

Evening Prayer for the Season of Easter

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Maple Shade

Evening Prayer: Vespers

DIALOGUE

A dialogue may accompany or follow the procession. When it is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.



Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!



We are illumined by the brightness of his rising. **Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!**



Death has no more dominion ov - er us.

Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!

OPENING PRAYER *All Creation Sings, Service of Word and Prayer*

The leader prays one of the following or another prayer asking God to listen to the pleas of the people.

Let us pray.

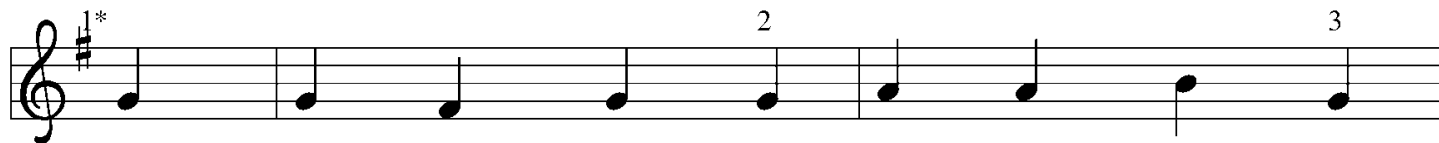
You are gracious and merciful, O God, slow to anger, rich in love. Receive our prayers as you have promised and uphold us by your Spirit, until all things, mended by your mercy, are made whole and well in you, through Jesus Christ, our healer and our hope.

Amen.



HYMN OF LIGHT *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*

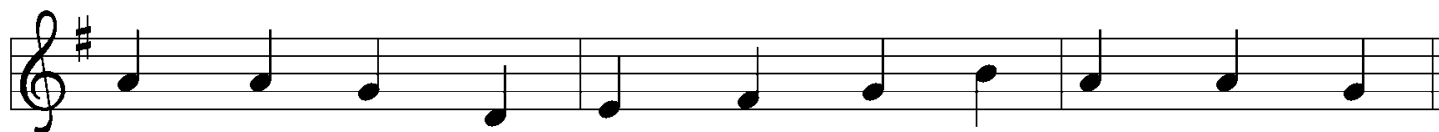
All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the
3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the
4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



all the bless - ings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me,
ill that I this day have done; that with the world, my -
grave as lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die, that
may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.
vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

