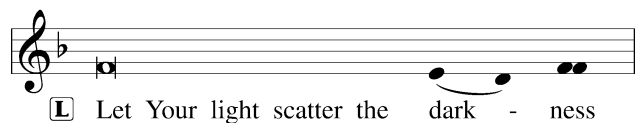
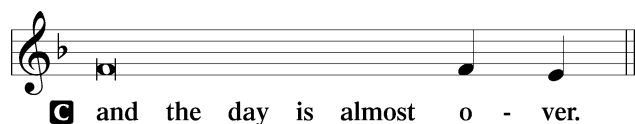
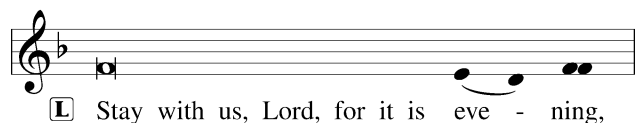
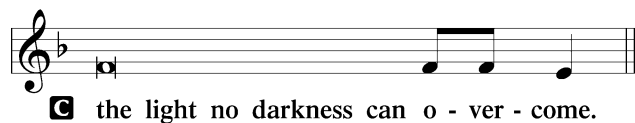
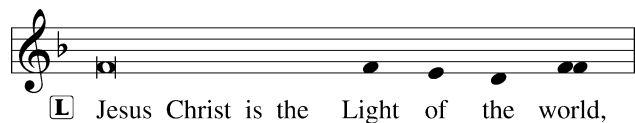


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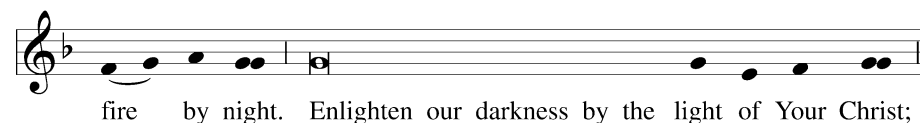
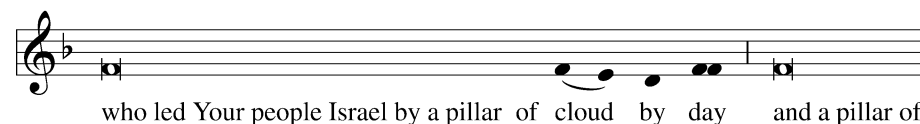
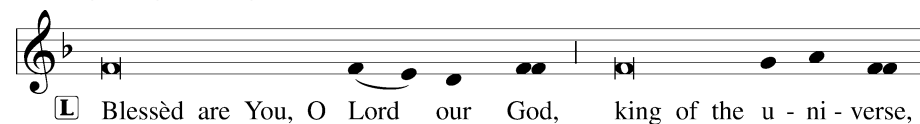
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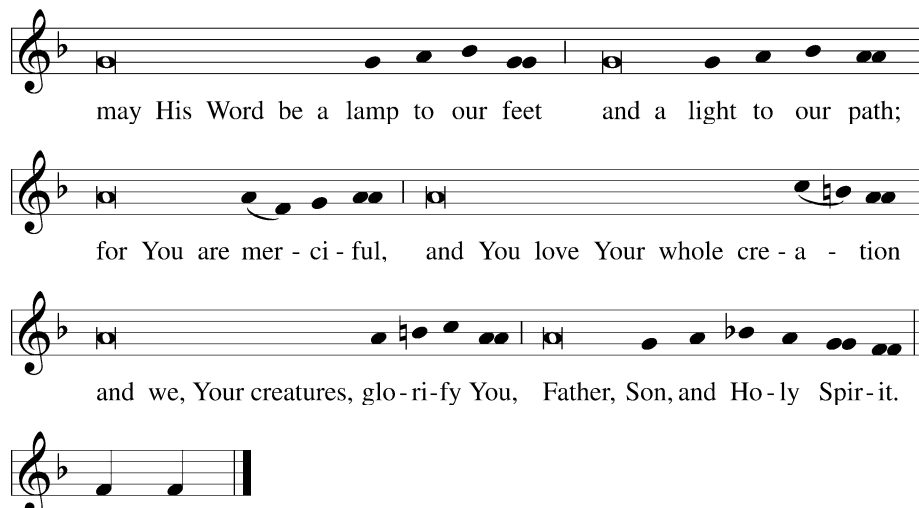


Phos Hilaron



Thanksgiving for Light





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

Psalm 141



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
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.



