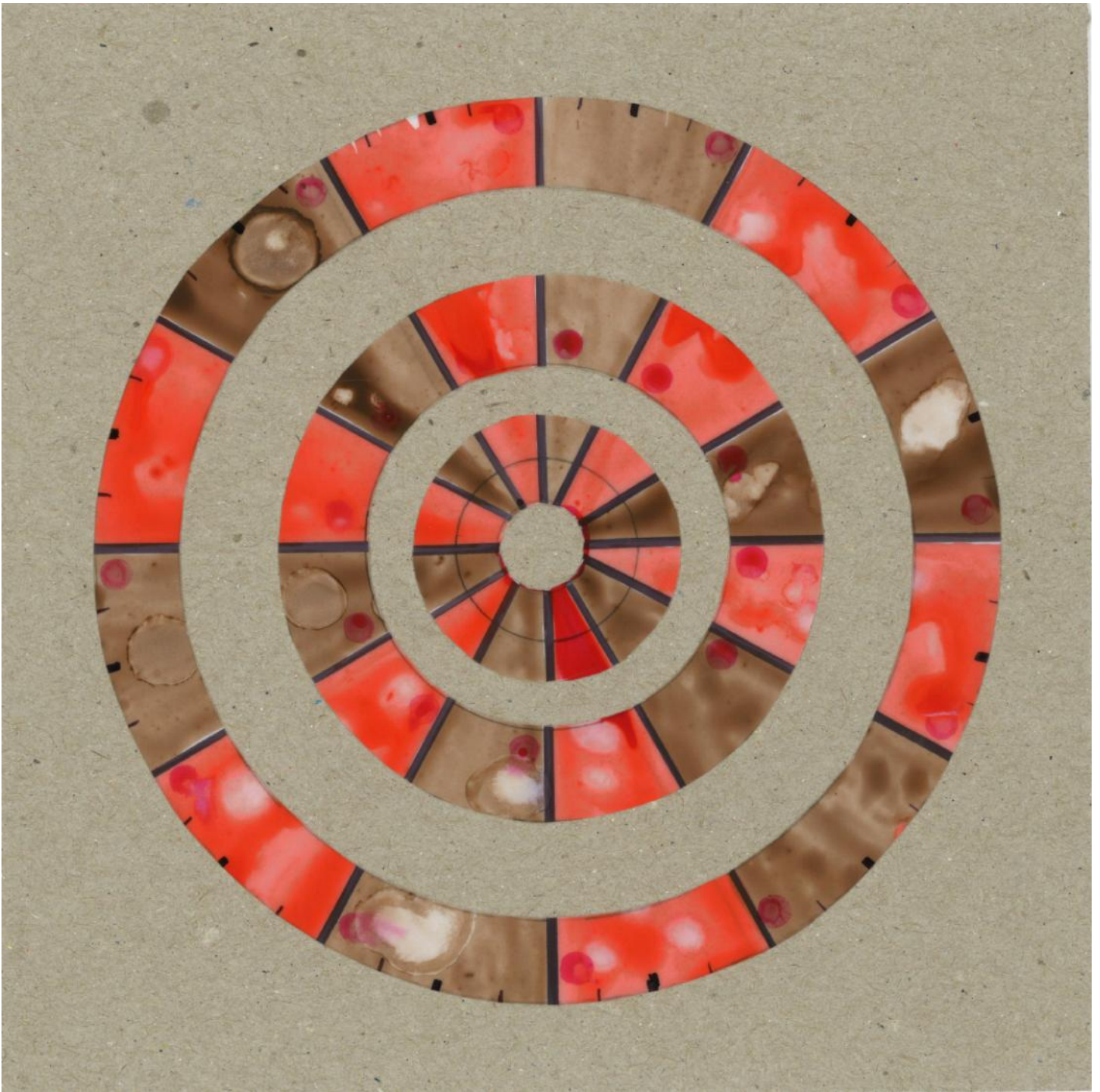


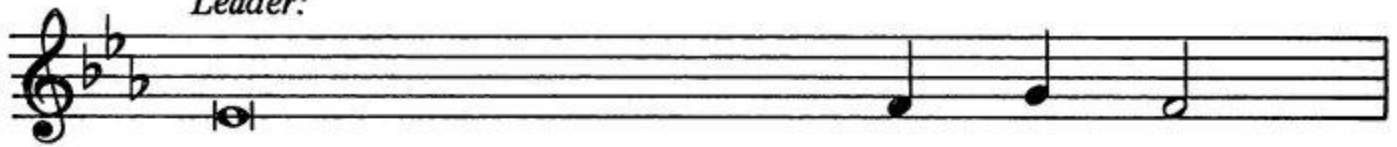
# LIVING HOPE : PAST



**ADVENT MIDWEEK**  
*online worship • Wednesday, December 2, 2020*

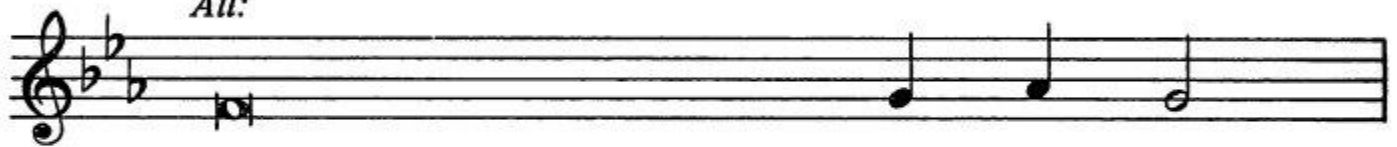
# Service of Light

*Leader:*



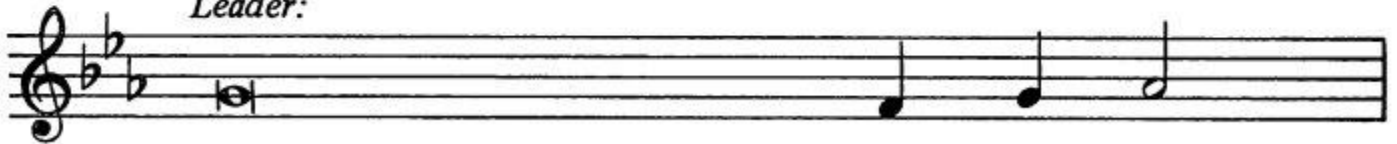