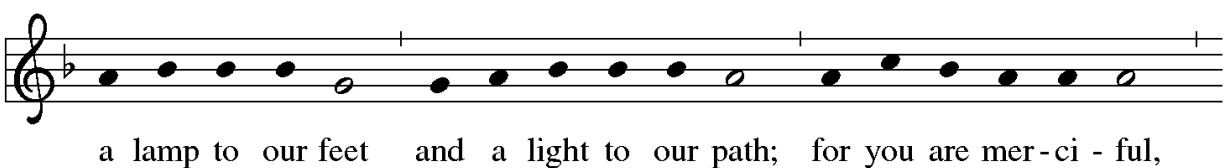
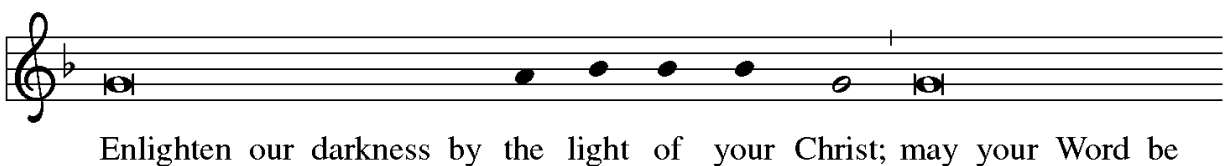
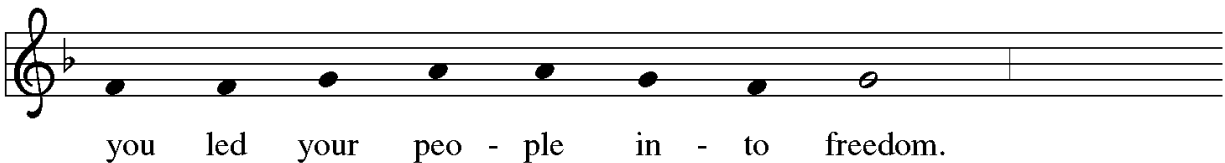
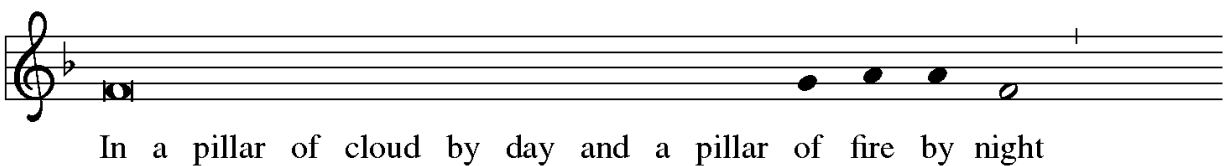
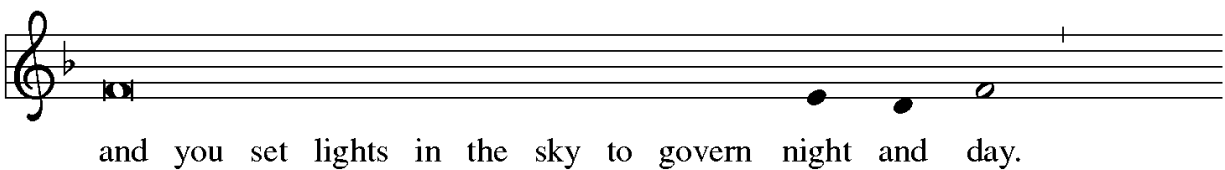
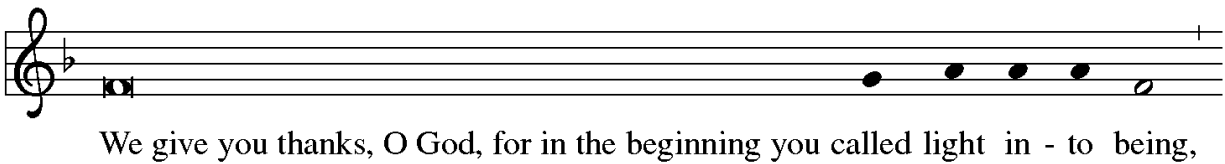
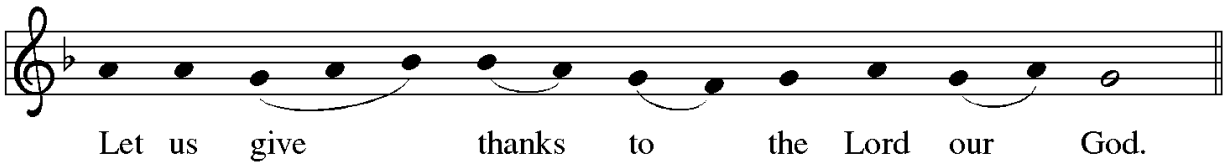
** May be sung in canon.*

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

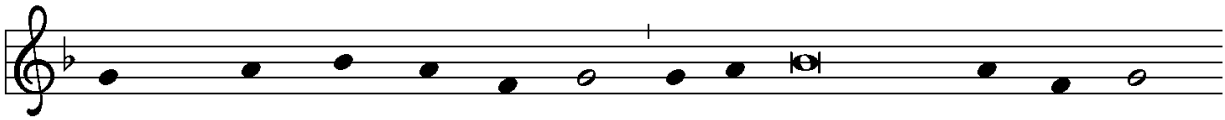
THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The leader and the assembly give thanks, using the following or another appropriate form.





and you love your whole cre-a-tion, and with all your crea-tures we give you glory,



through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,



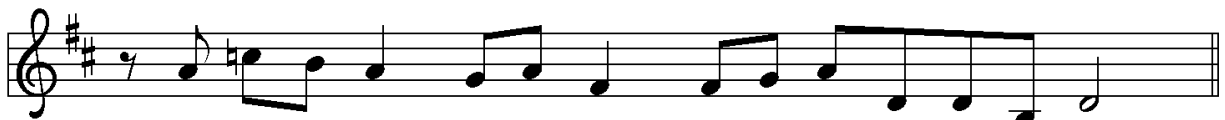
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

The psalmody begins with Psalm 141, a song of forgiveness and protection; Psalm 121; or another psalm appropriate for evening.



