February 24, 2021

Lent Mid-Week Worship

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Online Guest Form

Our Lenten Series:

Running Away from God?

February 17 – Adam and Eve
February 24 – Jacob
March 3 – Moses
March 10 – Jonah
March 17 – Nicodemus
March 24 – Rich Young Man
Maundy Thursday, April 1 – The Good Samaritan
Good Friday, April 2 – Jesus' First Disciples

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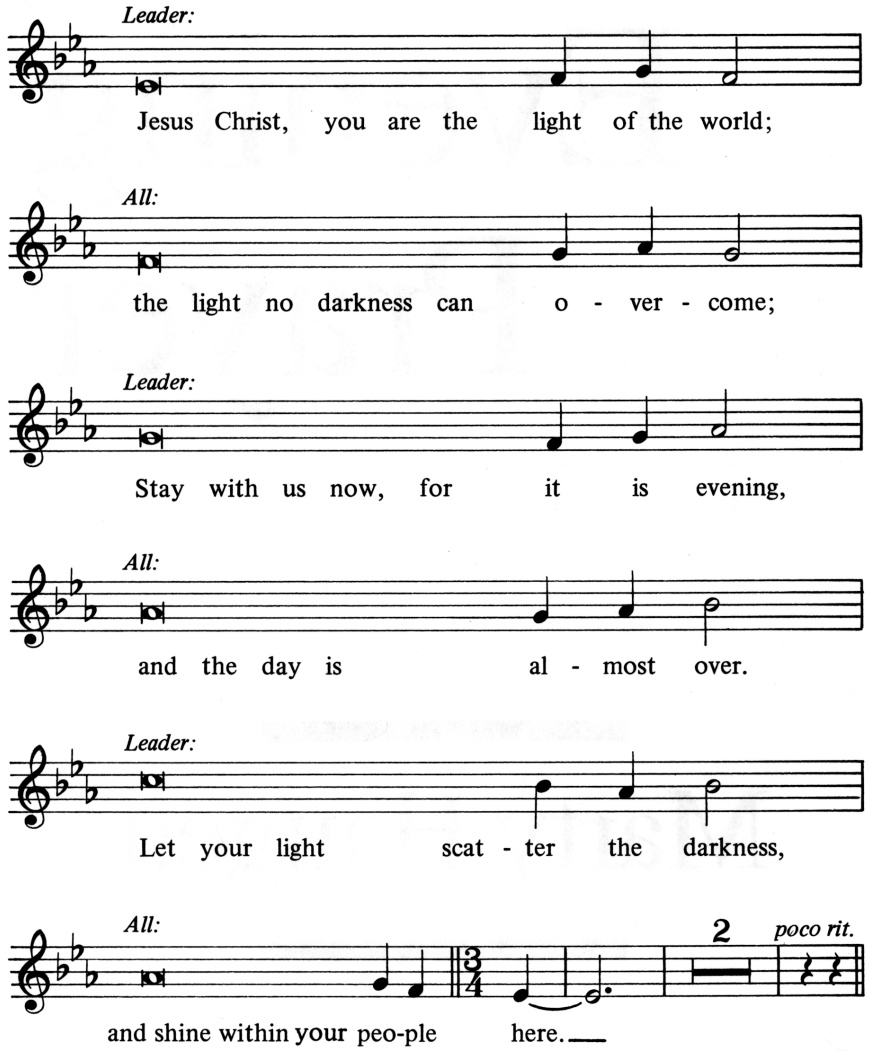
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Holden Evening Prayer