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.

G Amen.

Psalm 31:1–16

K: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me!

**C: Incline your ear to me;
rescue me | speedily!***
**Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to | save me!**

K: For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me;

**C: you take me out of the net they have hidden | for me,*
for you are my | refuge.**

K: Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**C: I hate those who pay regard to worthless | idols,*
but I trust | in the LORD.**

K: I will rejoice and be glad in your | steadfast love,*
because you have seen my affliction;
you have known the distress | of my soul,

**C: and you have not delivered me into the hand of the | enemy,*
you have set my feet in a | broad place.**

K: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body | also.

**C: For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with | sighing;*
my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones | waste away.**

K: Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,
and an object of dread to my ac- | quaintances;*
those who see me in the street | flee from me.

**C: I have been forgotten like one | who is dead;*
I have become like a broken | vessel.**

K: For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on | every side!—*
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to | take my life.

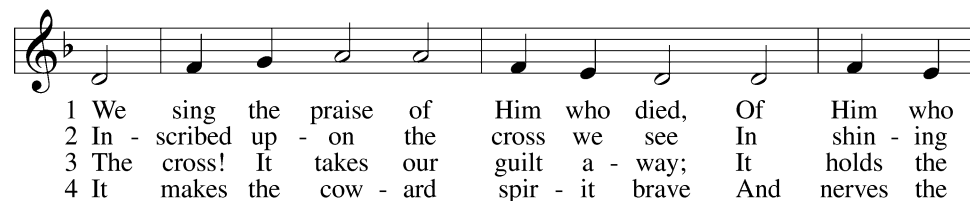
**C: But I trust in you, | O LORD;*
I say, "You | are my God."**

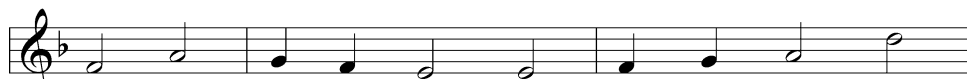
K: My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

**C: Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!**


**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 #429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died





died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let
 let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
 faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
 fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror





all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
 on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
 gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.
 from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

- 5 **The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and the pledge of love,
 The sinner's refuge here below,
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.**
- 6 **To Christ, who won for sinners grace
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,
 Be praise from all the ransomed race
 Forever and forevermore.**



Readings

Readings From Holy Scripture

After each reading is said:

-  O Lord, have mercy on us.
 **Thanks be to God.**

After the final reading is said:

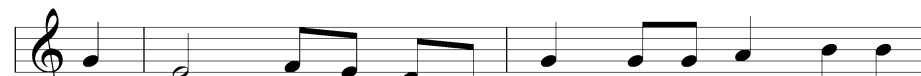
-  In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
 **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**


Sermon


Canticle

Stand


Magnificat



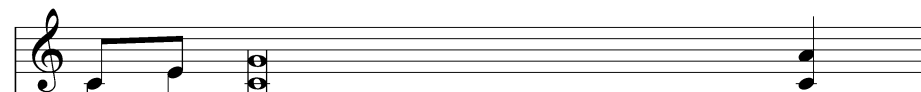
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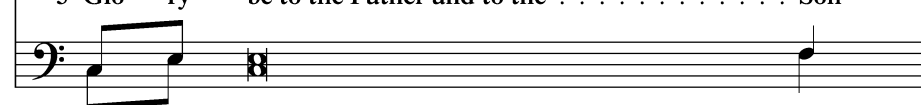
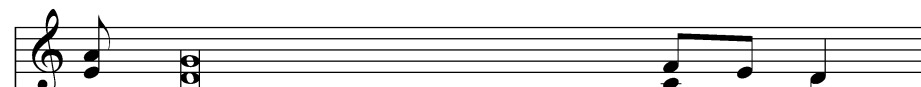
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the



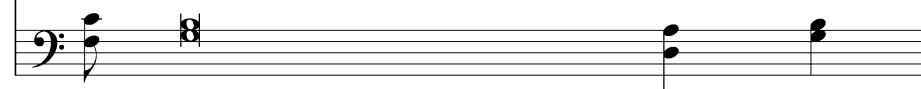
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

