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Order of Evening Prayer

Service of Preparation

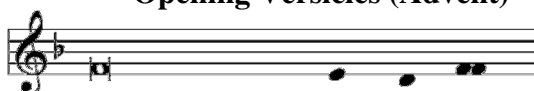
(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

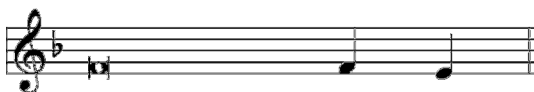
(At the conclusion of the Ringing of the Bells, the congregation stands)

Service of Light

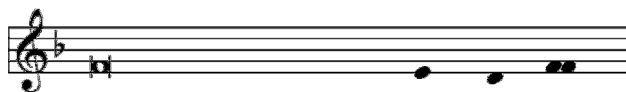
Opening Versicles (Advent)



L The Spirit and the Church cry out:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L The whole cre - a - tion pleads:

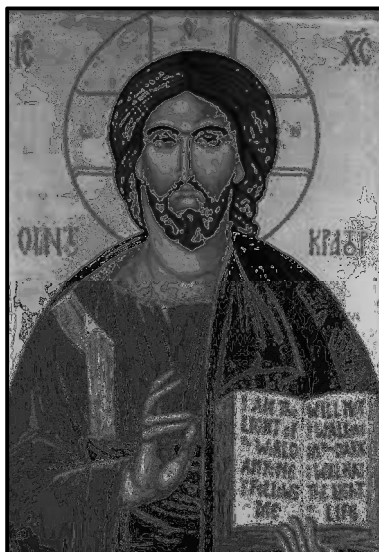


C Come, Lord Je - sus.

Phos Hilaron

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 -
ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.



Thanksgiving for Light

I Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,
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 mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion
and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

C A - men.

The musical score is written on seven staves. The first six staves correspond to the lyrics, and the seventh staff is for the 'A - men.' The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Sit

(In preparation for the prayers of the faithful, the pastor proceeds to the altar to light the incense)

Psalmody

Psalm 141 (**C** - Congregation; **I** and **II** - Soloist)

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

The musical score is written on three staves. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is more active than the previous piece, with lyrics placed below the notes.

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

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 Prayer

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.



be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

be gracious to me and | answer me!

My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, I do I seek.”

O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

but the LORD will | take me in.

and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.

in the land of the living!

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

and to the Holy | Spirit;

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

Office Hymn: 333 “Once He Came in Blessing”

1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,

Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

Readings From Holy Scripture

First Reading

Galatians 5:1-6

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Luke 11:29-36

²⁹When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater

than Solomon is here. ³²The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

³³“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. ³⁴Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. ³⁶If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.”

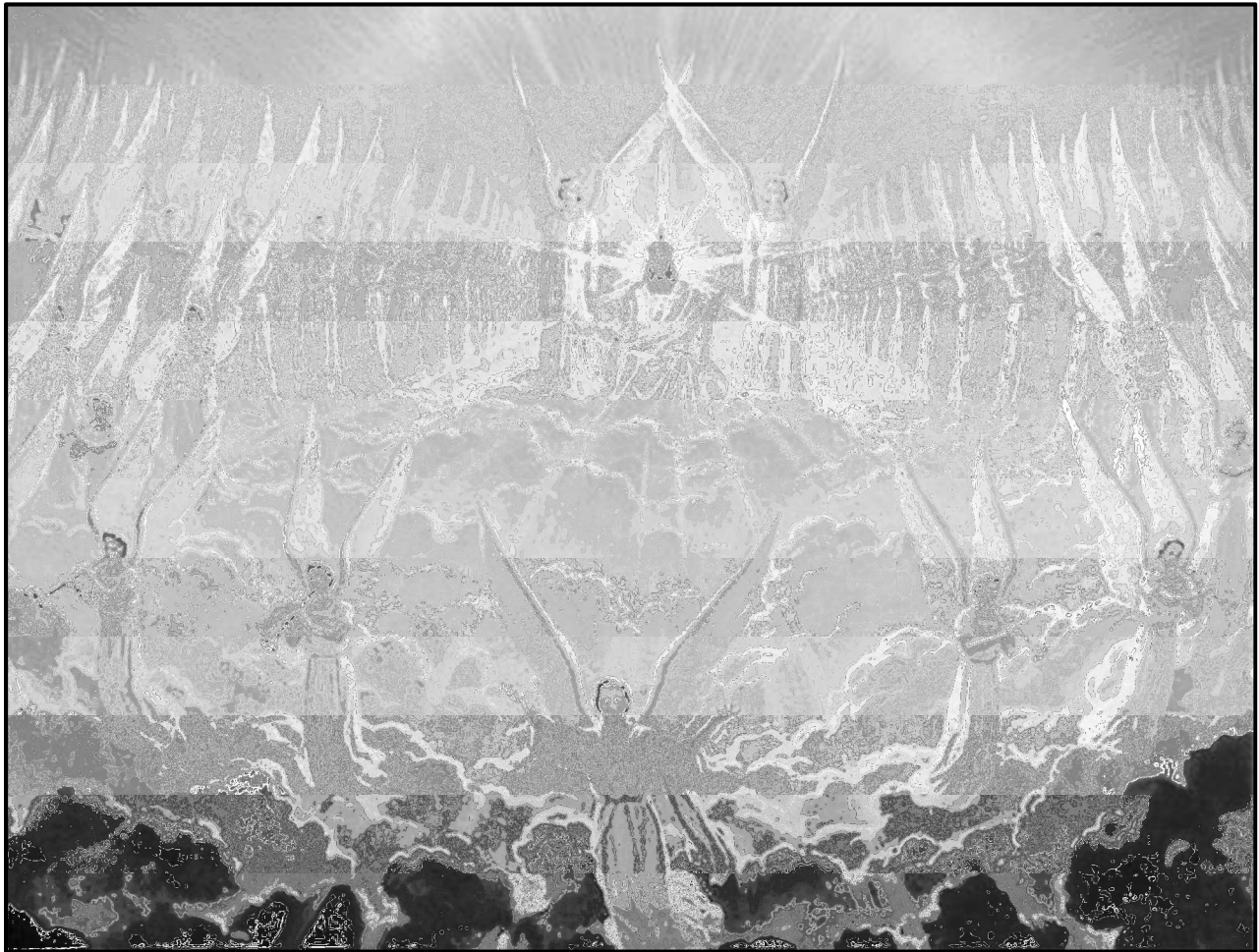
P O Lord, have mercy on us.