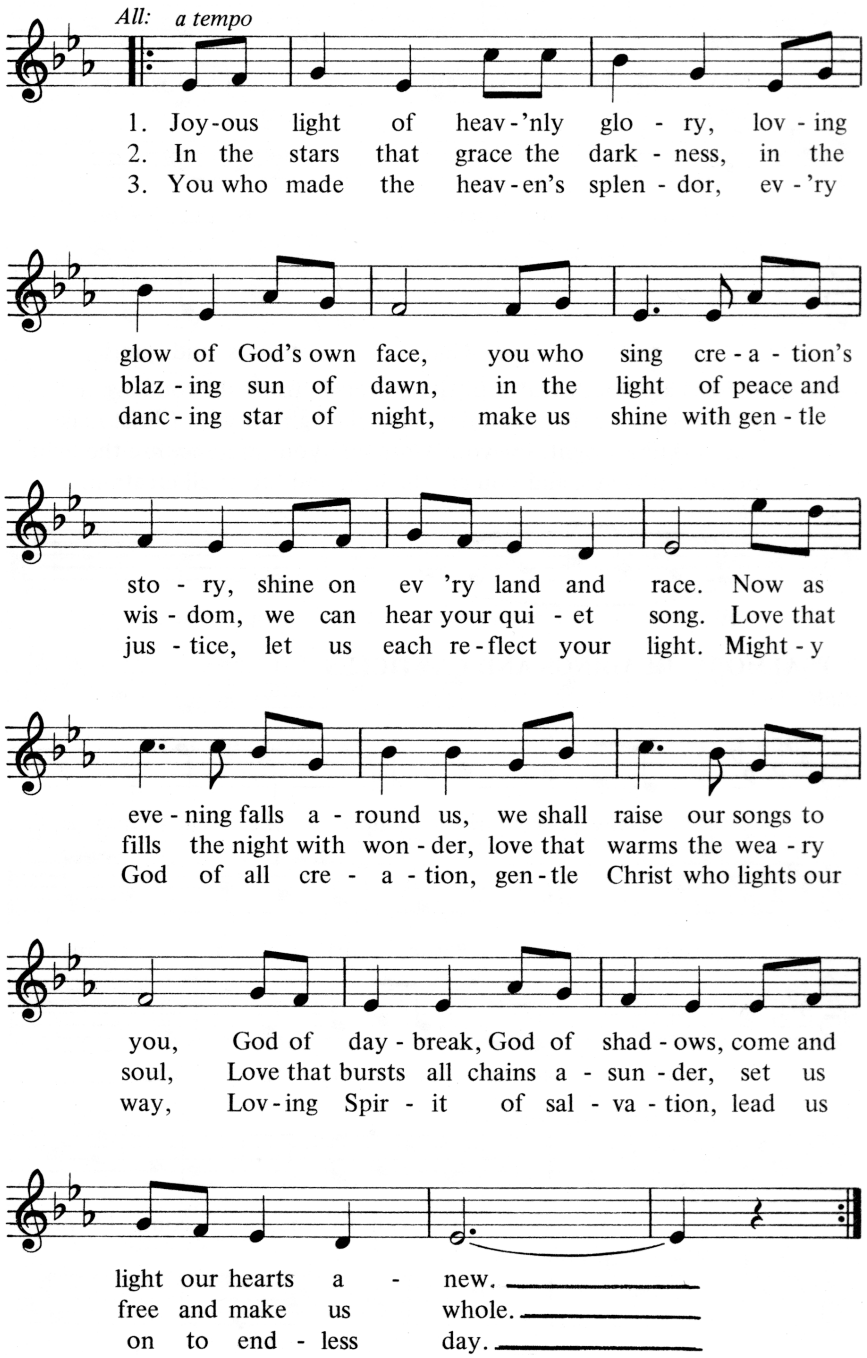
THE PRELUDE: *Largo* by J.S. Bach

THE INVOCATION

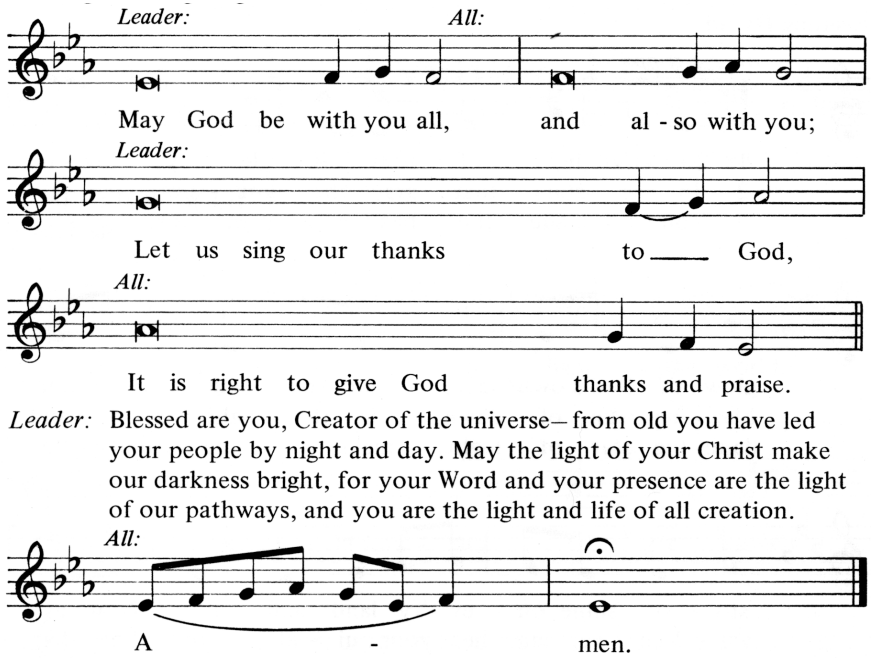
THE SERVICE OF LIGHT



EVENING HYMN: "Joyous Light of Heav'nly Glory"

