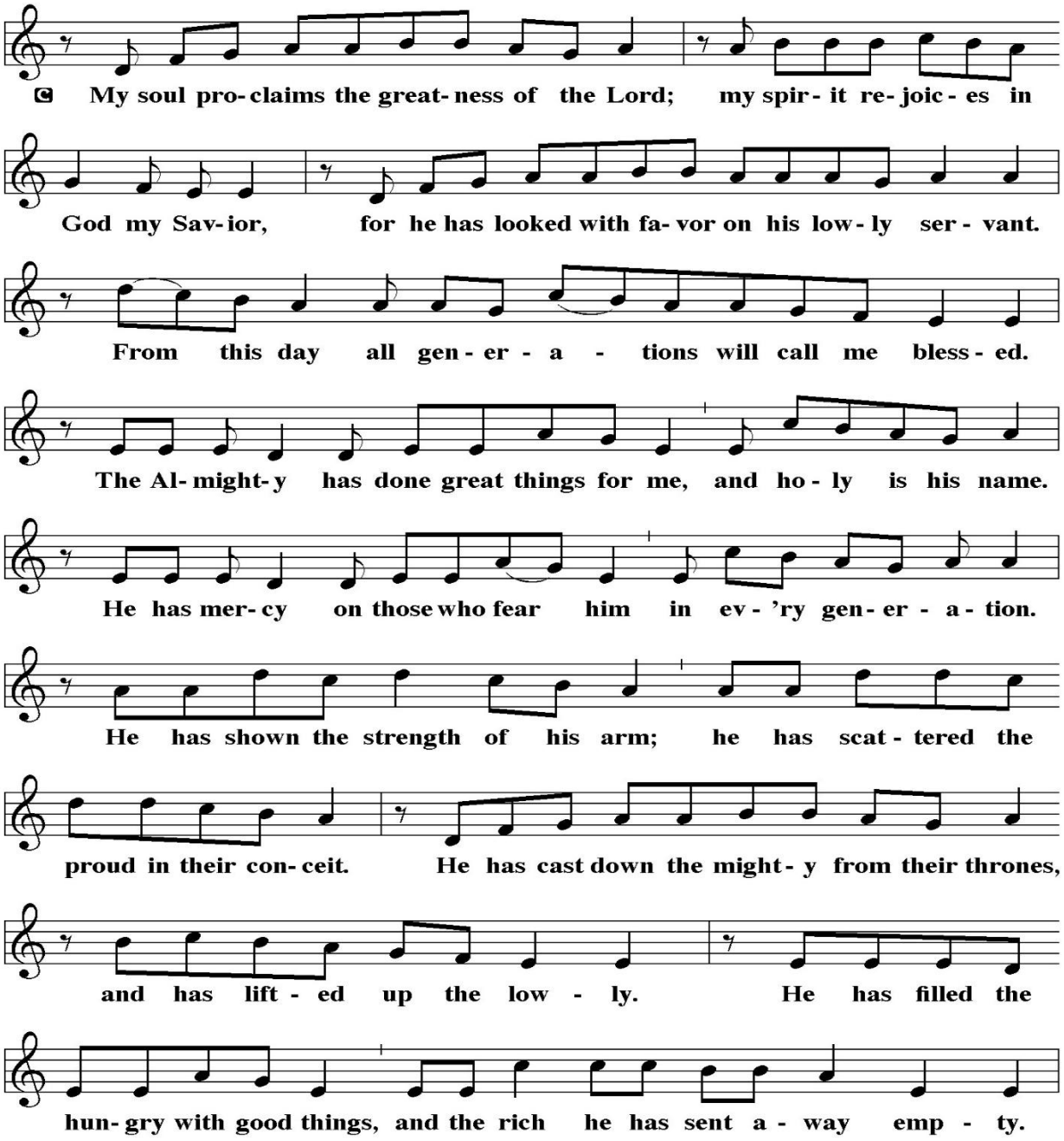
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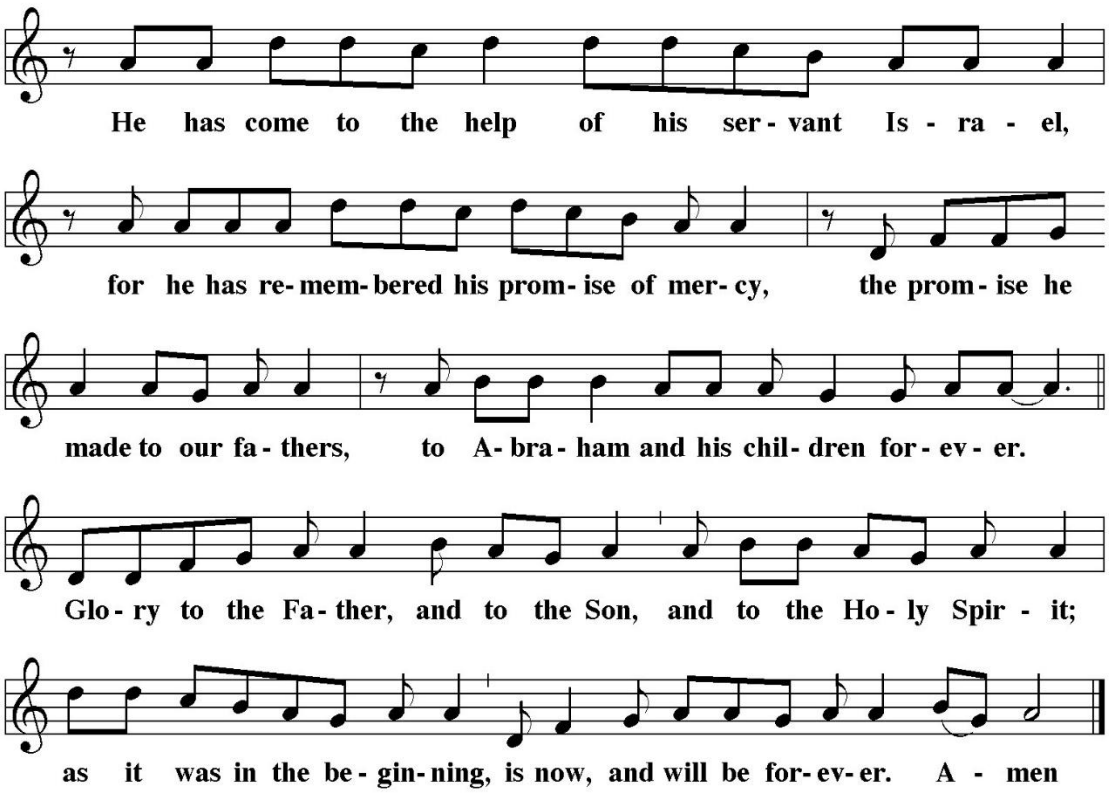
GOSPEL CANTICLE

