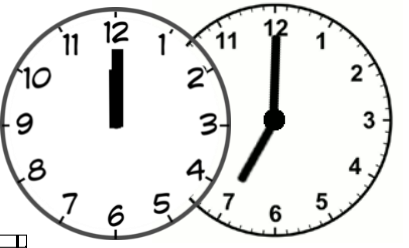
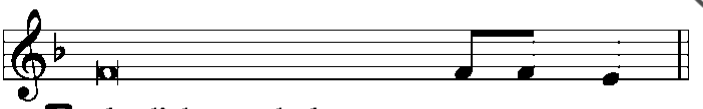
Thanksgiving Eve

Evening Prayer for Nov 25 AD 2026 *(pg. 243 in hymnal)*



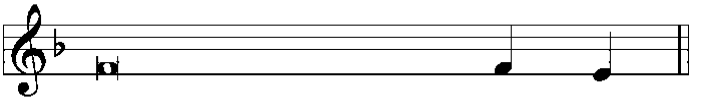


L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, *Jn 8:12*



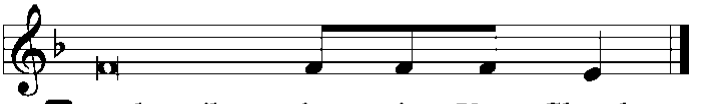
Jn 1:5

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening [*or* "noon of the day"],



Luke 24:29

L Let your light scatter the darkness *1 Cor. 4:5-6*



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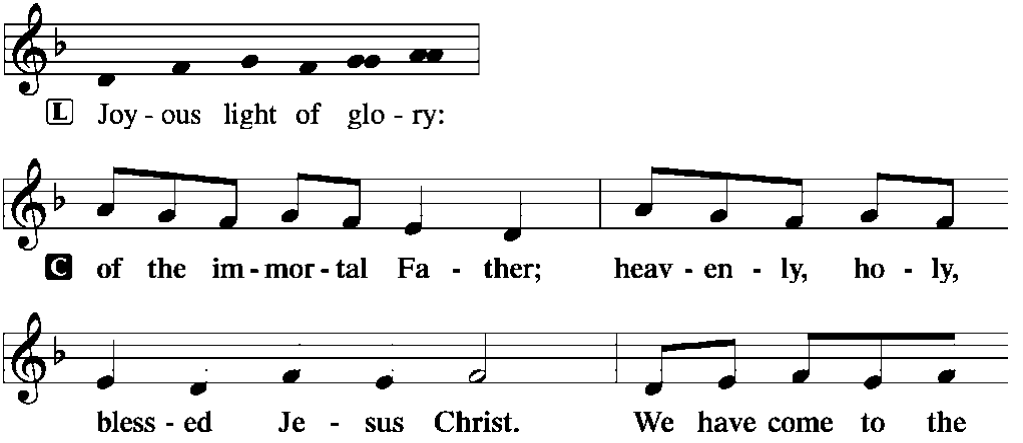
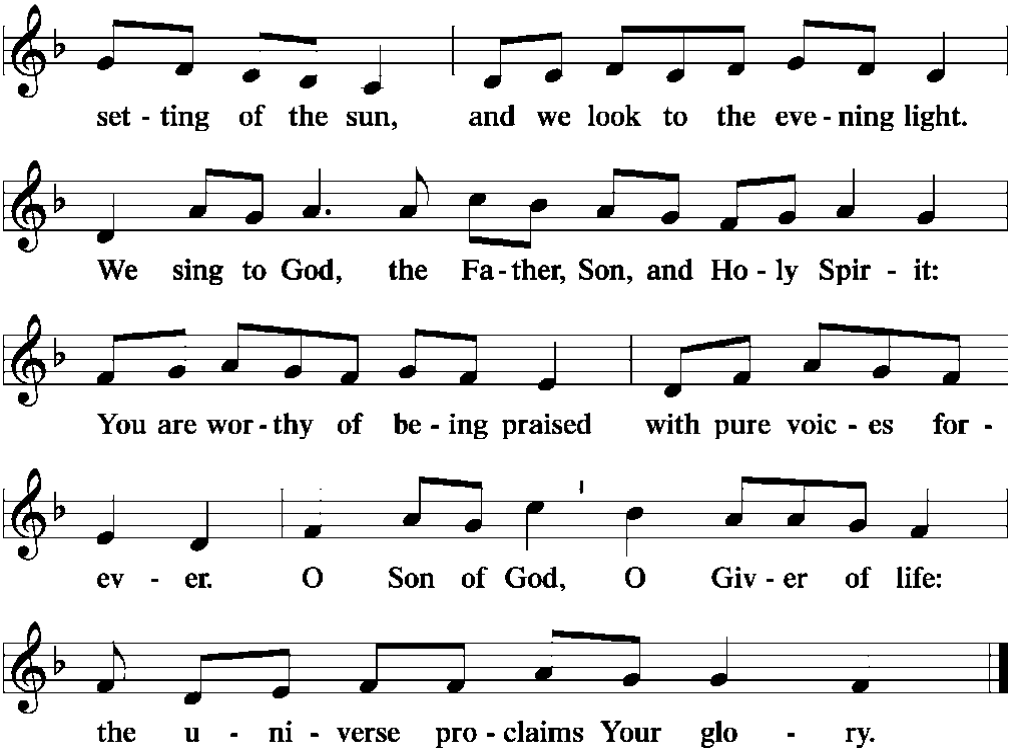
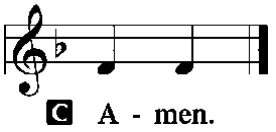