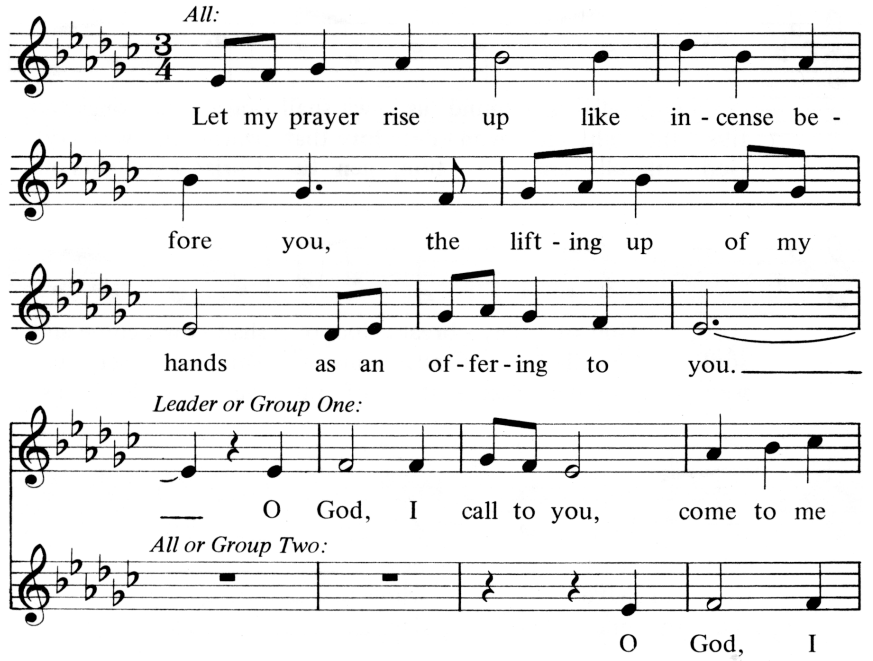


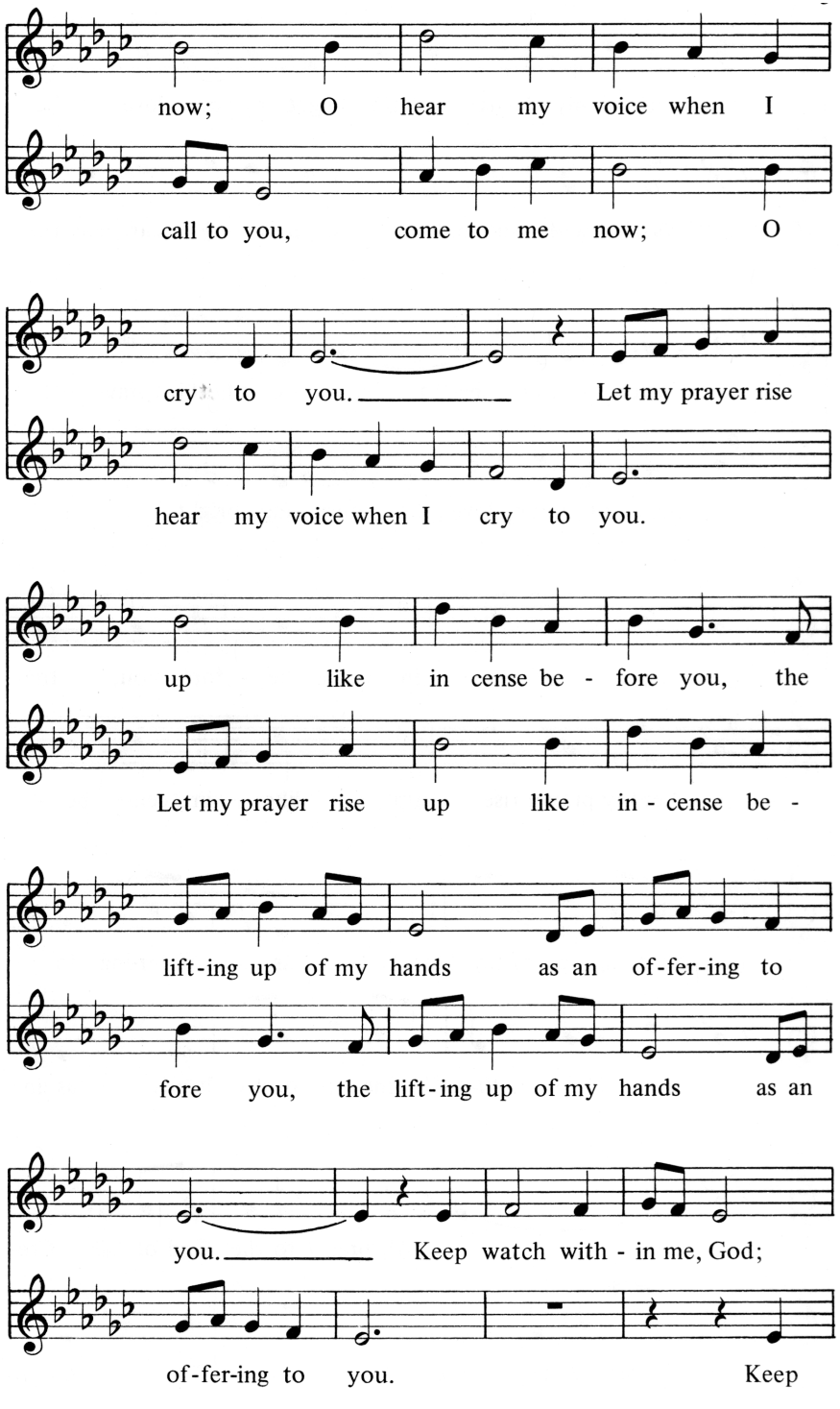
EVENING THANKSGIVING

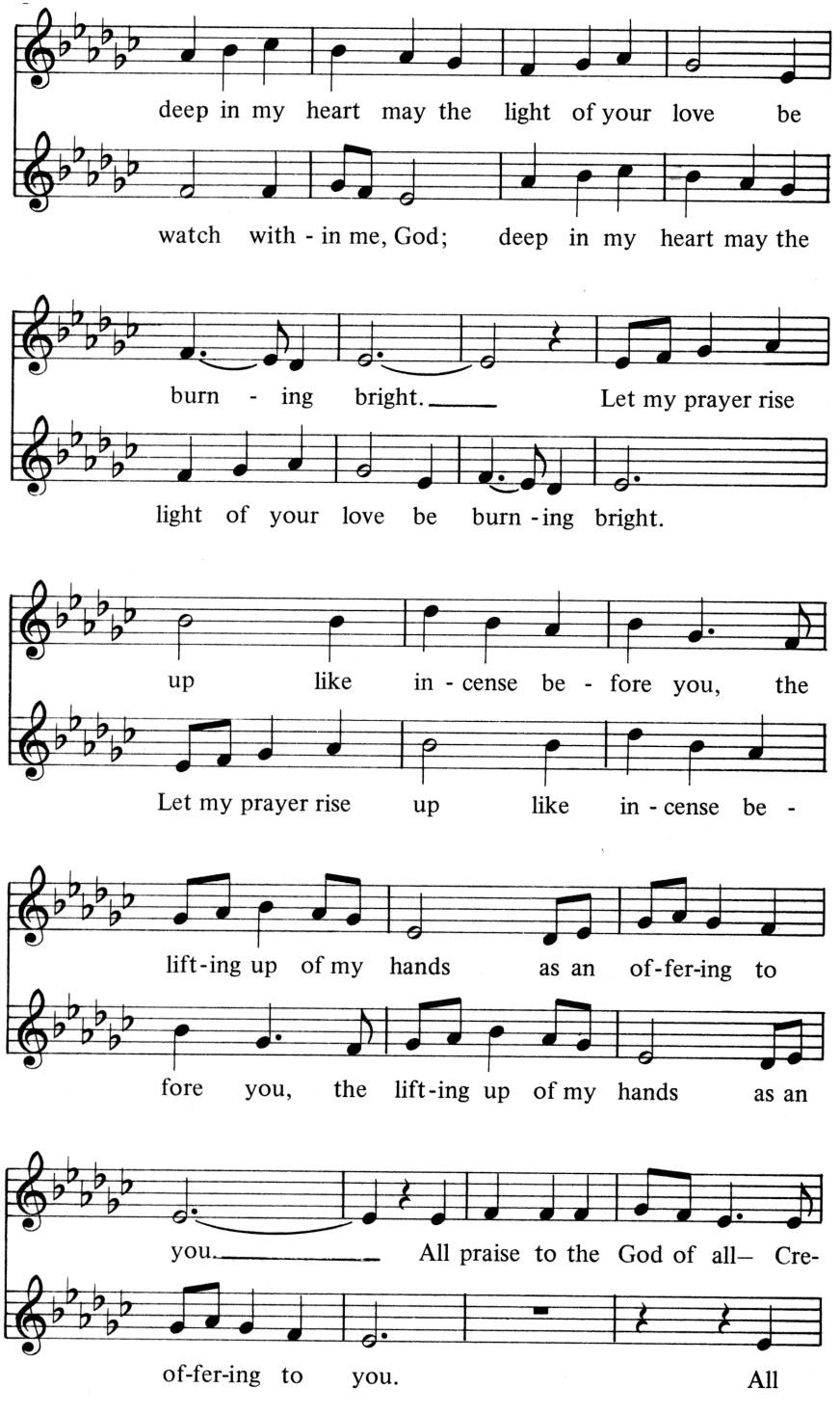


Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe– from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

PSALM 141: "Let My Prayer Rise Up as Incense"




now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O
cry to you. Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.
