

March 13, 2024

Lent Midweek Worship

7:00 p.m. Service



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Lenten Mid-Week Worship

Wednesdays on March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at

12:00 PM (Service of the Word)

7:00 PM* (Holden Evening Prayer Service)

Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:30 PM | Parish Hall

March 1, 8, 22, & 29

Soup Makers and Volunteers Needed

Sign up at Welcome Center

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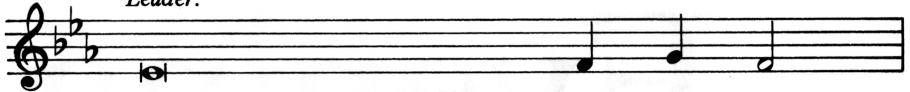
SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Holden Evening Prayer

THE PRELUDE

THE INVOCATION

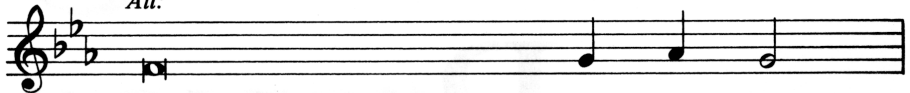
THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Leader:



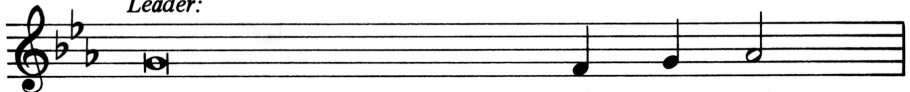
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



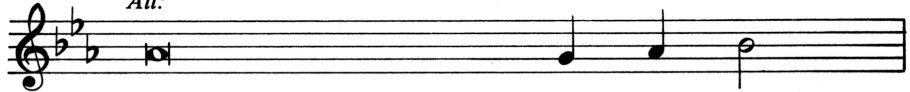
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



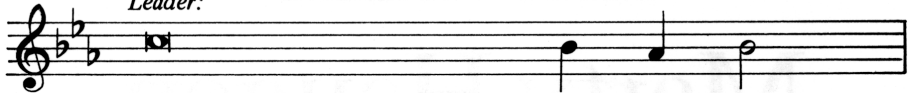
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

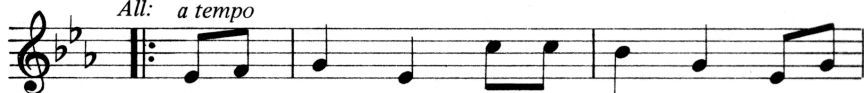
All:



and shine within your peo-ple here. —

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

All: *a tempo*



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



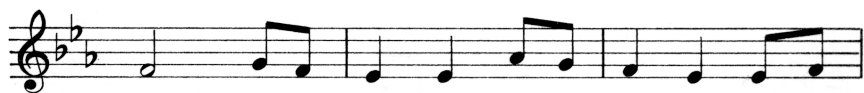
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



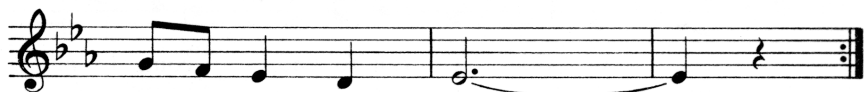
sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

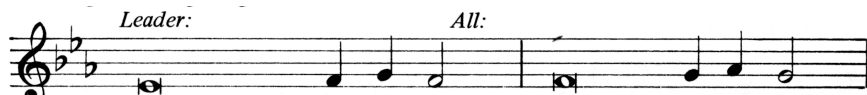


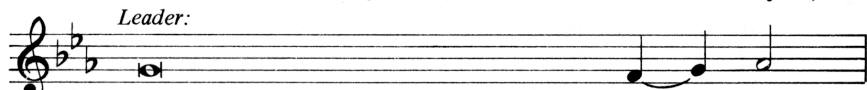
you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

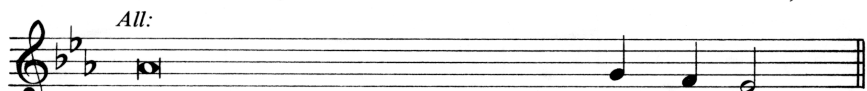


light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

EVENING THANKSGIVING

Leader:  *All:*
 May God be with you all, and al - so with you;


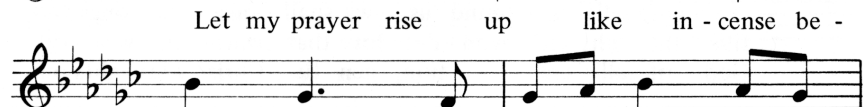
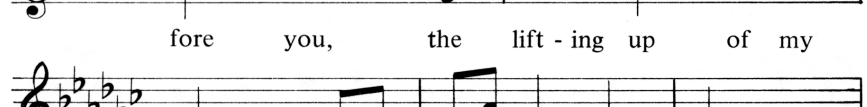
Leader: 
 Let us sing our thanks to — God,


All: 
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

All: 
 A - men.

