

God Is Here!

In your presence there is fullness of joy...

Psalm 16:11



EVENING PRAYER

✠ OPENING ✠

We gather in silence.

ABENDMUSIK

At the sound of the bell, we stand and face the candle in procession.

SERVICE OF LIGHT



☒ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, ☒ the light no darkness can over-come.



☒ Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning, ☒ and the day is almost o-ver.



☒ Let your light scat-ter the dark-ness, ☒ and illumine your Church.



☒ Joy-ous light of glo-ry: ☒ 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,

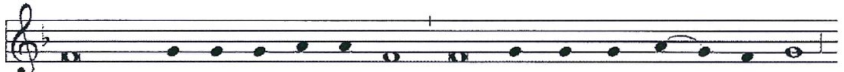



O Giv-er of life: The u-ni-verse pro-claims your glo-ry.


☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people


Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar 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 crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,


Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. ☑ A - men

We sit.



✠ PSALMODY ✠

PSALM 141

Women sing parts marked ❶. Men sing parts marked ❷.

All sing parts marked ❸.

❸ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

❶ O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

❷ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

❶ Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

❷ 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. ❶ But my eyes are

turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



III Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



I as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



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.

Silence for meditation is observed, then:

PSALM PRAYER

L 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.

C Amen.

SECOND PSALM

Silence for meditation is observed after the Psalm, followed by the Psalm Prayer.

✠ WORD ✠

We stand for the hymn.

HYMN

We sit.

READING

After the reading:

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOMILY/REFLECTION

Silence is observed, then:

- In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
- **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

We stand and sing.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in
God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.
From— this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.
The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.
He has mer-cy on those who fear— him in ev-ry gen-er-a-tion.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the might-y from their thrones, and has lift-ed up the low-ly.
He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way empty.
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 fore-bears,
 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.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

LITANY

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.

After each petition:

L ...let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

The litany continues:

- ☐ For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

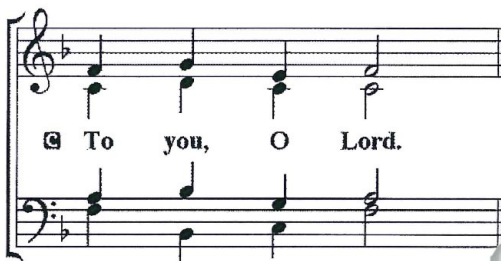


The litany concludes:

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

Silence is kept, then:

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



The following collect is prayed:

- ☐ O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works:
Give to us, your servants, the 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.**

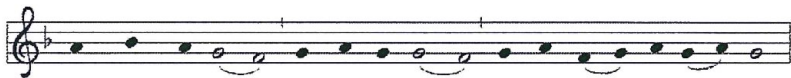
Other collects may follow.



☐ Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.



☐ Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



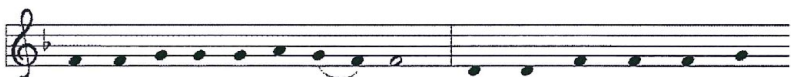
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

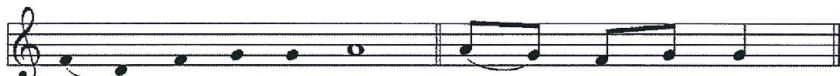


and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

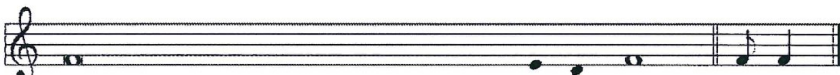


and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION



☐ Let us bless the Lord. **☐** Thanks be to God.



☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, **☐** A - men
the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.

We depart in silence.

PSALM 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;*
from where is my | help to come?
- ² My help comes | from the LORD,*
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- ³ He will not let your | foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel*
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- ⁵ the LORD himself watches | over you;*
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,
- ⁶ so that the sun shall not strike | you by day,*
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;*
it is he who shall | keep you safe.
- ⁸ The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | coming in,*
from this time forth for- | evermore.

PSALM 32

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,*
and whose sin is | put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,*
because of my groaning | all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,*
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
- ⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;*
I will guide you | with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will | not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;*
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;*
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

BENEDICTUS (Luke 1:68–79)

1 Blessed be the Lord, the | God of Israel;
he has come to his people and | set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of his | servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets he pro- | mised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of | all who hate us.

4 He promised to show mercy | to our forebears
and to remember his | holy covenant.

5 This was the oath he swore to our | father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands | of our enemies,

6 free to worship him | without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days | of our life.

7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare his way,

8 to give his people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.

9-10 In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

11-12 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen

PSALM 119:137–144

137 You are righ- | teous, O LORD,*
and upright | are your judgments.

138 You have issued | your decrees*
with justice and in | perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation | has consumed me,*
because my enemies for- | get your words.

140 Your word has been tested | to the uttermost,*
and your servant | holds it dear.

141 I am small and of lit- | tle account,*
yet I do not forget | your commandments.

- 142 Your justice is an ever- | lasting justice*
and your law | is the truth.
143 Trouble and distress have | come upon me,*
yet your commandments are | my delight.
144 The righteousness of your decrees is | everlasting;*
grant me understanding, that | I may live.