up like in cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
you. Keep watch with - in me, God;
of-fer-ing to you. Keep


deep in my heart may the light of your love be
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the
burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise
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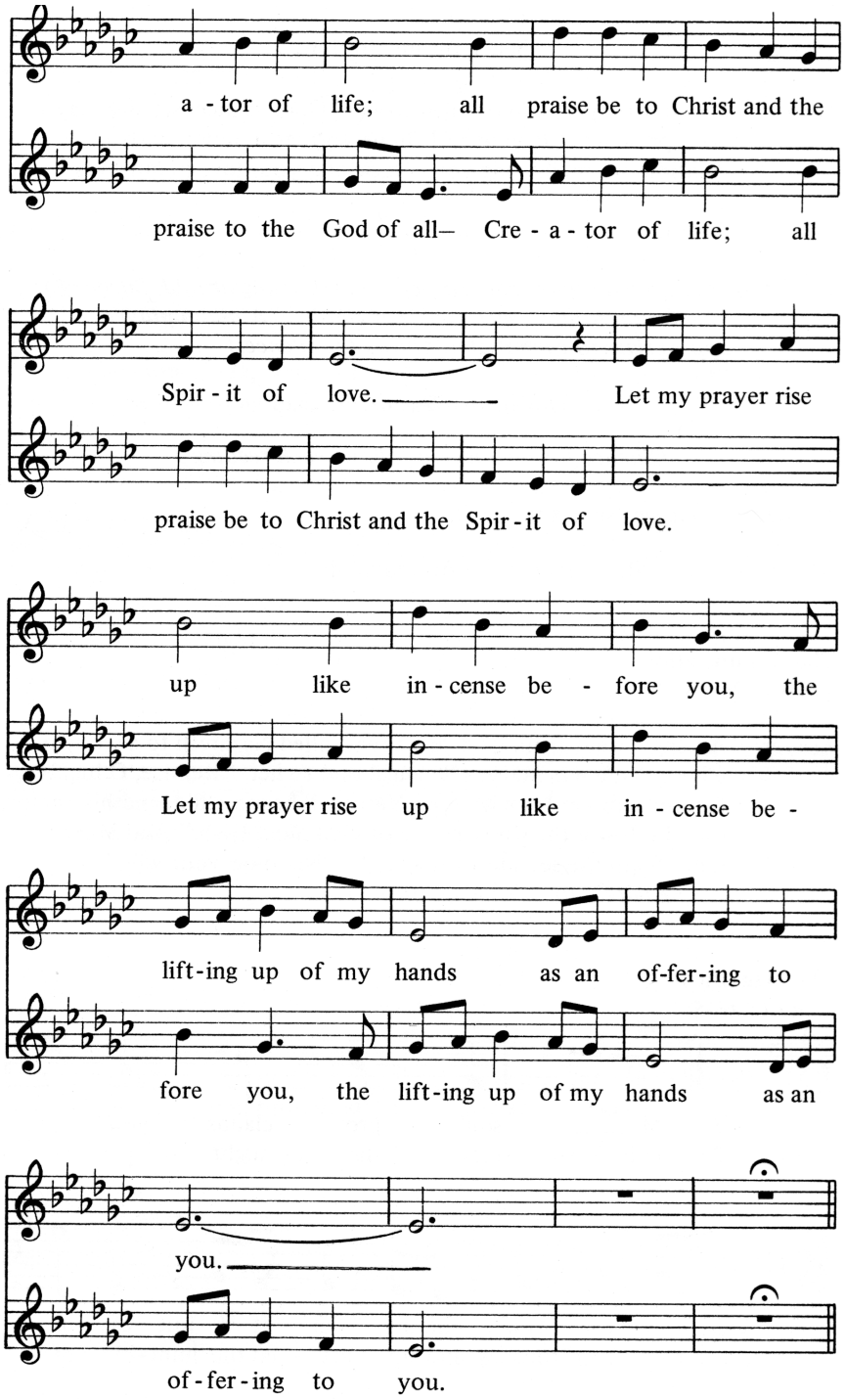