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

All: 
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

 fore you, the lift - ing up of my

 hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

Leader or Group One: 
 — O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two: 
 O God, I

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
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

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. All praise to the God of all- Cre-
of-fer-ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
 praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love. ————— Let my prayer rise
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

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. —————
 of - fer - ing to you.

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

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

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

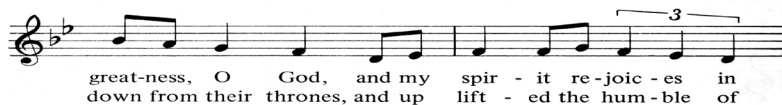
The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55


All:



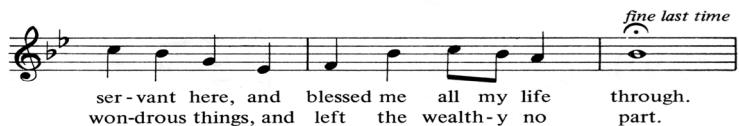
1.3. My soul pro-claims your
2. You have cast the might-y



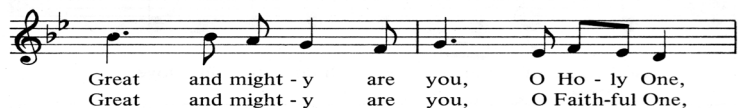
great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in
down from their thrones, and up lift-ed the hum-ble of



you, heart, You have looked with love on your
You have filled the hun-gry with



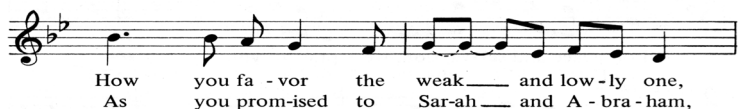
fine last time
ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.



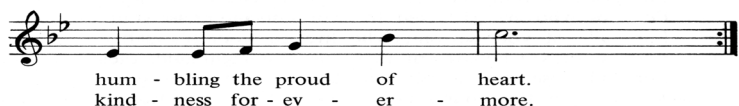
Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,
Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,



strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more.
strong is your jus-tice strong your love,



How you fa-vor the weak and low-ly one,
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah and A-bra-ham,



hum-bling the proud of heart.
kind-ness for-ev-er more.

THE LITANY

A *All:*
Repeat continuously

(Hmmm)

B

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A**

B

1. In peace, in peace, we pray_ to you:

Leader: **A**

B

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A**

B

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:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

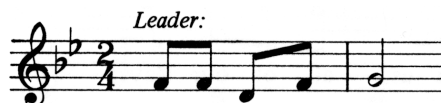
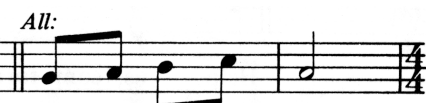
PRAYERS

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.

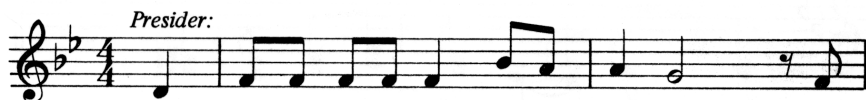
God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**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

Leader:  *All:* 


Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider: 


May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____

All: 

A - men.



THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT OFFERINGS

Lent midweek offerings unless otherwise designated will go to the MLC's Kit Ministry and to New Futures, Huntsville.

SOUP MAKERS & KITCHEN LEADS

needed for Lenten Soup Suppers this Wednesday. Sign up using the SignUP Genius page on mlutheran.org or at the Welcome Center. POC Kari Pitchko

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Towels 27 x 52 Dark FOOD PANTRY Cans of Soup

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

“Learning from the Tempter”

A series of satirical dialogs based on C.S. Lewis’

“Screwtape Letters”

March 13 - Marooned

March 20 - Prowde Spirits

Past Lenten services are available for viewing on www.mlutheran.org and MLC's YouTube Channel

+ HOLY WEEK +

Sunday, March 24 - Palm / Passion Sunday

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM*, Easter Egg Hunt for Children 9:45 AM

March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Services at Noon & 7 PM* with the Lord's Supper

March 29 - Good Friday Tenebrae

Services at 7 PM*

March 31 - Resurrection Sunday / Easter

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 AM*,

Easter Breakfast - MLC Youth Fundraiser

9:00 - 11:30 AM