

Evening Prayer

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Opening Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

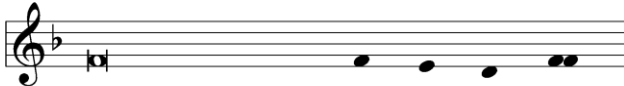
Stanza 2 – Choir Only

1. Come, Christians, join to sing,
Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia, Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia, Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia, Amen!
3. Praise yet the Lord again;
Alleluia, Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia, Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more,
Alleluia, Amen!

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Stand

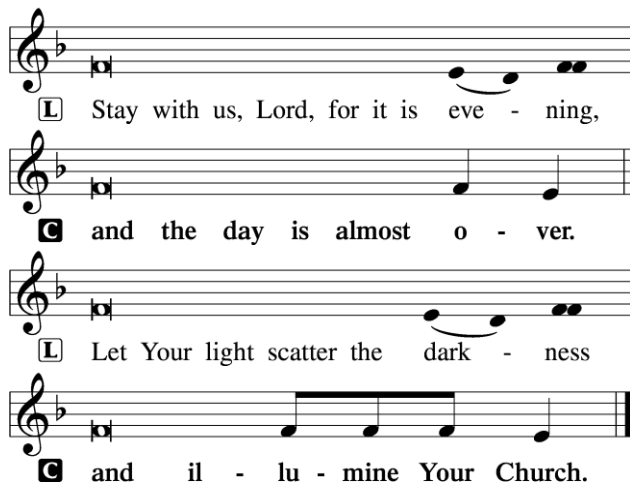
Versicles



L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



G the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



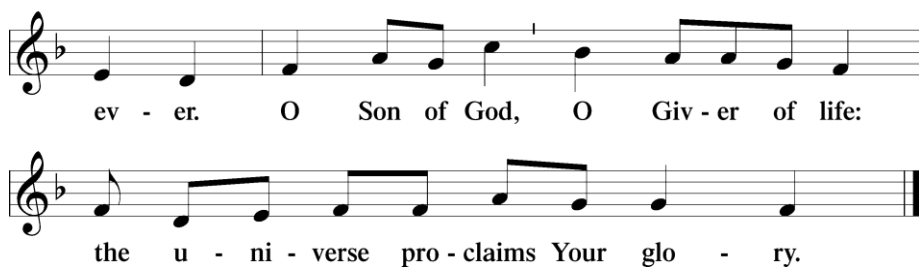
L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,
C and the day is almost o - ver.
L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness
C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron

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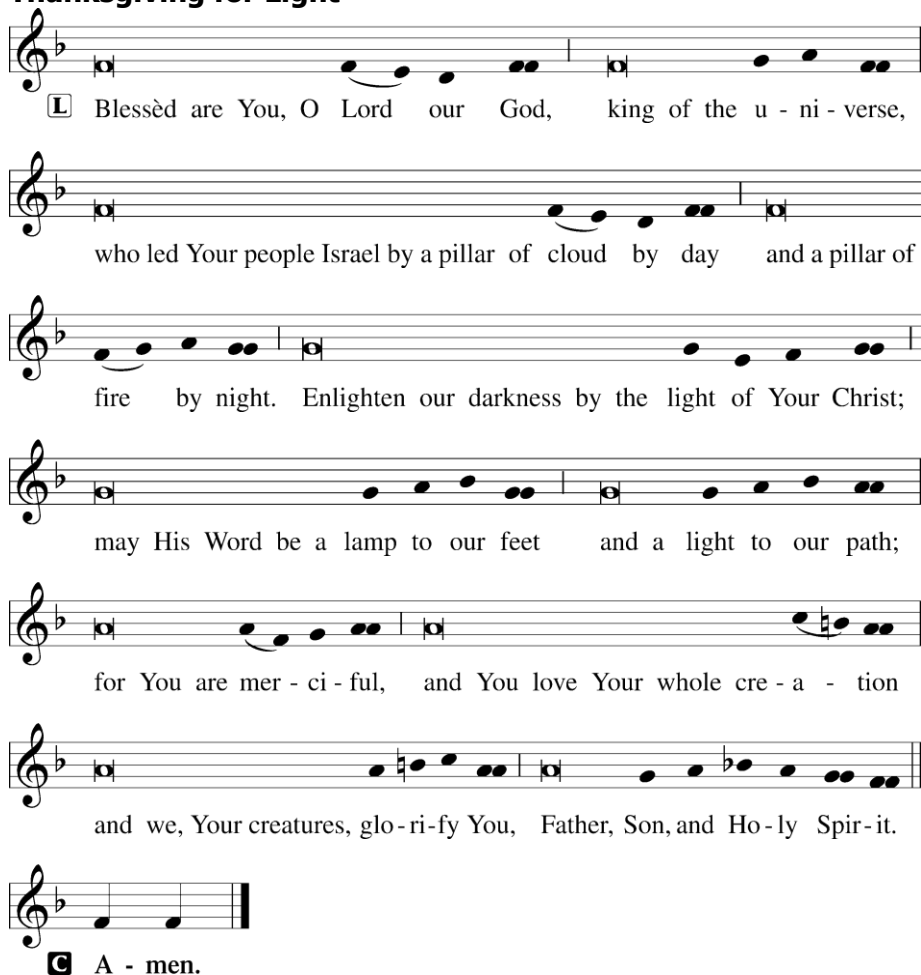