PSALM 87

- 1 On the holy mountain stands the city | he has founded;*
the LORD loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwell- | ings of Jacob.
2 Glorious things are spo- | ken of you,*
O city | of our God.
3 I count Egypt and Babylon among | those who know me;*
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion | were they born.
4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was | born in her,*
and the Most High himself | shall sustain her."
5 The LORD will record as he en- | rolls the peoples,*
"These al- | so were born there."
6 The singers and the danc- | ers will say,*
"All my fresh springs | are in you."

PSALM 17:1-9

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed | to my cry,*
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
2 Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;*
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
3 Weigh my heart, summon | me by night,*
melt me down; you will find no impurit- | y in me.
4 I give no offense with my mouth as | others do;*
I have heeded the words | of your lips.
5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways | of your law,*
in your paths my feet | shall not stumble.
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;*
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
7 Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,*
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise | up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple | of your eye;*
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
9 from the wicked | who assault me,*
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

PSALM 98

1 Sing to the LORD | a new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his | holy arm*
has he won for him- | self the victory.
3 The LORD has made | known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
5 Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;*
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.
6 Sing to the LORD | with the harp,*
with the harp and the | voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
8 Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,*
the lands and those who | dwell therein.
9 Let the rivers | clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to | judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he | judge the world*
and the peo- | ples with equity.

PSALM 136:1-4, 23-26

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
2 Give thanks to the | God of gods,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
3 Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
4 who only | does great wonders,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
23 who remembered us in our | low estate,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

- 24 and delivered us | from our enemies,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever;
25 who gives food | to all creatures,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.
26 Give thanks to the | God of heaven,*
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

PSALM 67

- 1 May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.
2 Let your ways be known | upon earth,*
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations | upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
6 The earth has brought | forth her increase,*
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.
7 May God give | us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

PSALM 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you,*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
2 Let none who look to you be | put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.
3 Show me your | ways, O LORD,*
and teach | me your paths.
4 Lead me in your | truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.
5 Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

- 7 Gracious and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in | doing right*
and teaches his way | to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

PSALM 31:9–16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;*
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones | are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of | my acquaintance;*
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, | out of mind;*
I am as useless as a | broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.*
I have said, "You | are my God.
- 15 My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,*
and in your loving- | kindness save me."

PSALM 46

- 1 God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
- 3 though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*
 God shall help her at the | break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
 God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- 8 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,*
 what awesome things he has | done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
 and burns the | shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of | hosts is with us;*
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

PSALM 47

- 1 Clap your hands, | all you peoples;*
 shout to God with a | cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is | to be feared;*
 he is the great king over | all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the | peoples under us,*
 and the nations un- | der our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheri- | tance for us,*
 the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up | with a shout,*
 the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- 6 Sing praises to | God, sing praises;*
 sing praises to our | king, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of | all the earth;*
 sing praises with | all your skill.
- 8 God reigns o- | ver the nations;*
 God sits upon his | holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gath- | ered together*
 with the people of the | God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth be- | long to God,*
 and he is high- | ly exalted.

PSALM 114

- ¹ Hallelujah! When Israel came | out of Egypt,*
the house of Jacob from a people | of strange speech,
² Judah became God's | sanctuary*
and Israel | his dominion.
³ The sea beheld | it and fled;*
Jordan turned | and went back.
⁴ The mountains | skipped like rams,*
and the little hills | like young sheep.
⁵ What ailed you, O sea, | that you fled,*
O Jordan, that | you turned back,
⁶ you mountains, that you | skipped like rams,*
you little hills | like young sheep?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence | of the Lord,*
at the presence of the | God of Jacob,
⁸ who turned the hard rock into a | pool of water*
and flint-stone into a | flowing spring.

PSALM 48

- ¹ Great is the LORD, and highly | to be praised;*
in the city of our God is his | holy hill.
² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the | hill of Zion,*
the very center of the world and the city of | the great king.
³ God is in her citadels;*
he is known to be | her sure refuge.
⁴ Behold, the kings of the | earth assembled*
and marched for- | ward together.
⁵ They looked and | were astounded;*
they retreated and | fled in terror.
⁶ Trembling | seized them there;*
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the | east wind shatters them.
⁷ As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city | of our God;*
God has established | her forever.
⁸ We have waited in silence on your lovingkind- | ness, O God,*
in the midst | of your temple.
⁹ Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches | to the world's end;*
your right hand is | full of justice.

- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,*
because | of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk | round about her;*
count the number | of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; exam- | ine her strongholds;*
that you may tell those | who come after.
- 13 This God is our God forev- | er and ever;*
he shall be our guide for- | evermore.

PSALM 118:1–2, 14–29

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.
- 2 Let Israel | now proclaim,*
"His mercy en- | dures forever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become | my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory*
in the tents | of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not | die, but live,*
and declare the works | of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,*
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- 19 Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate | of the LORD;*
he who is right- | eous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me*
and have become | my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- 23 This is | the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the | LORD has acted;*
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.
- 25 Hosanna, | LORD, hosanna!*
LORD, send us | now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;*
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

- 27 God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;*
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and | I will thank you;*
you are my God, and I | will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.

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