



# Worship Book



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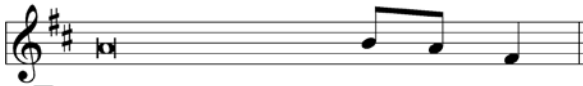
# Wednesday Matins

John saw a sealed scroll, and he wept because no one was found to open the scroll. Then, the Lamb took the scroll, and the heavenly company broke into a song of praise. The Lamb is indeed worthy, not only to take the scroll but to open it. This song of praise and worship isn't only the song of the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders and the angels, but the song of all creatures. Today, you join this confession of faith that Jesus is worthy not only to open the scroll but to rule over all things and to restore all creation. After all, He is the Lamb who was slain and who lives, and all blessing and honor and glory and might belong to Him!

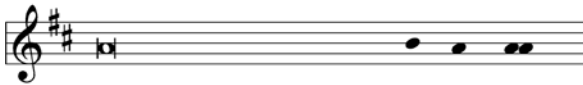
Stand



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



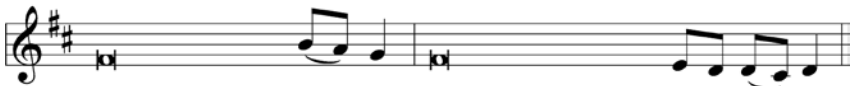
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**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



## Wednesday Matins

## PSALMODY



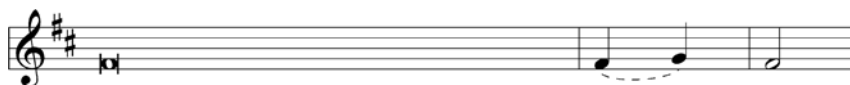
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

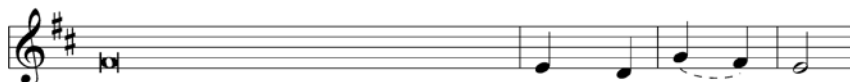
## VENITE

*Psalm 95:1-7*



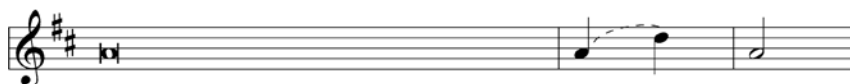
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

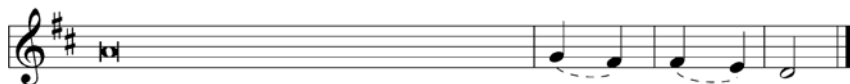


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a-bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho-ly Spir-it;

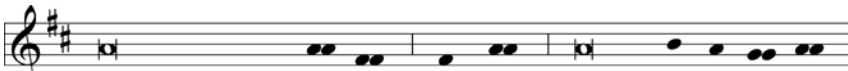


1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be-gin-nin-




1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al-so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak-er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

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**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

### PSALM

Psalm 30 (refrain: vs. 11)

Refrain (sung first by the choir, then by all)



You turned my wail-ing in-to danc-ing; I will give You thanks for-ev-er.



- L** I will exalt You, O Lord, for You lifted me out | of the depths\*  
and did not let my enemies gloat | over me.
- C** O Lord my God, I called to | You for help\*  
and You | healed me.
- L** O Lord, You brought me up | from the grave;\*  
You spared me from going down in- | to the pit.
- C** Refrain
- L** Sing to the Lord, you | saints of His;\*  
praise His | holy name.
- C** For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a | lifetime;\*  
weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the | morning.
- C** Refrain
- L** When I felt se- | cure, I said,\*  
"I shall never be | shaken."
- C** O Lord, when You favored me, You made my mountain | stand firm;\*  
but when You hid Your face, I | was dismayed.
- L** To You, O | Lord, I called;\*  
to the Lord I cried for | mercy:
- C** "What gain is there in my destruction, if I go down in- | to the pit?\*"  
Will the dust praise You? Will it proclaim Your | faithfulness?
- L** Hear, O Lord, and be merci- | ful to me;\*  
O Lord, | be my help."
- C** Refrain



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- L** You turned my wailing into | dancing;\*  
You removed my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy,  
**C** that my heart may sing to You and not be | silent.\*  
O Lord my God, I will give You thanks for - | ever.  
**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**C** Refrain

Sit

**LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU EVERLASTING DOORS**

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Stanza 1 is sung by the choir.

