

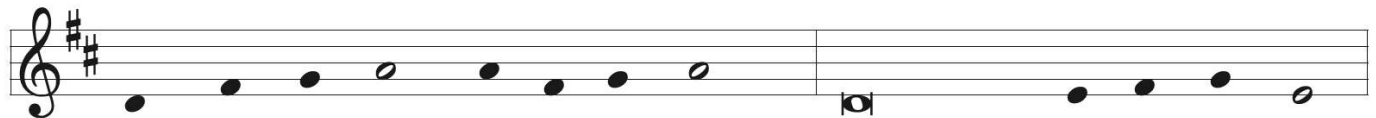
Mary

“loved by Yahweh”

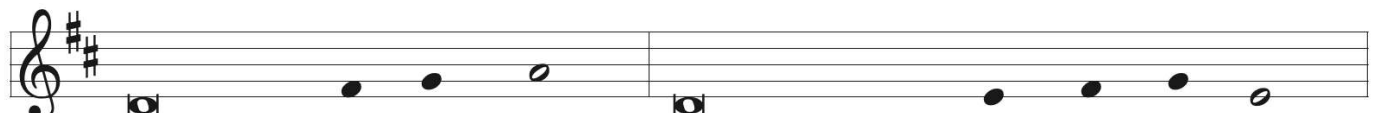


Opening Dialogue

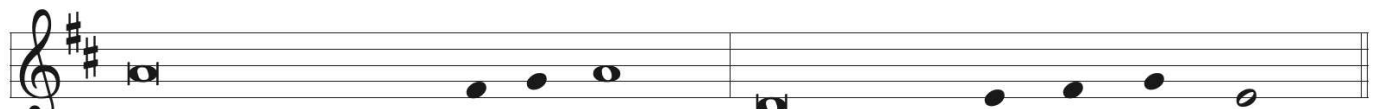
Stay With Us, Lord



Stay with us Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al-most over.**



Open to us the scriptures, **that our hearts may burn with - in us.**



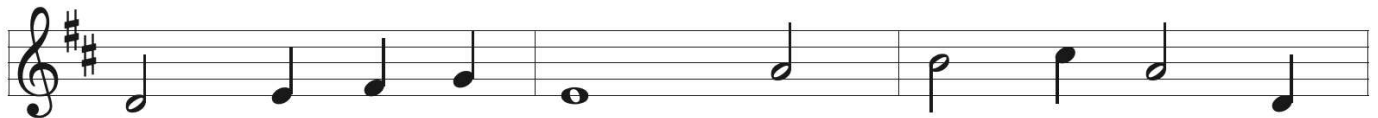
Stand among us at the ris - en Christ, **and bestow on us your peace.**

Hymn of Light

Behold, Unveiled the Vesper Skies



1 Be - hold, un - veiled the ves - per skies: the
2 How blest are you, all - lov - ing God, who
3 Stay with us, Christ, our rest pre - pare as



eve - ning has be - gun, and prayer and praise like
weaves both day and night, a star - ry man - tle
la - bor ebbs with night, and ho - ly dreams en -



in - cense rise as sets the gold - en sun.
for our road: the shad - ow and the light.
wreath with prayer till dawns the splen - did light.

Thanksgiving for Light

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God,
for you are without beginning and without end.

You made the day for the works of light
and the night for the refreshment of our weakness.

O loving Lord and source of all that is good,
mercifully accept our evening sacrifice of praise.

As you have conducted us through the day
and brought us to night's beginning,
keep us now in Christ;
grant us a peaceful evening and a night free from sin;
and, at the end,
bring us to everlasting life through Christ our Lord;
through whom we offer glory, honor, and worship
to you in the Holy Spirit,
now and always and forever and ever.

Amen.