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

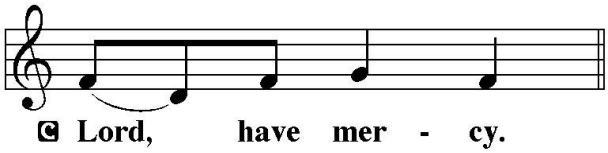
But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

The Gospel Canticle is sung.


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.



LITANY



In peace, let us pray for the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For our *pastor(s)* in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Alleluia.

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

Silence for meditation

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.
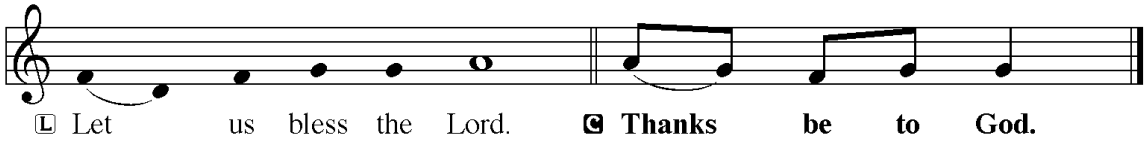
Other prayers may be offered.

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.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

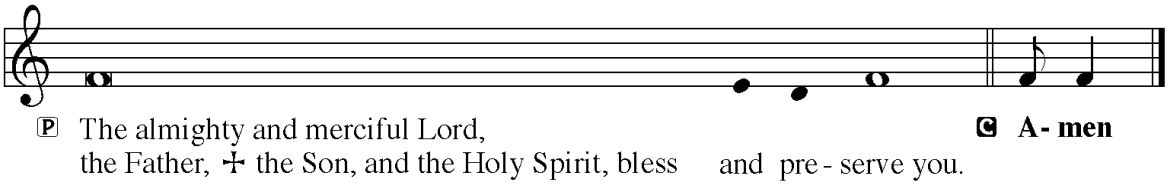
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.



BENEDICTION

This Benediction concludes the service



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