choir 1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,  
2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?  
3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill  
4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain

And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,  
What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,  
To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands  
Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways

To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's  
Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble  
Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -  
As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less

palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your  
steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,  
in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this  
song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is

heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!  
Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.  
King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!  
Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

# Wednesday Matins

## Readings

### READING

Revelation 5

**L** A reading from Revelation, chapter 5.

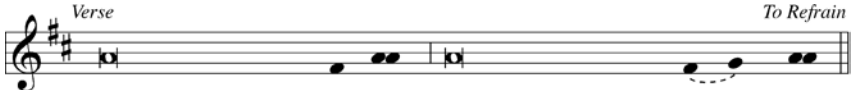
*Following the reading*

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORY

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



**G** Lord, I love  
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

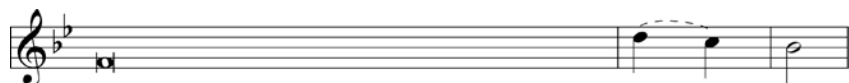
### SERMON

## Canticle

*Stand*



## TEDEUM



- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



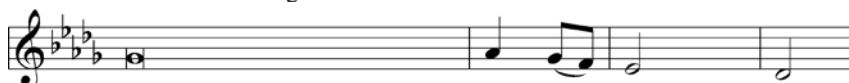
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



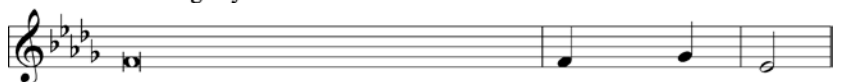
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



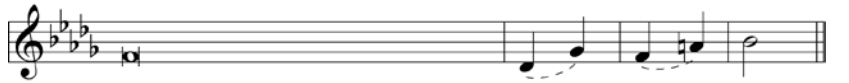
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
 6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 6 to . . . . . be — our — judge.



- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out — sin.

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7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## Prayer

### KYRIE

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.

### COLLECTS



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.



**Collect**

- L** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Additional Collects**

- L** ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**COLLECT FOR GRACE**

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BENEDICAMUS***Psalms 103:1*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.

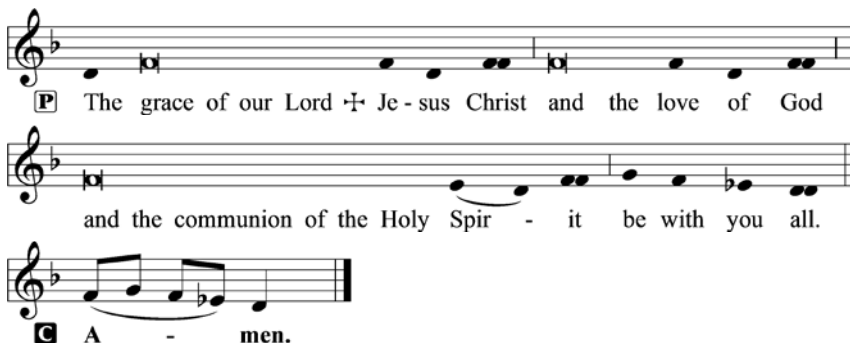


- C** Thanks be to God.

# Wednesday Matins

## BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14



**P** The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.  
**G** A - men.

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

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Stanza 3: Women; Stanza 4: Men



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born;  
women 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
men 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,  
Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.  
A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown  
hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.



## Wednesday Vespers

*Jesus isn't only the Lamb, but He is also the Good Shepherd. He gathers His people around the throne and hears them cry that "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" This innumerable host is gathered together by Jesus. As you behold this host, hear also the words of Jesus who cares for His people as a shepherd cares for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who gathers you in green pastures and by the still waters and who walks with you through the valley of the shadow of death. The truth that Jesus is the Good Shepherd pictured in the twenty-third psalm brings even greater joy to the heavenly celebration, and you share the great joy of God's saints today!*

Stand



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



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as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

# Wednesday Vespers

## PSALMODY

Psalm 23



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd;\*  
I | shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*  
He leads me beside still | waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul.\*  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;\*  
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my | enemies;\*  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup | overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days | of my life,\*  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Sit



## Wednesday Vespers

## BEHOLD A HOST, ARRAYED IN WHITE

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1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand  
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how  
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly

snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who  
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
 home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who

is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
 priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
 with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

# Wednesday Vespers

## Readings

### READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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*Following the reading*

