

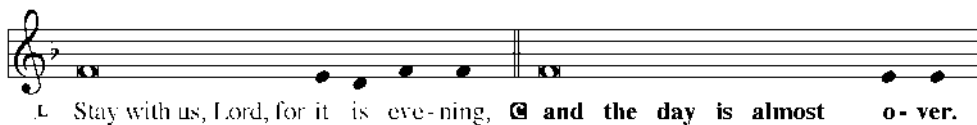
Vespers Lent 3
March 23, 2022 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, the people stand as the lighted candle is carried into the nave.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Versicles

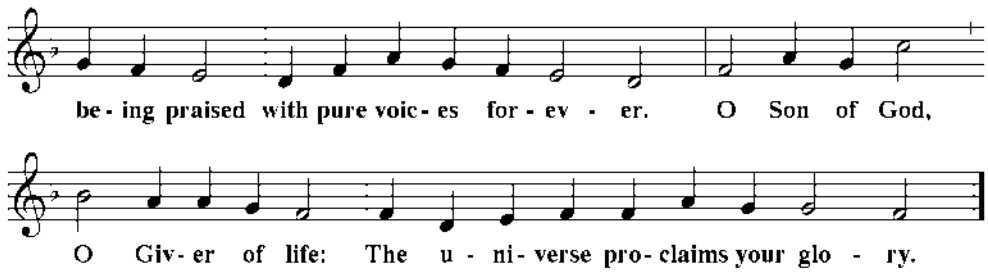


Phos Hilaron

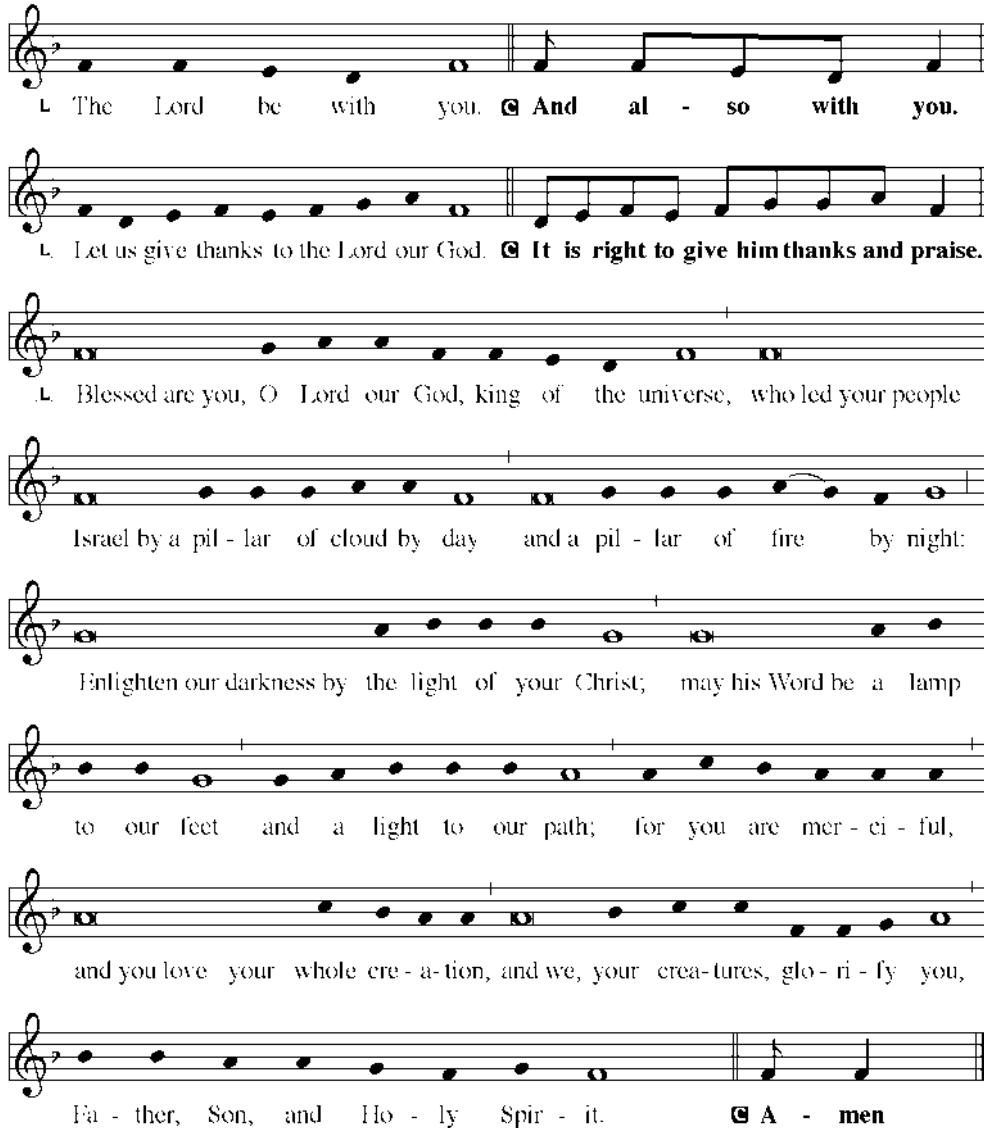
Joyous Light of Glory



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Thanksgiving for Light

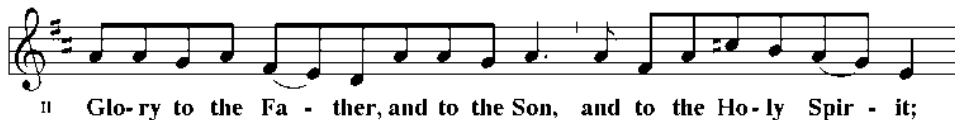


Sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 141

Sung by all



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Silence for meditation.

PSALM PRAYER

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon 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 and ever.

Amen

PSALM 23 *Sung by Cantor*

- 1 The LORD | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.
- 3 He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever, for your name's sake.

Amen

Stand
EVENING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (LBW 481)



- 1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
- 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
- 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