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



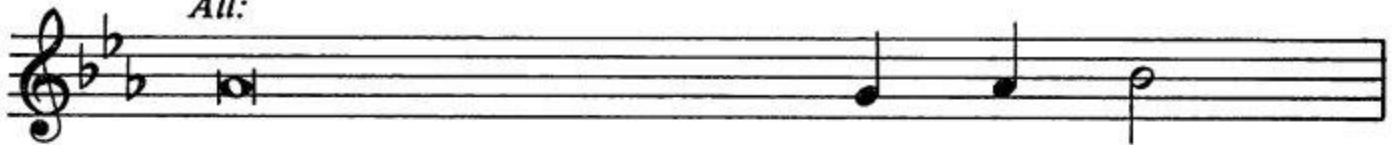
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



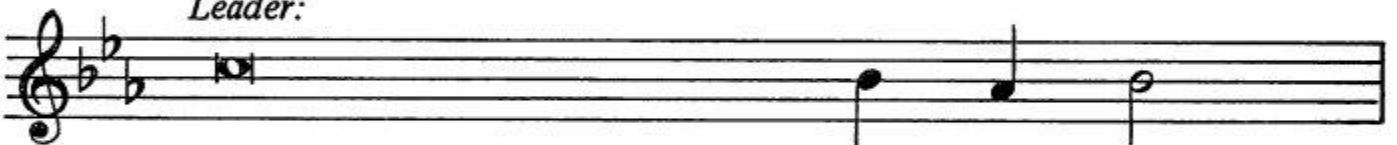
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*