L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:
C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,
 bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the
 set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.
 We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:
 You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



Thanksgiving for Light

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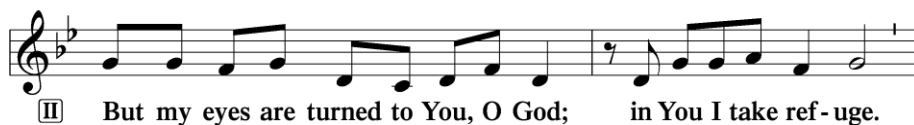
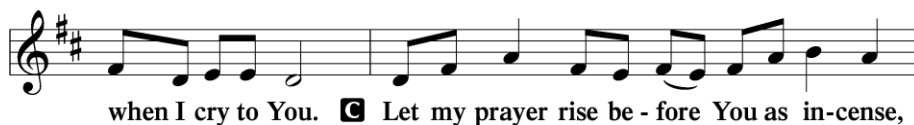
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Psalm 141

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I – Pulpit

II – Lecturn

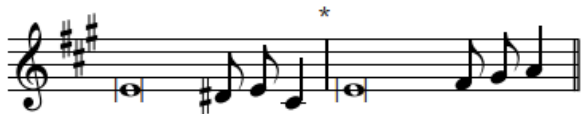




Strip me not of my life. [C] Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Psalm

Psalm 84



- L How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!
- C My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts | of the LORD;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the | living God.**
- L Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King | and my God.
- C Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!**

L Blessed are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

**C As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a | place of springs;*
the early rain also covers | it with pools.**

L They go from | strength to strength;*
each one appears before God in | Zion.

**C O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!**

L Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | noointed!

**C For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.**

L For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk up- | rightly.

**C O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!**

**ALL 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.**

Office Hymn

645 Built on the Rock

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on

your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord – Craig Courtney

Reading

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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

“Confessing a One-in-Three Creed” (Ephesians 4:4-6)

Stand

Hymn

644 The Church’s One Foundation

1 The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

Rite of Commemoration

P Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, for they were created by God to give Him praise and worship forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people in His Holy Supper, and in His mercy has now summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

P I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

C And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (*Job 19:25-26*)

P I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

C And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. (*Jn 11:25-26*)

*Rev Edwin Bek + Rev Richard Boeck + Rev Dale Boening + Rev John Breitwisch +
Rev John Brogaard + Rev Douglas Corniels + Rev Carl Egloff + Rev Daniel Heinert
+ Rev Thomas P Hintz + Rev Wolf Knappe + Rev Willard Krueger +
Rev John Leider +*

P I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Tim 4:7-8)

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Ps 23:6)