PRAYER

(silence for meditation)

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

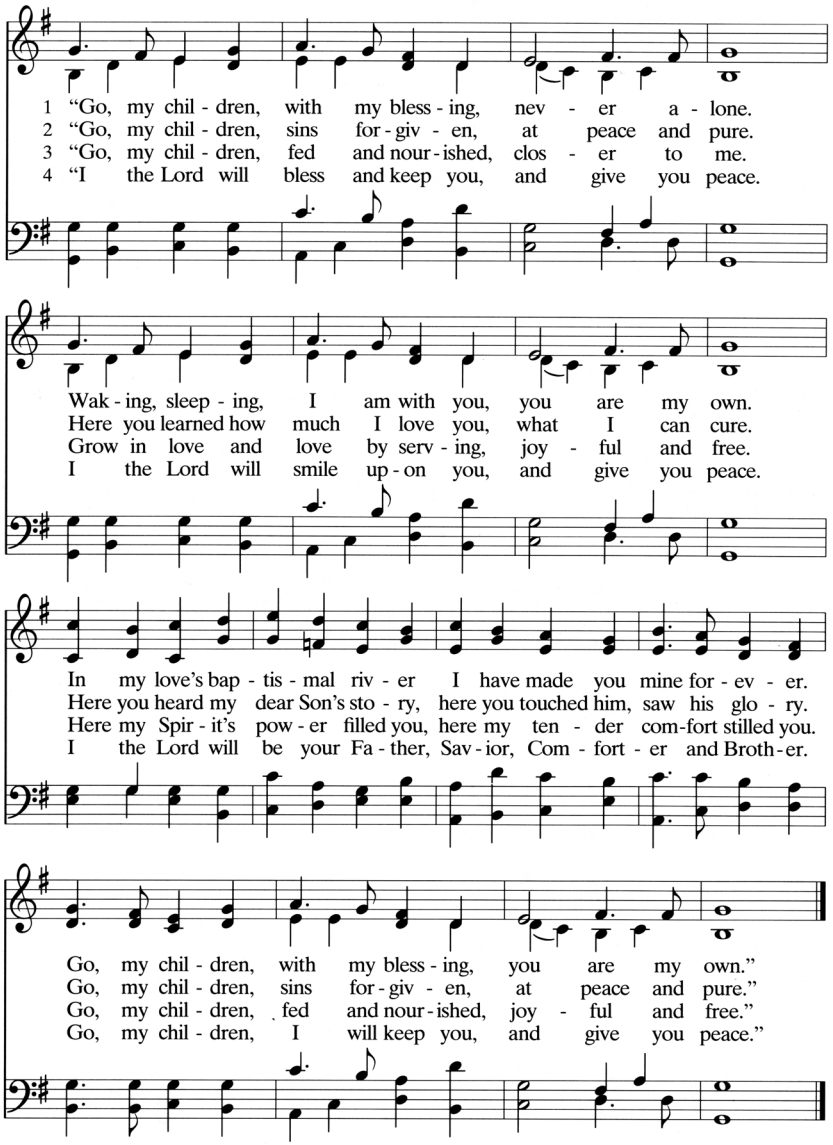
Amen

READING Genesis 32:3-12, 24-30

[3] Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of
Seir, the country of Edom, [4] instructing them, "Thus you shall say to
my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have lived with Laban
as an alien, and stayed until now; [5] and I have oxen, donkeys, flocks,
male and female slaves; and I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I
may find favor in your sight.'"
[6] The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother
Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with
him." [7] Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided
the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels,
into two companies, [8] thinking, "If Esau comes to the one company and
destroys it, then the company that is left will escape."
[9] And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father
Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your
kindred, and I will do you good,' [10] I am not worthy of the least of all
the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your
servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have
become two companies. [11] Deliver me, please, from the hand of my
brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come
and kill us all, the mothers with the children. [12] Yet you have said, 'I
will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the
sea, which cannot be counted because of their number.'"
[24] Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until
daybreak. [25] When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he
struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he
wrestled with him. [26] Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."
But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." [27] So he said
to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." [28] Then the
man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have
striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." [29] Then Jacob
asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you
ask my name?" And there he blessed him. [30] So Jacob called the place
Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is
preserved."

HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" *vs 1,2,4*

721 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



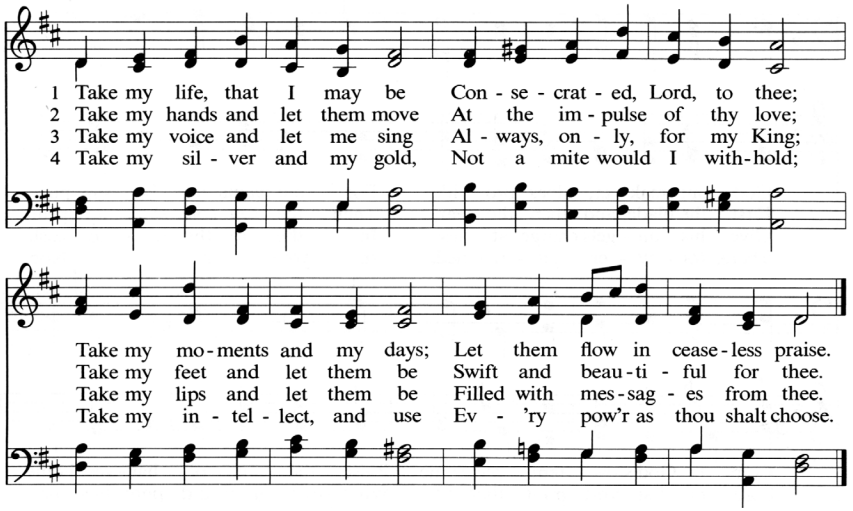
MEDITATION: *Running Away from God?:* Jacob

THE OFFERING

(Offerings designated as Lent offerings benefit Davidson Farms Cottage Homes)

THE OFFERTORY: "Take My Life, that I May Be" vs 1,6

Take My Life, that I May Be 406



6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

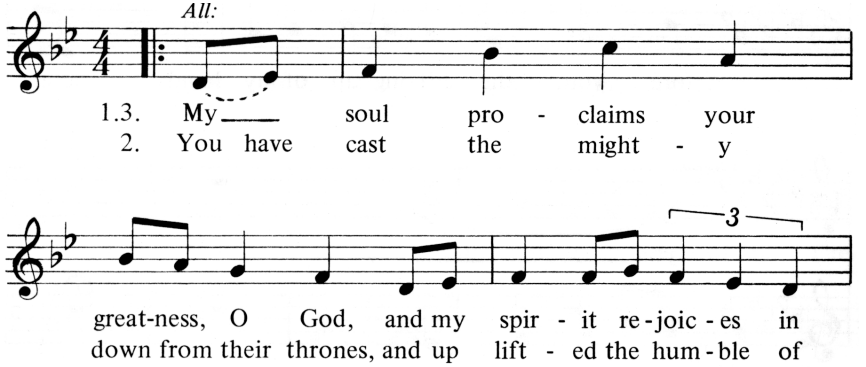
The light shines in the darkness

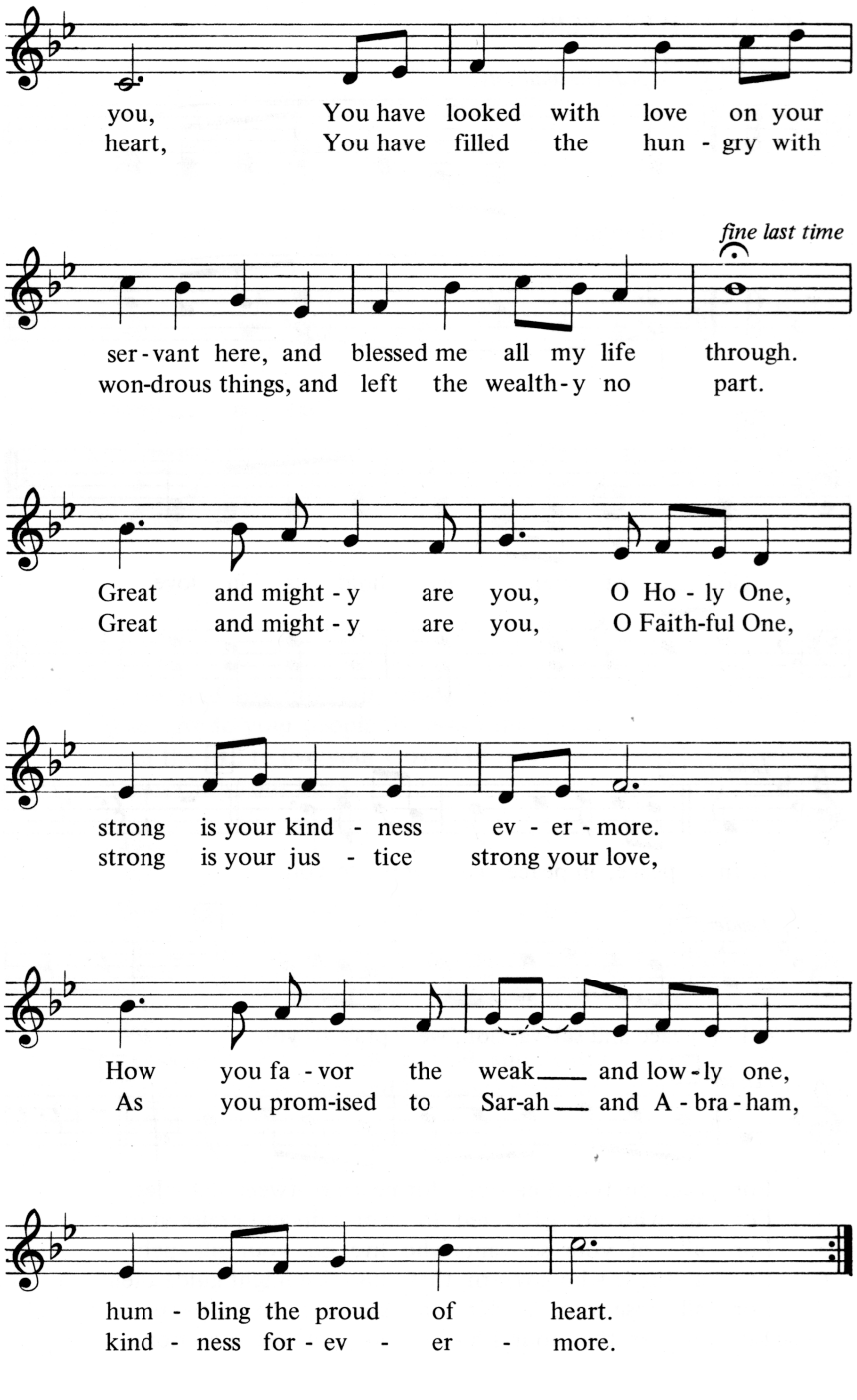
And the darkness has not overcome it.