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



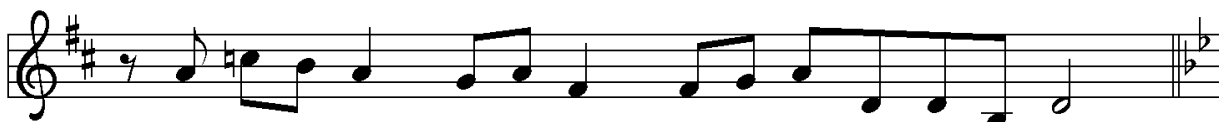
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



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



I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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

Group Two or All



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

Group One or All



Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

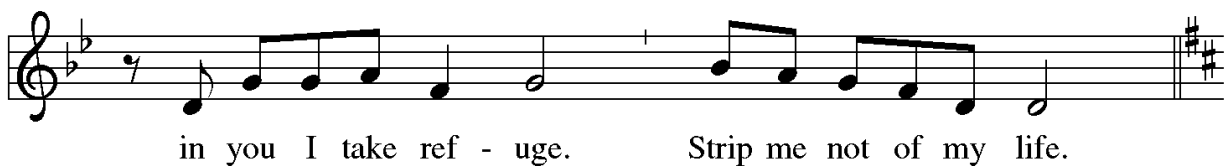


let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;

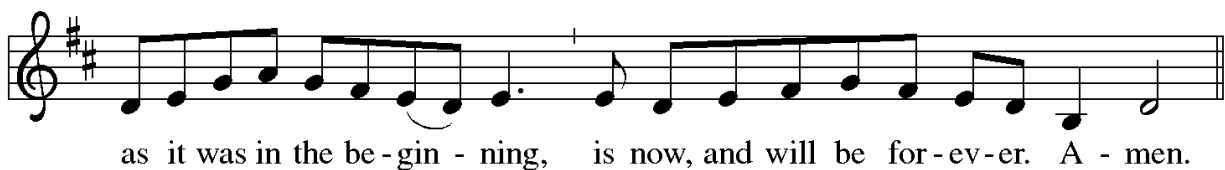


in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

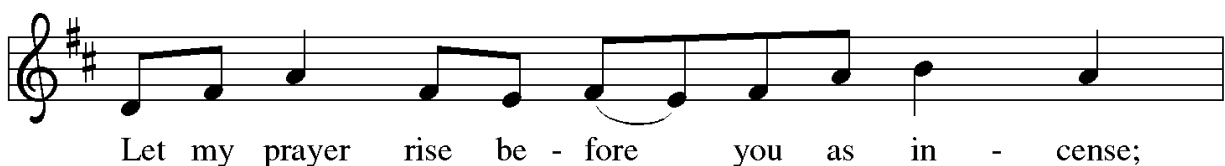
All



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.



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



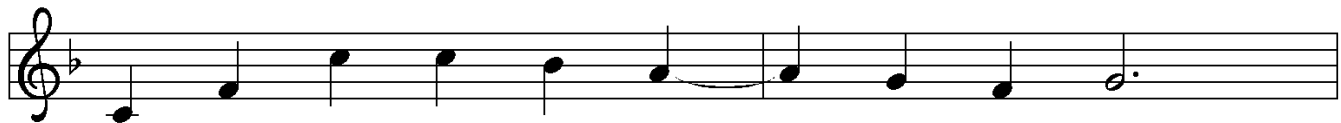
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