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.

Homily



Canticle

Stand

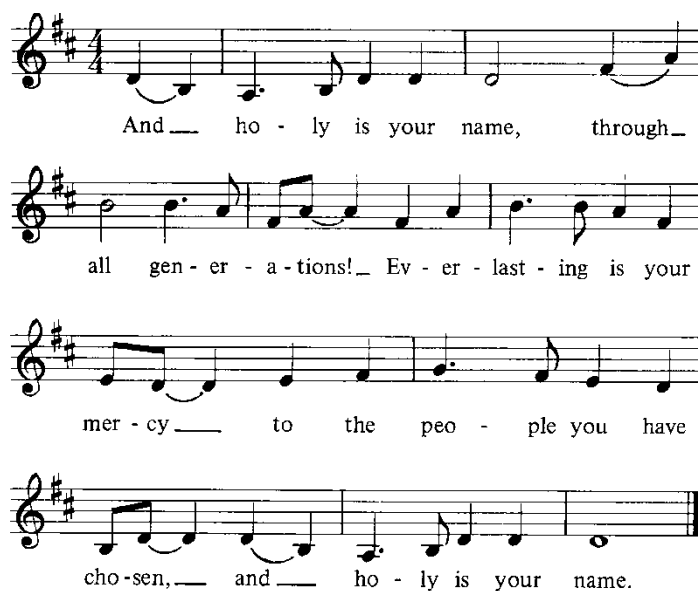
Magnificat ~ Holy Is Your Name

(Stanza 1: Soloist; Refrain and all other stanzas: Congregation)

1. My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Savior:
you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.

Refrain:

Holy Is Your Name, Scottish Traditional, Adapted by David Hass



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| 2. I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered,
for all will call me blessed.
(Refrain) | 4. To the hungry you give food,
send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen.
(Refrain) |
| 3. I proclaim the pow'r of God,
you do marvels for your servants;
though you scatter the proud hearted,
and destroy the might of princes.
(Refrain) | 5. In your love you now fulfill
what you promised to your people.
I will praise you Lord, my Savior,
everlasting is your mercy.
(Refrain) |

Sit

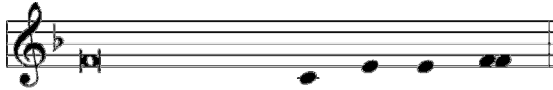
The Offering is gathered for the Lord's work

(If you have not done so already, please sign and share the Fellowship folders in the pews to assist us in keeping accurate attendance records. Thank you.)

Prayer

Stand

Litany




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 synodical president, for David our district president, for Thomas our pastor, and 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 Barack 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 all those who have requested our prayers, whom the Lord knows by name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

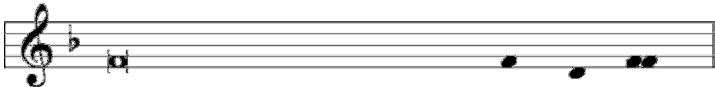
The prayers then continue:



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




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



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

Silence for individual prayer.



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 of the Week

- L** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

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.



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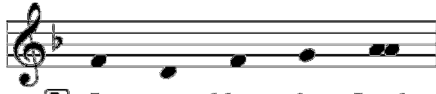
Lord's Prayer (*Chanted in monotone*)

P 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

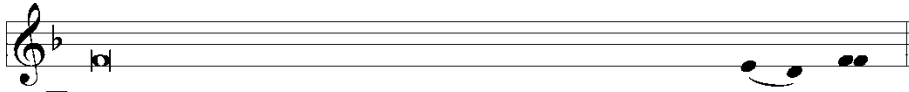


L Let us bless the Lord.



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.

The Congregation departs in silence.

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