THE ANNUNCIATION & THE MAGNIFICAT

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

THE MAGNIFICAT





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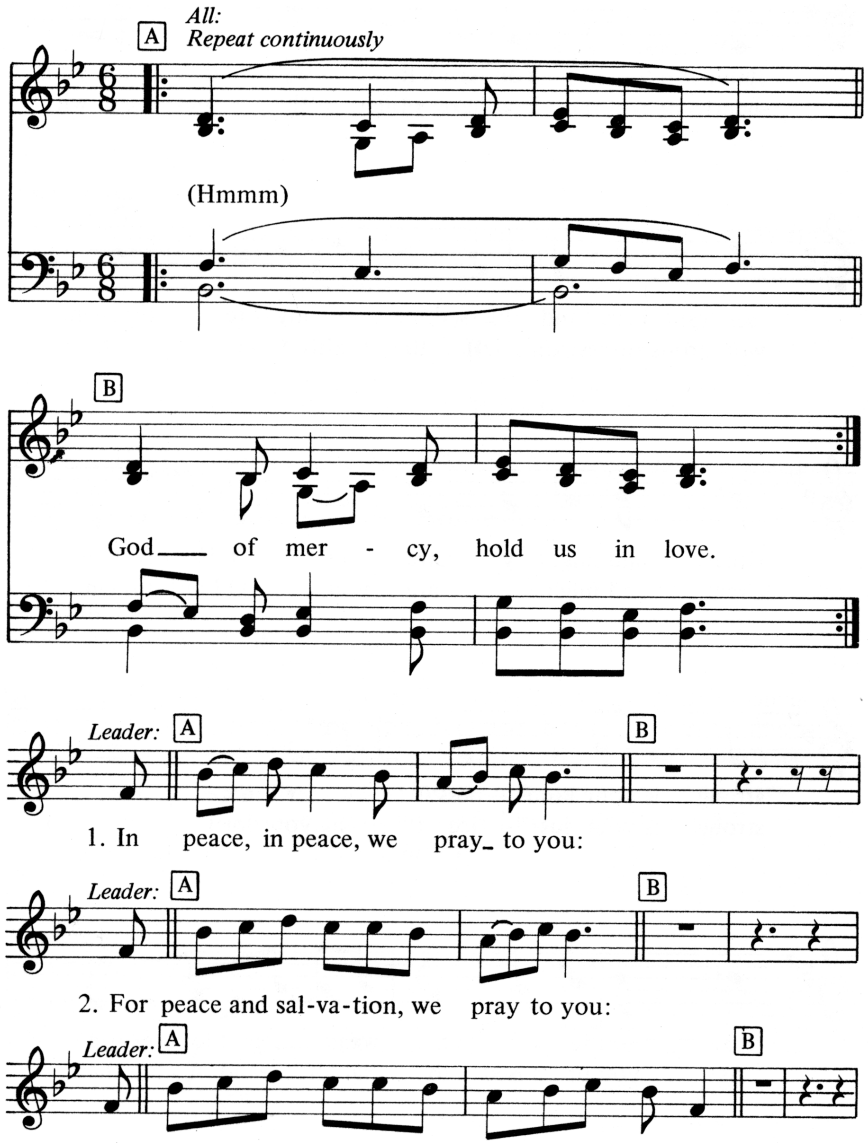
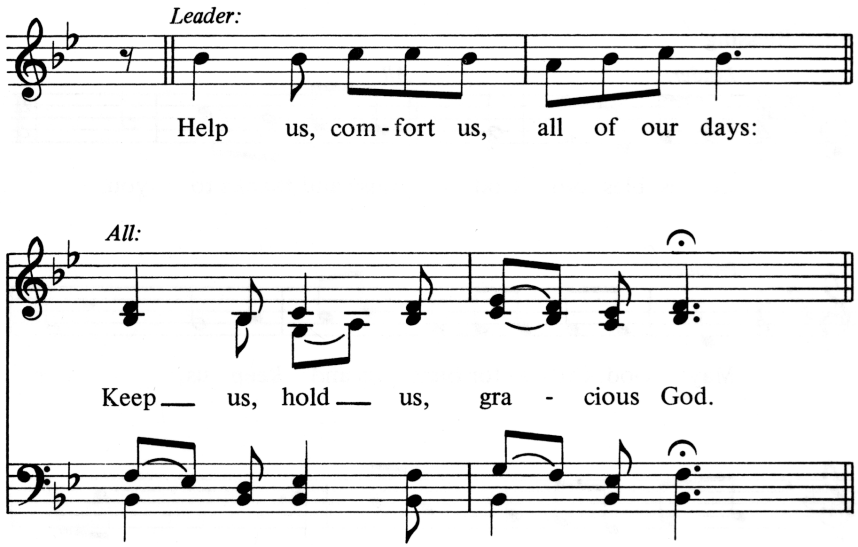