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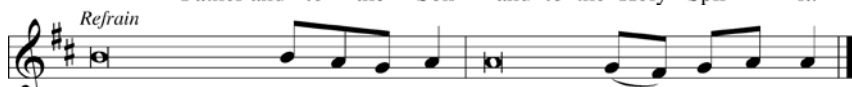
**G** Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORY

Psalm 86:11; Psalm 119:105



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

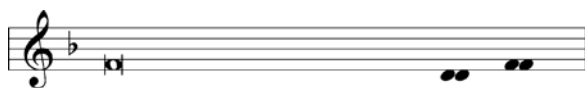


**G** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

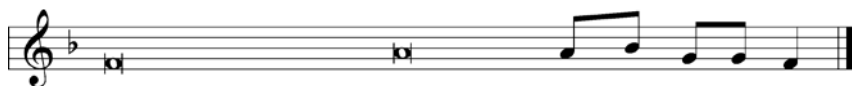
### SERMON

## Canticle

*Stand*



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



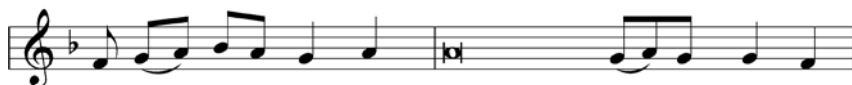
**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

### MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55



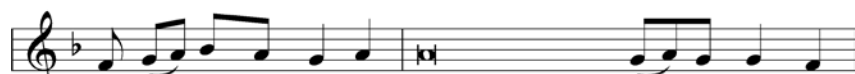
**G** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



## Wednesday Vespers



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless-ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



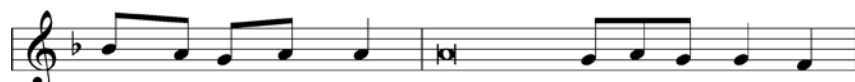
II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen-er-a-tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



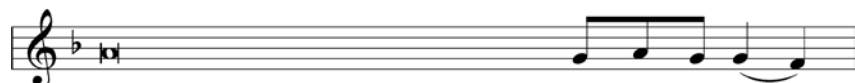
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



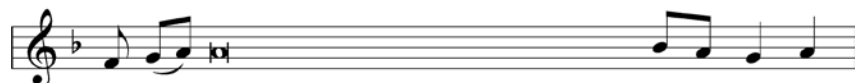
might-y from their thrones and has ex-alt-ed the low-ly.



I He has filled the hun-gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer-cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



G Glo-ry be 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.



# Wednesday Vespers

## KYRIE

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.

## COLLECTS



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect

**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.



**C** A - men.



## Wednesday Vespers

## BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14



**P** The grace of our Lord  $\text{✠}$  Je - sus Christ and the love of God



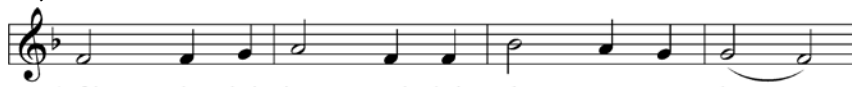
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

## OH, WHAT THEIR JOY

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1 Oh, what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
2 In new Je - ru - sa - lem joy shall be found,  
3 We, where no trou - ble dis - trac - tion can bring,  
△ 4 Now let us wor - ship our Lord and our King,



Those end-less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see!  
Bless - ings of peace shall for - ev - er a - bound;  
Safe - ly the an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
Joy - ful - ly rais - ing our voic - es to sing:



Crowns for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;  
Wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there;  
While for Your grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise  
Praise to the Fa - ther, and praise to the Son,



God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.  
Your bless - ed peo - ple shall ev - er - more raise.  
Praise to the Spir - it, to God, Three in One.