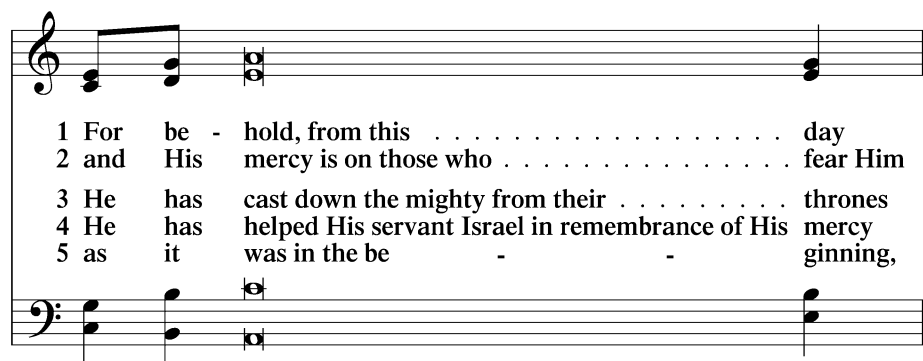


1 For ——— He has re ——— garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

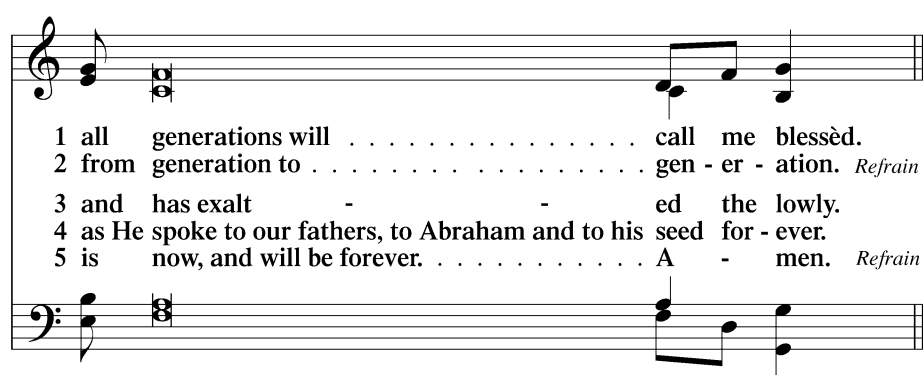



1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;





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 blessed.
 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*

Sit

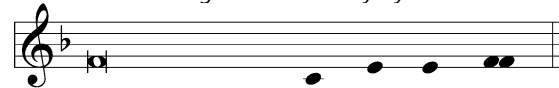
Offering (Please give online)

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Litany

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:



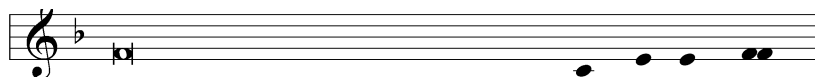
C Lord, have mer - cy.

- 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 [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:

G Lord, have mercy.

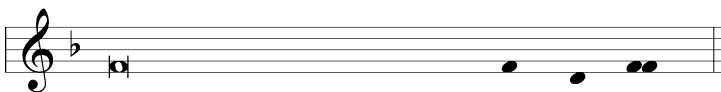
The prayers then continue:



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

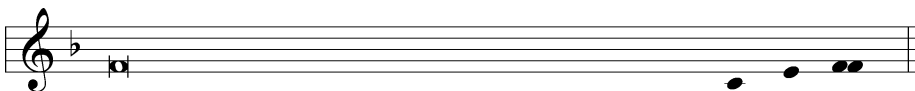


Common: **G** Al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: **G** Thanks be to God.



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:



G 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.



G A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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

G 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

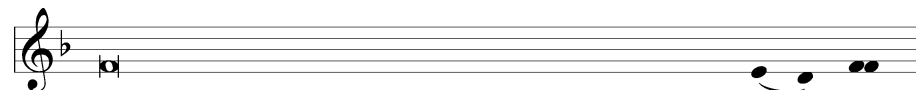


L Let us bless the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction



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



G A - men.