HYMN FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER *Day of Arising*

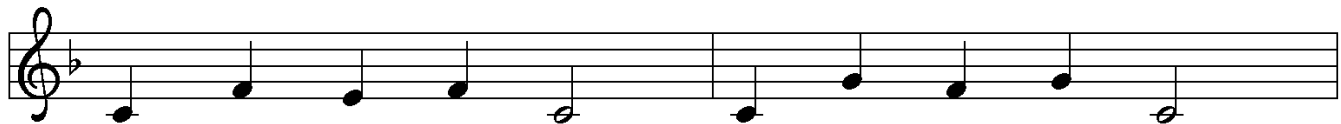
Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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READINGS


The service includes one or more scripture readings. Each reading may be concluded with, "The word of the Lord," or "Word of God, word of life."

The assembly responds, "Thanks be to God."


The reading of scripture is followed by silence for reflection. Other forms of reflection may also follow, such as brief commentary, teaching, or personal witness; non-biblical readings; interpretation through music or other art forms; or guided conversation among those present.

GOSPEL CANTICLE


Refrain




My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my
spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior.




1 My soul proclaims the great-ness of the Lord,
2 You have mer - cy on those who fear you,
3 You have filled the hun - gry with good things




my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
from generation to gen - er - ation.
and sent the rich a - way empty.



for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly servant.
You have shown . . strength with your arm
You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - ra - el,




From this day all generations will call me bless'd:
and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,
to remember the prom - ise of mercy,



you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
casting down the might - y from their thrones
the promise made to our . . . fore - bears,

Refrain



and holy is your name.
and lifting up the low - ly.
to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has two lines of music. The lyrics for the first line are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me." The lyrics for the second line are: "OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God." The second system also has two lines of music. The lyrics for the first line are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me." The lyrics for the second line are: "The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life." The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests, and a final cadence at the end of the second system.

Text: Psalm 102:1–2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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PRAYERS

The following litany or another form of the prayers may be sung or spoken.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,



and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For name/s and all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Other petitions may be added.

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

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of name/s and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,
through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

The litany may be followed by one or more additional prayers.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OR

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 our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen.

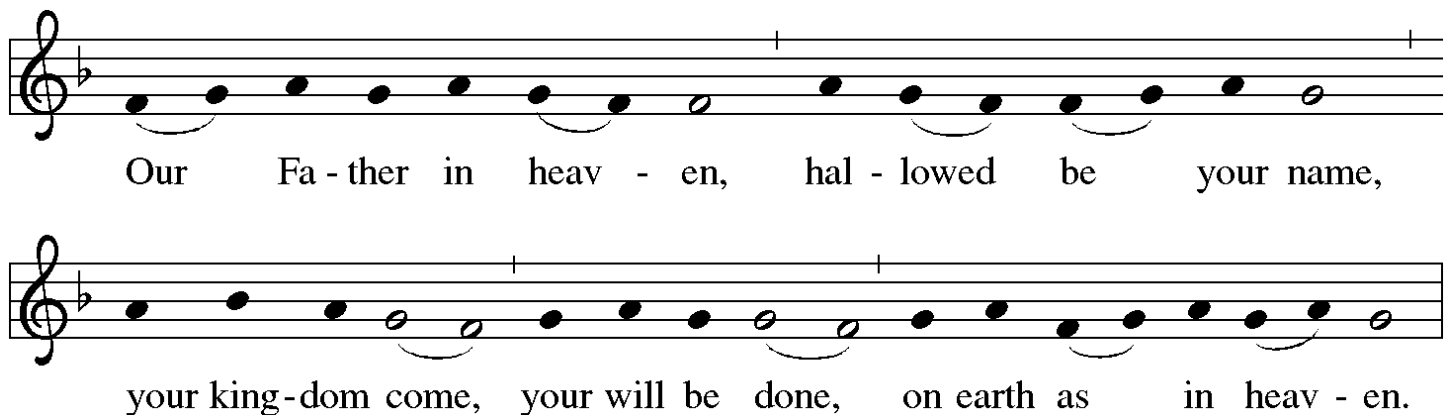
OR

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is sung or spoken. The leader may introduce the prayer.



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.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Je-sus. A-men.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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