Psalm 141

Let My Prayers Rise Up as Incense

Refrain

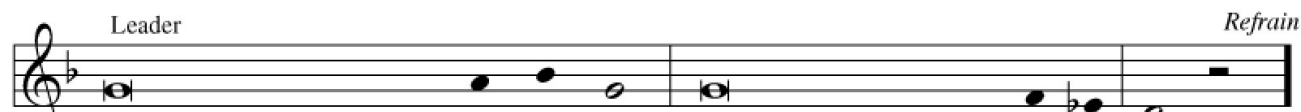


Let my prayer rise up as in - cense, the



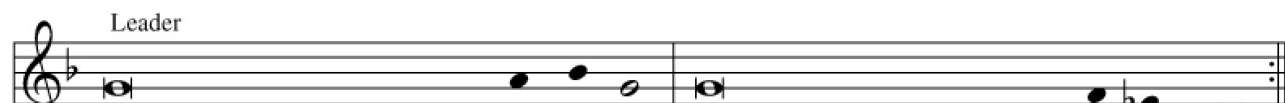
lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Leader *Refrain*




1 O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly, hear my voice when I cry to you.

Leader



2 a Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
2 b Let not my heart incline to any e - vil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with e - vil - doers.
2 c But my eyes are turned to you, O Lord, in you I take refuge.

Refrain



2 d Strip me not of my life.

Psalm Prayer

Silence.

O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting your name is worthy of all praise. Let our prayer rise before you as incense, and may the lifting up of our hands be as an evening sacrifice, acceptable to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:26-56

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name;

⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Deacon Traci Vatne

Hymn of the Evening

My Soul Gives Glory



1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God, Who
2. God's mer - cy com - forts all who fear, Em -
3. God's jus - tice sends the rich a - way, But



reach - es down with lov - ing grace To lift me from
brac - ing with a stead-fast arm That casts the might-
feeds the poor with lav - ish things. Each hun - gry soul



my low es - tate And set me in the high - est
y from their thrones, But keeps the hum - ble safe from
now fills with joy And joins the song that Mar - y



place. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat! With
harm. Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat! The
sings: Ma - gní - fi - cat, ma - gní - fi - cat! To



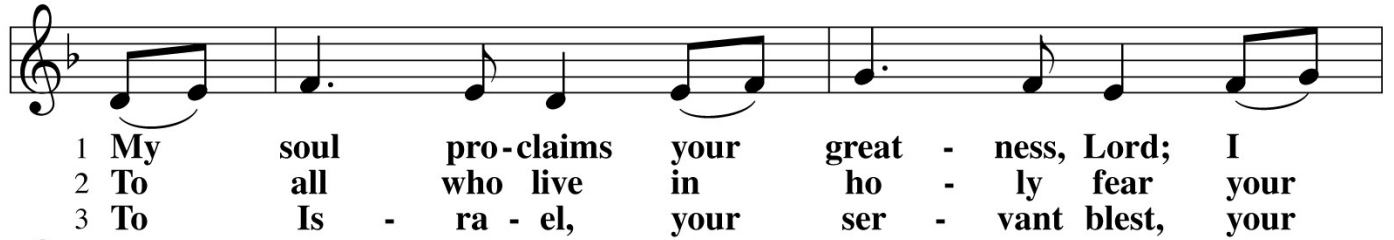
all my heart, I an - swer Yes When God an - nounc - es
weak find strength; the wea - ry, rest. God's prom - ise sounds from
God, Cre - a - tor, Christ the Son; And Ho - ly Spir - it—



won - drous news. And ev - 'ry age shall call me blest.
age to age: The need - y of the world are blest.
tri - une God: All prais - es to the Three - in - One.

Gospel Canticle

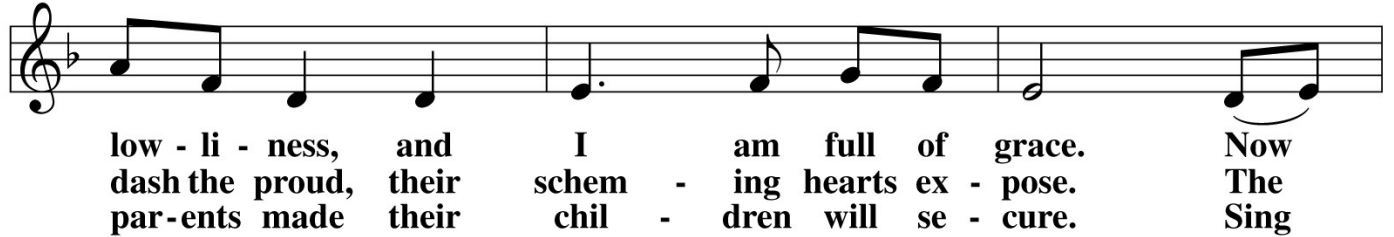
My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