3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:



PRAYERS

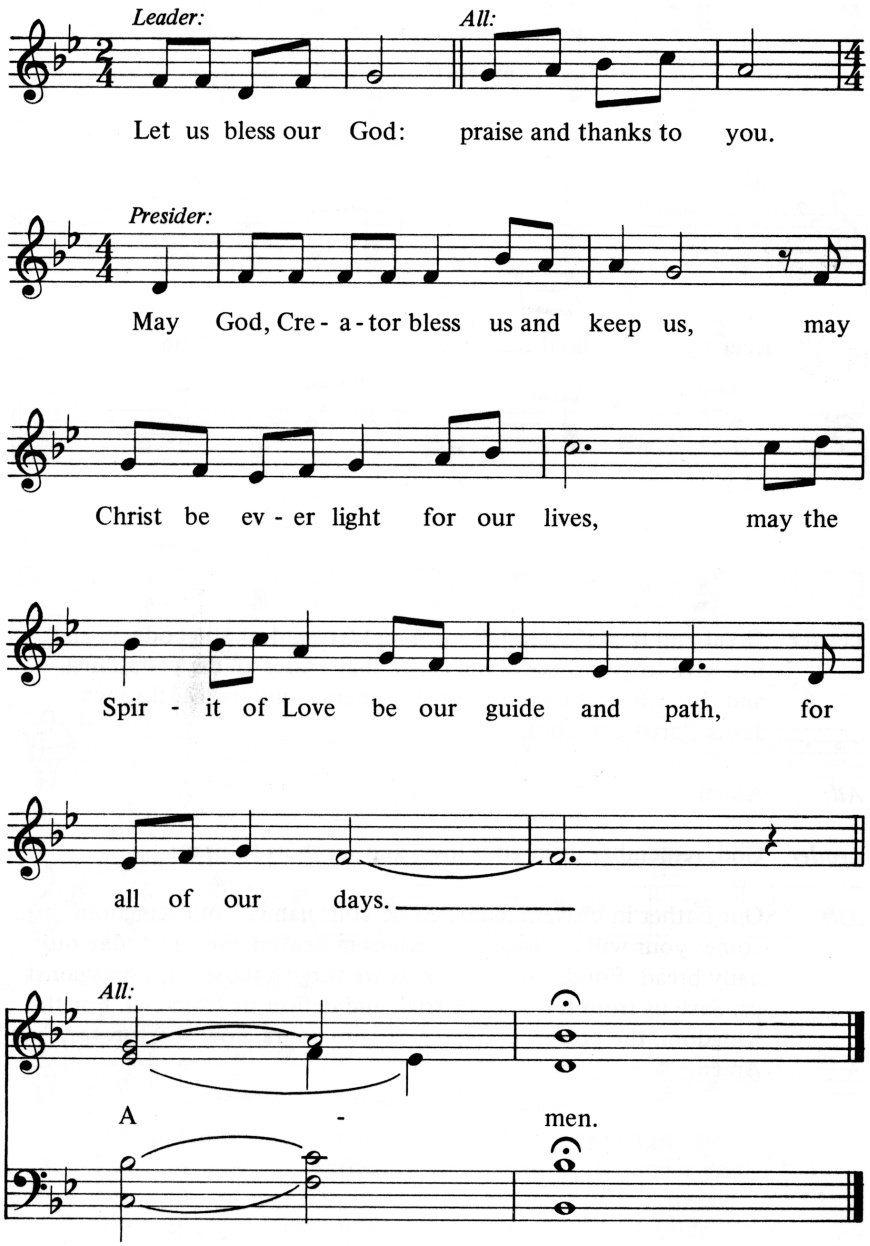
Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

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

FINAL BLESSING



THE POSTLUDE: *The God of Abraham Praise*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVESTREAM LENTEN WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.
Worship online following link provided at https://mlutheran.org. The livestream will be available as a recording also.

LENT OFFERINGS
Lent midweek offerings will go to Davidson Farms Cottage Homes project, unless otherwise designated:
https://www.kidstolove.org/davidson-farms

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER BOOKLETS
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