Thanksgiving for Light (*sung)*

L Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar 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 merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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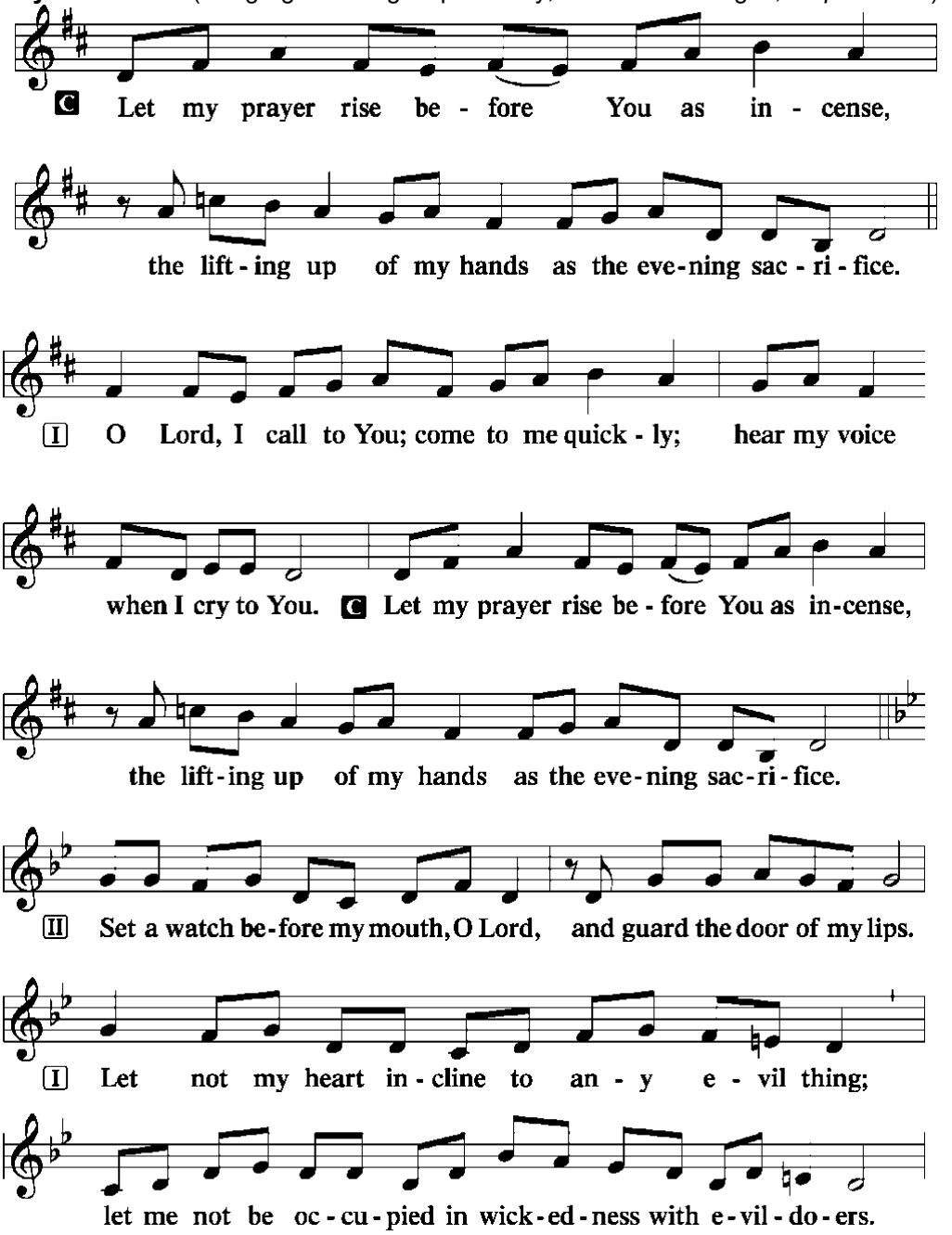