- 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

READING Luke 15:4-7

⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

HOMILY

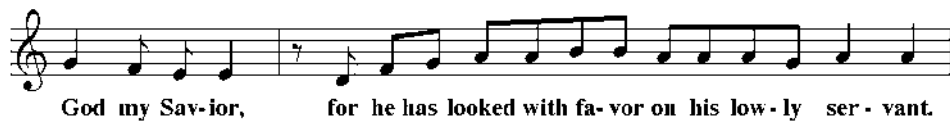
Rev. Tom McKee

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Magnificat

Sung by all



He has come to the help of his ser- vant Is - ra - el,
 for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy, the prom-ise he
 made to our fa- thers, to A- bra- ham and his chil- dren for- ev- er.
 Glo- ry 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

THE LITANY

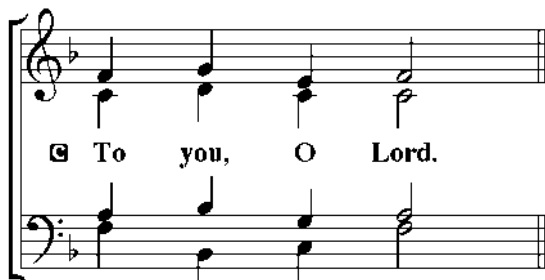
1. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 2. Lord, have mer - cy.

Following each petition the congregation responds singing “Lord, have mercy.”

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for meditation

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



PRAYER FOR PEACE

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 the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen

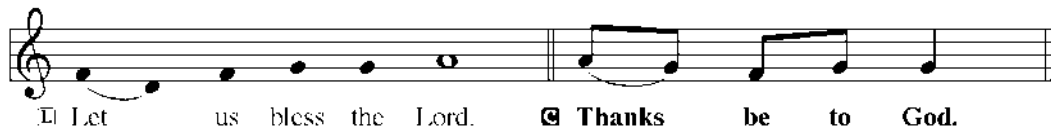
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

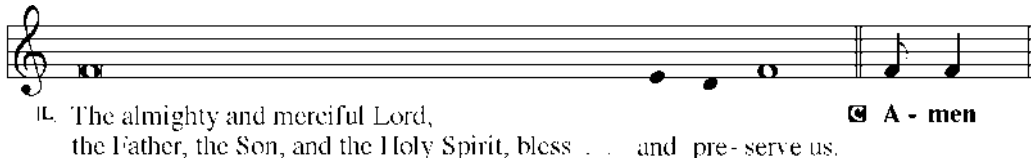
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *A brief silence is kept.*



BLESSING



POSTLUDE