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Important Announcements

For *those who watch services on Live-Stream*
during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home: The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services.

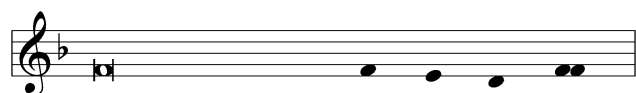
† Advent Midweek—2021 †

Theme: *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt among Us*

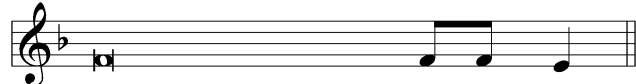
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Service of Light (The Service of Evening Prayer Page 243)

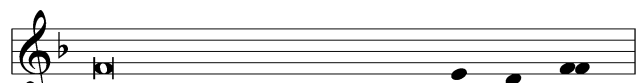
Stand



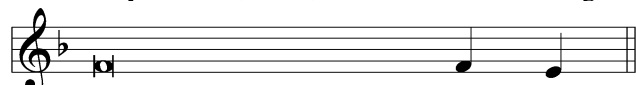
L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



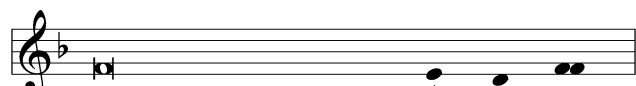
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



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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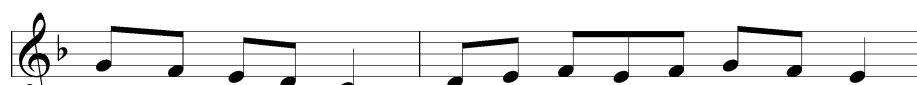
L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



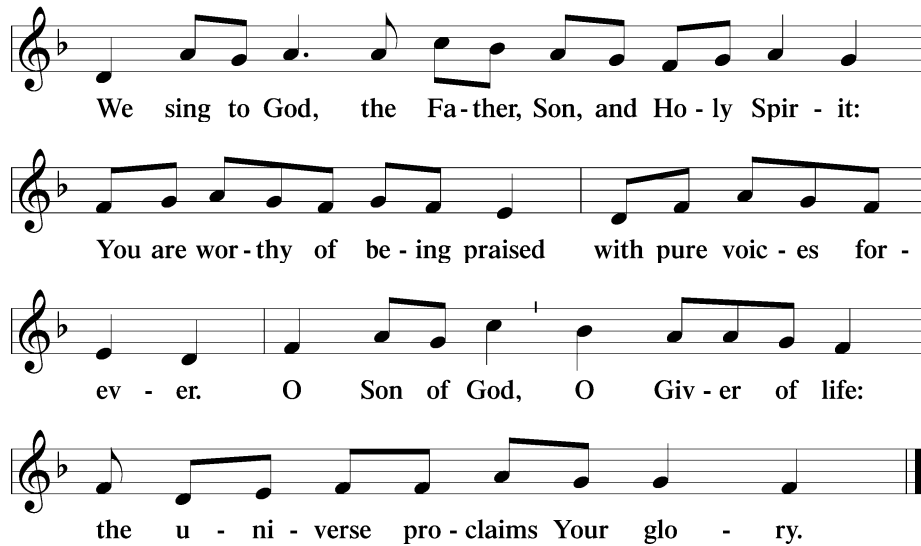
C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



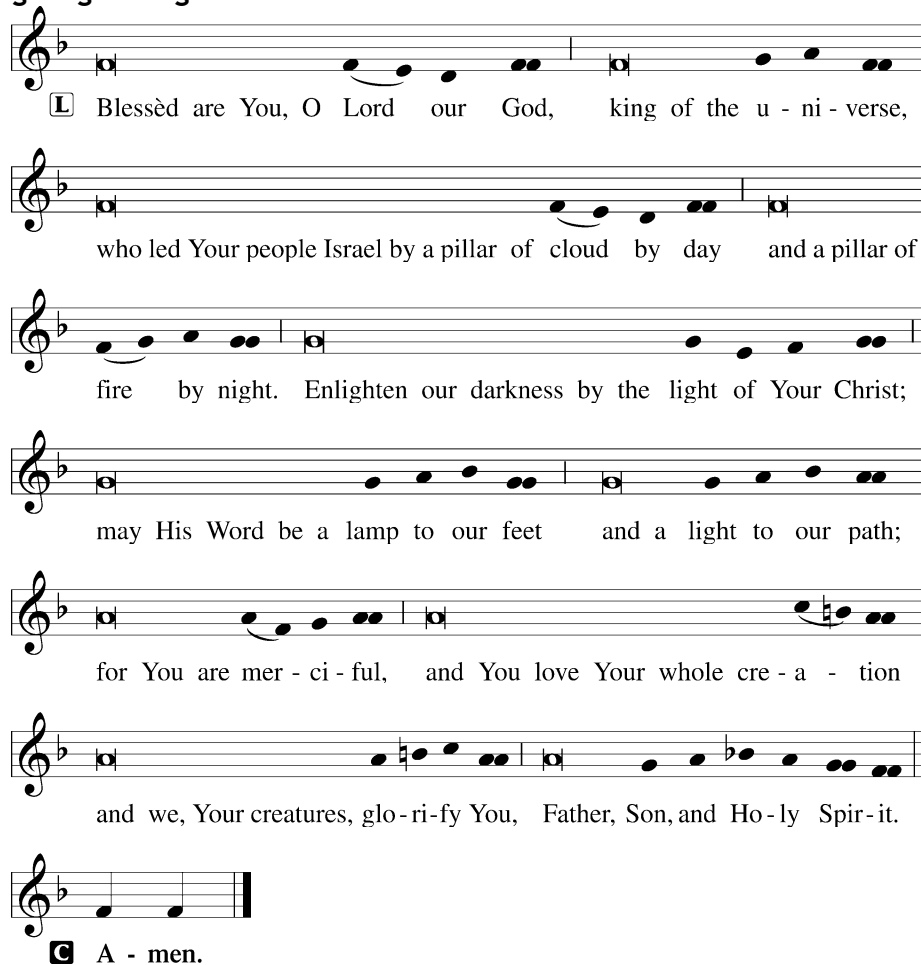
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