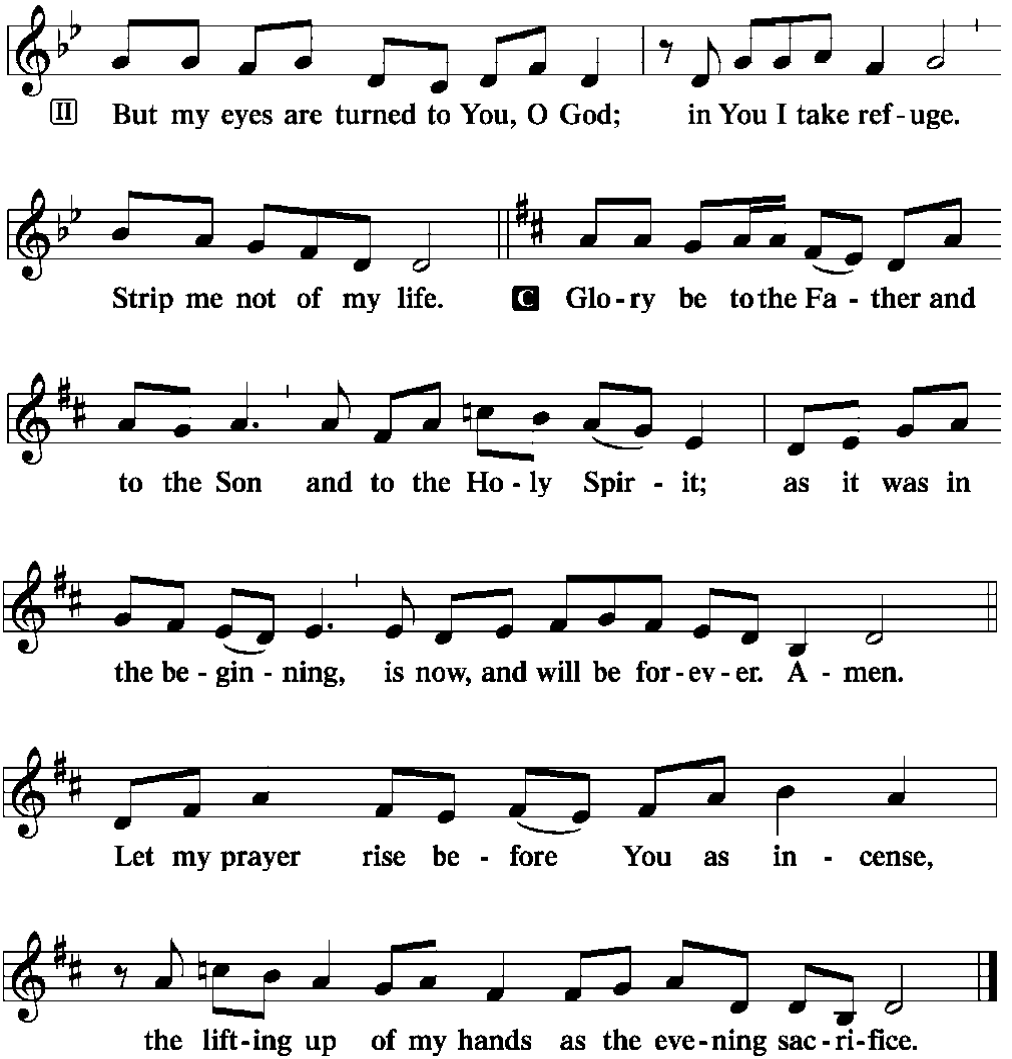
Psalmody: Psalm 141 (Congregation sings **C** parts only; *Lectern* side sings I; *Pulpit* side II)





L Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on 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.