*Rev Julius Manteufel + Rev Gilbert Mueller + Rev Robert Novotney + Rev Donald
Oldenburg + Rev Arthur Oswald + Rev Thomas Piel + Rev William Redeker +
Rev Charles Reehl + Rev Gary Schockman + Rev William Wagner + Rev John Wille
+ Rev William Wurm +*

P My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

C I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

P Precious in the sight of the Lord

C is the death of His saints. (Ps 116:15)

*Willard Bellin + Ruth Braatz + Jeanette Brockdorf + Arlene Hauser + Albert Jenks
+ David Jording + Jayne Kersten +*

P For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

C So then, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (*Rom 14:7-8*)

*Harold Kinas + Mary Korte + Dale Loomans + Krista Parker + Marlene Rahn +
Karl Roeske +*

P Let us pray... Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Litany

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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 and Eric, 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, 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, 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.

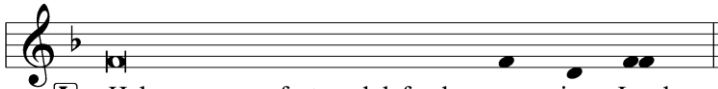
The prayers then continue:



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

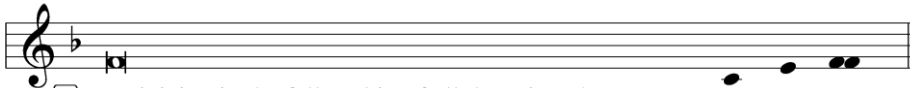


C Al - le - lu - ia.



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.

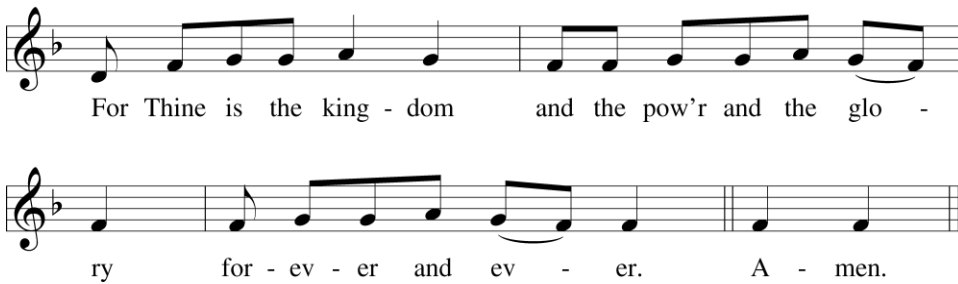
C Amen.

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

957 Our Father Who Art in Heaven - I

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

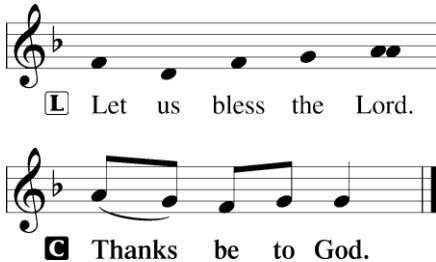
The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,'. The second staff continues: 'Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as'. The third staff continues: 'it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly'. The fourth staff continues: 'bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give'. The fifth staff continues: 'those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -'. The sixth staff concludes: 'to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.'



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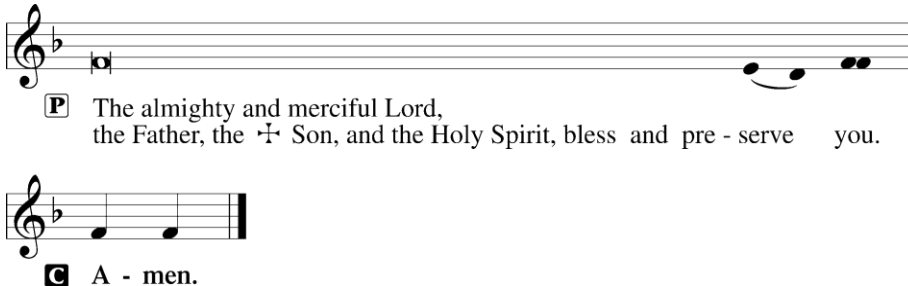
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Benediction

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Closing Hymn

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past – Paul O. Manz

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