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

Thanksgiving for Light

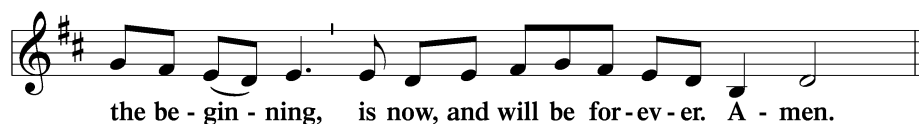
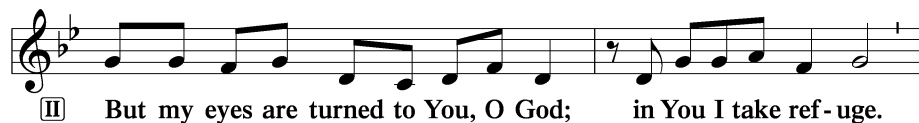
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L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light 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.

Sit

Psalmody





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.

Psalm

Psalm 86 (antiphon v. 17)

- ¹Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
for I am poor and | needy.
- ²Preserve my life, for I am | godly; *
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.
- ³Be gracious to me, | O Lord, *
for to you do I cry | all the day.
- ⁴Gladden the soul of your | servant, *
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.
- ⁵For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving, *
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.
- ⁶Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer; *
listen to my | plea for grace.
- ⁷In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you, *
for you | answer me.
- ⁸There is none like you among the gods, | O Lord, *
nor are there any | works like yours.
- ⁹All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, | O Lord, *
and shall glori- | fy your name.
- ¹⁰For you are great and do | wondrous things; *
you a- | lone are God.
- ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk | in your truth; *
unite my heart to | fear your name.
- ¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart, *
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
- ¹³For great is your steadfast | love toward me; *
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
- ¹⁴O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men | seek my life, *
and they do not set you be- | fore them.
- ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious, *
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.
- ¹⁶Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me; *
give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maid- | servant.
- ¹⁷Show me a sign of your | favor, *
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.

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1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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Readings

Reading

John 1:29–36

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

- L** 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: *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt among Us...*

Canticle

Stand

Magnificat

Refrain



C My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -

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joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For _____ He has re - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Litany

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The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mercy.

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 [*names of synodical and district presidents*], 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 [*name of president or monarch*], 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.

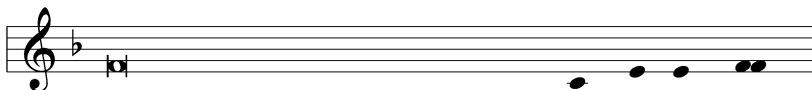
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [*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 A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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L 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.

Stand

Benedicamus

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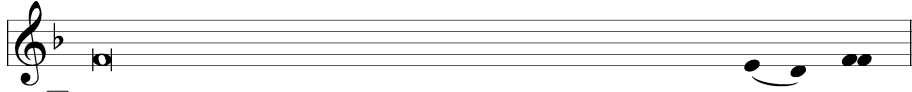
L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.

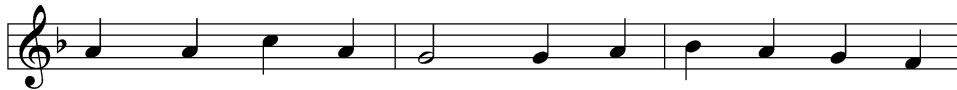


G A - men.

885 I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care



1 I lie, O Lord, with - in Your care, A -
2 Lord, You a - lone keep con - stant watch; My
3 When shad - ows fall, I will not dwell On
4 It is e - nough that You are near; I



wake or when I'm sleep - ing. Who - ev - er trusts in
rest - less heart You qui - et. When dark - ness fills the
trou - bles that dis - tress me, Nor let some pain - ful
need not now dis - cov - er What hid - den plans You



Your strong arms Is safe with - in Your keep - ing.
night with fear, I will by faith de - fy it.
mem - o - ry, Em - bit - ter and op - press me.
have for me, My fu - ture's path un - cov - er.

5 Tomorrow's road I cannot trace
Nor know what ills will meet me.
You only ask that I be still
And trust You there will greet me.

6 Each dawning day to which I wake
Will show Your hand still guiding
And ev'ry good my life requires
Your grace again providing.

7 Though troubles still may cloud the sky,
I'll see beyond them shining
A light to show some hidden way—
A way of Your designing.

8 Since You have gently touched my eyes,
I'll sleep through tears of sorrow.
Though long the night, my God, my friend,
Will be my guide tomorrow.

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Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols at 3 P.M. and 5 P.M.

Christmas Midnight Divine Service at 11 P.M.

Christmas Day Divine Service at 10 A.M.

Sunday December 26 – The Feast of St. Stephen

One Divine Service at 9 A.M.

2nd Annual St. John's Wine Grab and Bible Study afterwards

Acknowledgments

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