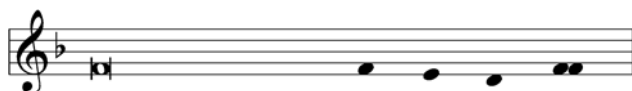
# Wednesday Evening Prayer

## Service of Light

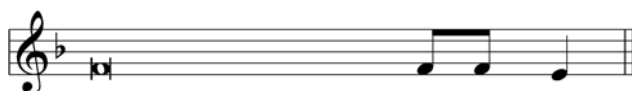
*The Lord has promised a new heaven and a new earth, full of peace and prosperity. No longer will children die shortly after childbirth, and the lives of God's people will not be cut short. Houses will be lived in by those who built them, not by those who take possession of a house after its builder died. The hungry wolf can be trusted next to the lamb, and the lion will peacefully eat grass. It almost sounds too good to be true. Almost. But since this is the infallible promise of God, it is true! As we sing about the hope of creation restored and a new Eden prophesied and the Tree of Life that gives comfort, rejoice that the peace of Christ does indeed dwell with you richly as you wait for that new heaven and new earth.*

*Stand and face the light at the rear of the sanctuary which represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.*

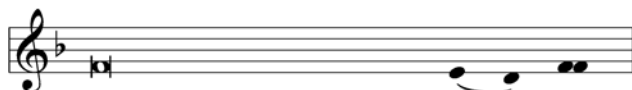
*Turn as the light passes you.*



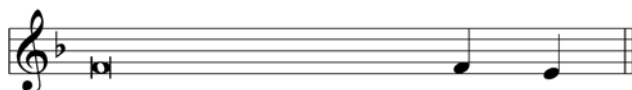
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



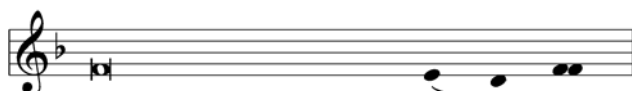
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

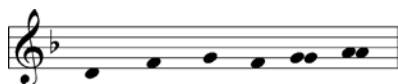


**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

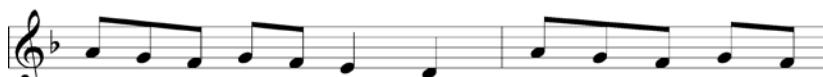


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## PHOS HILARON



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - sed 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.

## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

**L** Blessèd 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.



**C** A - men.

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Sit

## Psalmody

### PSALM 141

Psalm 141:1-4, 8

**C** 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. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

**I** 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.

**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



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

**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

*Psalms 3*



<sup>1</sup>O LORD, how many | are my foes!\*

Many are rising a- | gainst me;

<sup>2</sup>many are saying | of my soul,\*

there is no salvation for | him in God.

<sup>3</sup>But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,\*

my glory, and the lifter | of my head.

<sup>4</sup>I cried aloud | to the LORD,\*

and he answered me from his | holy hill.

<sup>5</sup>I lay | down and slept,\*

I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained  
me.

<sup>6</sup>I will not be afraid of many thousands of  
people\*

who have set themselves against me |  
all around.

<sup>7</sup>Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you

strike all my enemies | on the cheek;\*

you break the teeth of the | wicked.

<sup>8</sup>Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*

your blessing be on your | people!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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## WHAT HOPE! AN EDEN PROPHESED

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1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,  
3 As ban-ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam-ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

## Readings

### READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

**L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 65.

*Following the reading*

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.





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## CANTICLE

Stand


## MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55


*Refrain*




My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.




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,



1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

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## 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. The "Alleluia" and "To You, O Lord" responses are sung after the conclusion of the leader's petition.



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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 Matthew, our Synod President, 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 Donald, our President, 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.

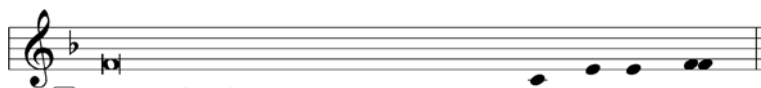
**L** For ... [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.



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The prayers then continue:



**L** For the faithful who have gone  
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

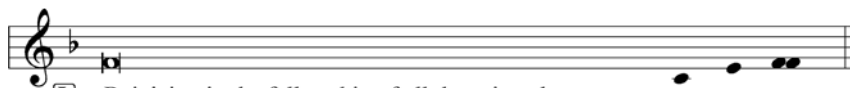


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



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



**C** To You, O Lord.

### 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.



**C** A - men.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

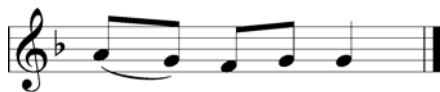
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1




**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.



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## TREE OF LIFE

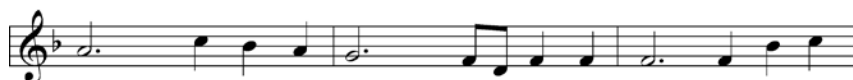
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1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a  
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
 eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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