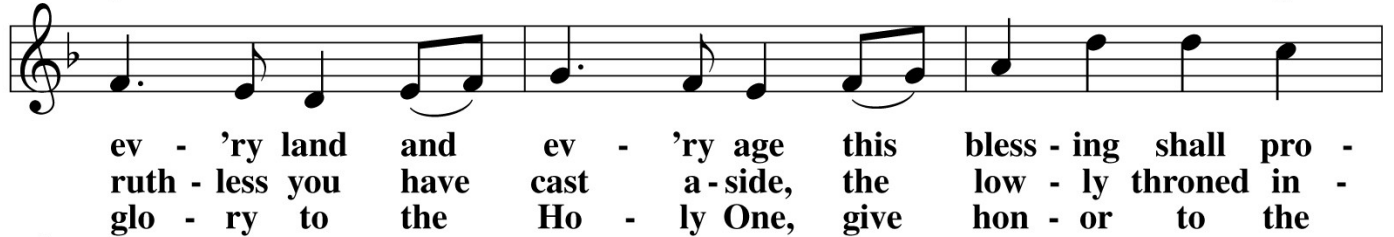
1 My soul pro-claims your great - ness, Lord; I
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your



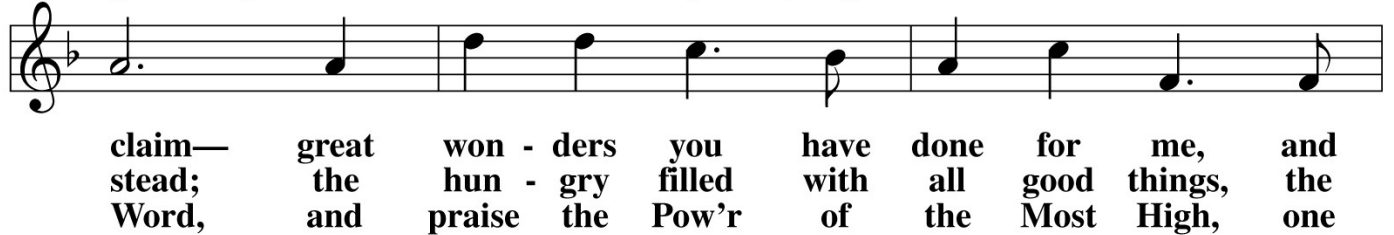
sing my Sa - vior's praise! You looked up - on my
mer - cy ev - er flows. With might - y arm you
help is ev - er sure; the prom - ise to our



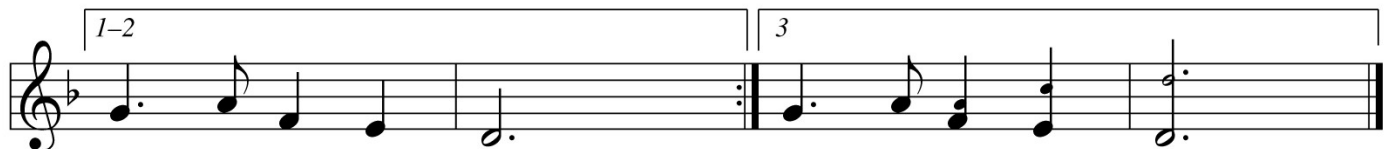
low - li - ness, and I am full of grace. Now
dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose. The
par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure. Sing



ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro -
ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in -
glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the



claim— great won - ders you have done for me, and
stead; the hun - gry filled with all good things, the
Word, and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one



1-2 ho - ly is your name.
3 rich sent off un - fed.

ho - ly is your name.
rich sent off un - fed.

God, by all ad - ored.

Offering

Prayers

In our waiting and watching,
we come to you in prayer, O God,
trusting your promise to renew the church,
the nations, and the whole creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayers

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence
in the words our Savior gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty and merciful God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.

Amen.