C **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Office Hymn

886 The Day Thou Gavest (see hymnal)

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Reading 1 Timothy 2:1–4

L A reading from 1 Timothy, chapter 2.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem (7:00 p.m. service) **We Praise You, O God**

Second Reading Philippians 4:6–20

L A reading from Philippians, chapter 4.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11–19

L A reading from Luke, chapter 17.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

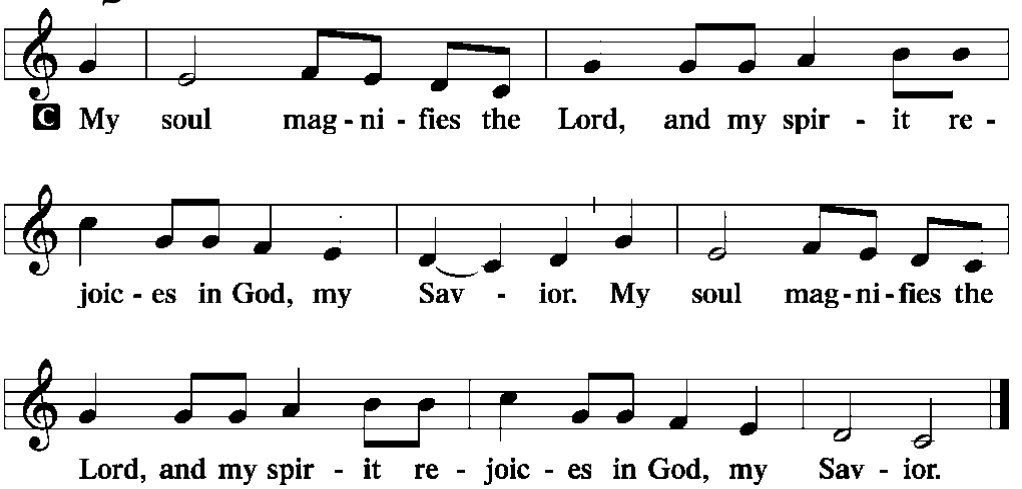
After the daily readings:

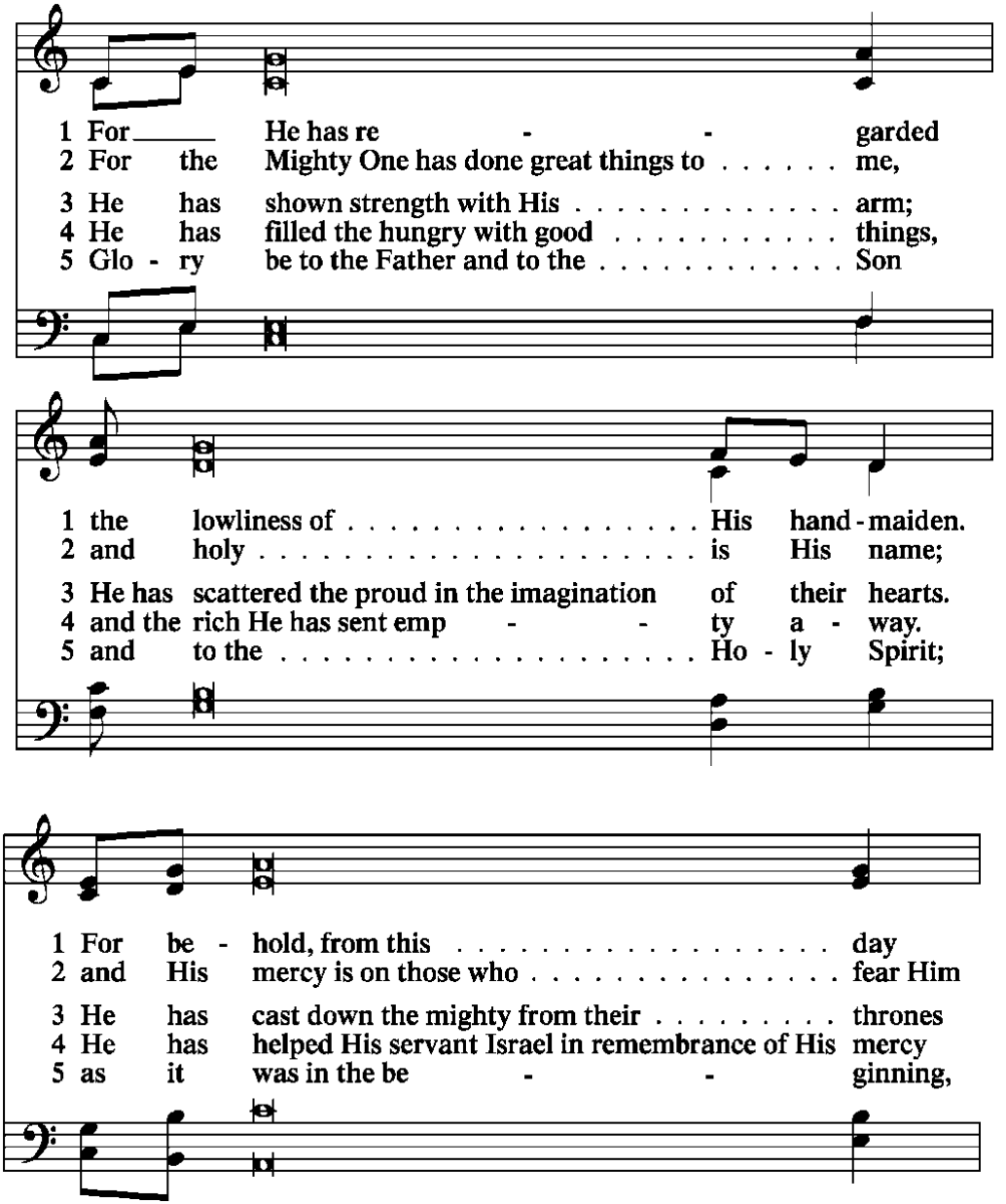
L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

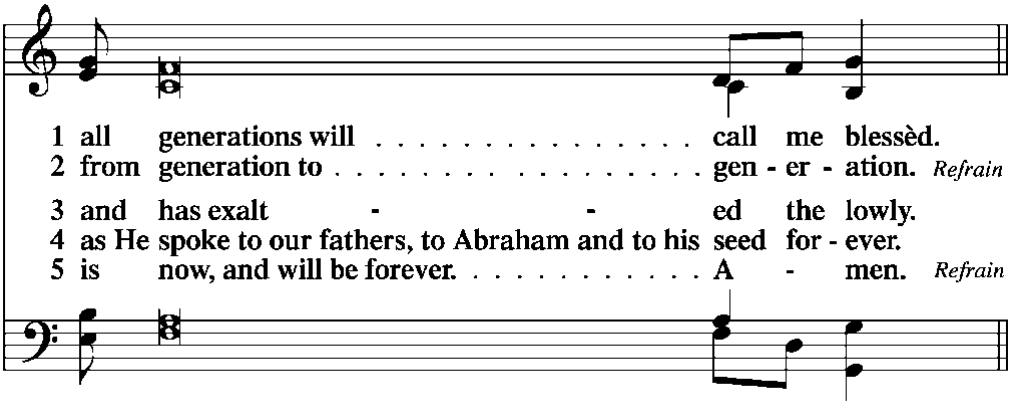
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Sermon **Recounting the Reasons to Give Thanks**

Canticle: Magnificat *Song of Mary from Luke 1:46-55*




1 For He has re - - garded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son
1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.
2 and holy . . . . . is His name;
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
4 and the rich He has sent emp - - ty a - way.
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;
1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day
2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him
3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
5 as it was in the be - - ginning,

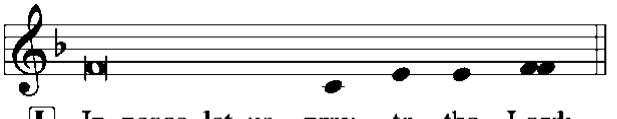


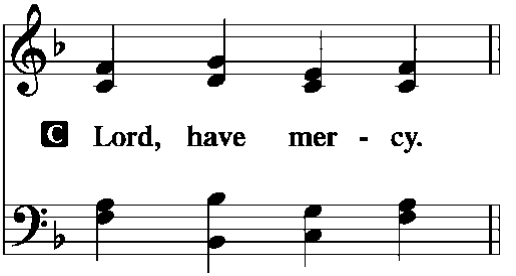
Offering for Mission and Ministry

Prayer

Litany

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.





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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

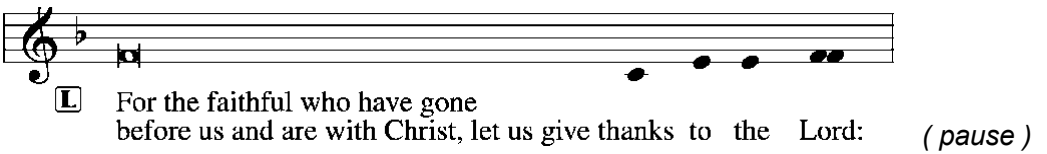
L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

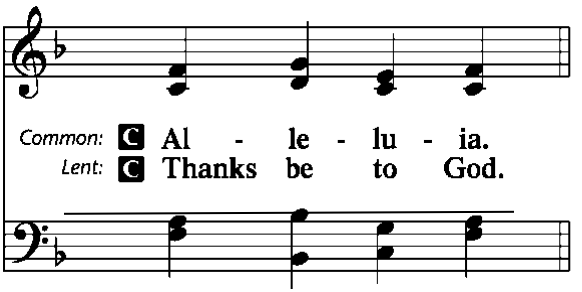
C **Lord, have mercy.**

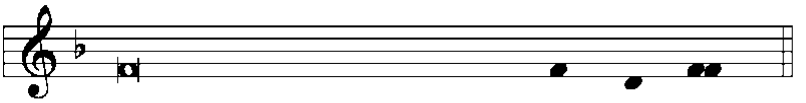
L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For [*name of president or monarch*], for all 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:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L 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:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue (now **without** the simultaneous "Lord" being sung)*







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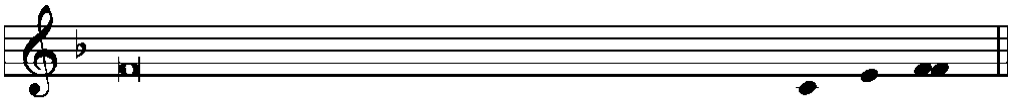

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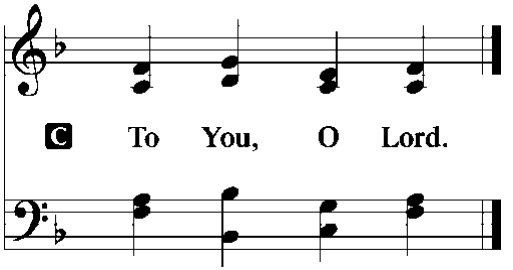
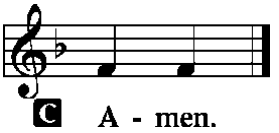


Collect For Peace

L 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.

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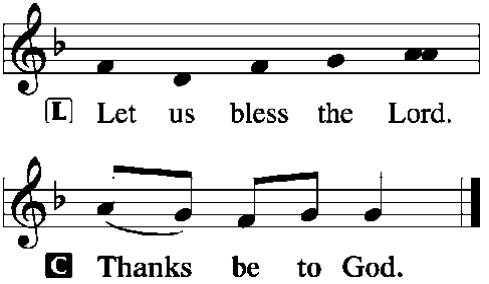



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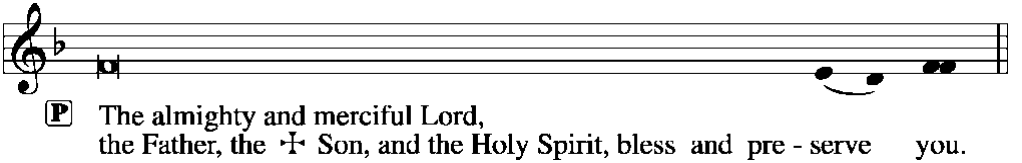

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