and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*



and shine within your people here. —

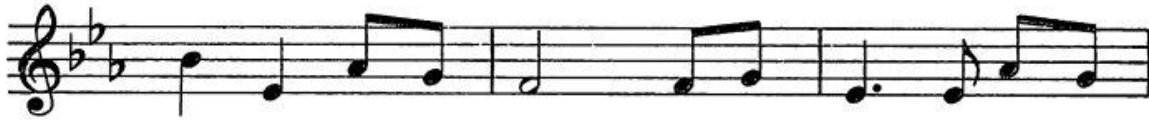
**2** *poco rit.*

# Evening Hymn

All: *a tempo*



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
on to end - less day. \_\_\_\_\_

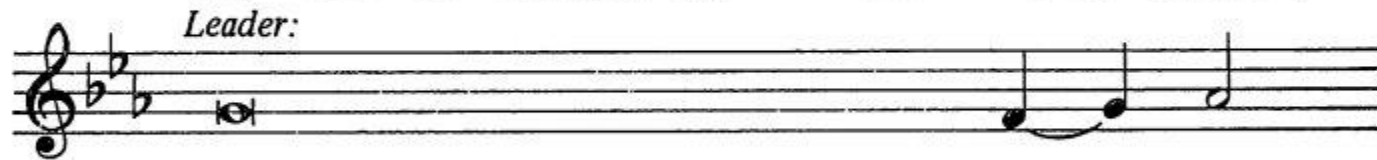
# Evening Thanksgiving

*Leader:* *All:*



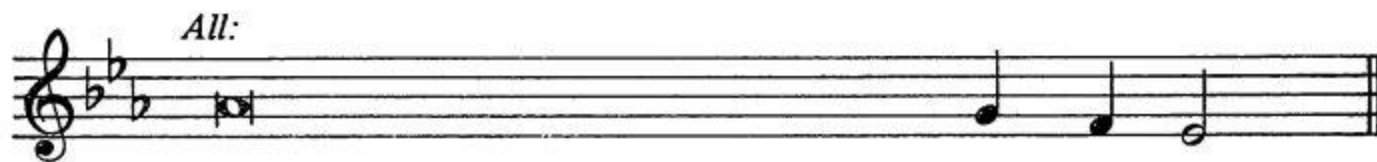
May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

*Leader:*



Let us sing our thanks to — God,

*All:*



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Leader:* Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All:*



A - men.




# Psalm 141

*The leader sings Group One lines. The congregation is invited to sing either Group One or Group Two lines.*

*All:*



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -




fore you, the lift - ing up of my



hands as an of - fer - ing to you. \_\_\_\_\_

*Leader or Group One:*



— O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two:*



O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of-fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. \_\_\_\_\_ Let my prayer rise  
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. \_\_\_\_\_ All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
 of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
praise to the God of all - Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love. \_\_\_\_\_ Let my prayer rise  
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
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you. \_\_\_\_\_  
of - fer - ing to you.



# Prayer

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense,  
and may your presence surround and fill us,  
so that in union with all creation,  
we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

A reading from Numbers.

## Numbers 11:4-23

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color was like the color of gum resin. The people went around and gathered it, ground it in mills or beat it in mortars, then boiled it in pots and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna would fall with it. Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself. And say to the people: Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wailed in the hearing of the Lord, saying, ‘If only we had meat to eat! Surely it was better for us in Egypt.’ Therefore the Lord will give you meat, and you shall eat. You shall eat not only one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you—because you have rejected the Lord who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, ‘Why did we ever leave Egypt?’” But Moses said, “The people I am with number six hundred thousand on foot; and you say, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat for a whole month’! Are there enough flocks and herds to slaughter for them? Are there enough fish in the sea to catch for them?” The Lord said to Moses, “Is the Lord’s power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

# Second Reading

A reading from Deuteronomy.

## Deuteronomy 8:1-16

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Rev. Briana R. Merkle.

*Silence for meditation.*

The Light shines in the darkness  
**and the darkness has not overcome it.**

## The Annunciation

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth  
to a woman whose name was Mary.

The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you.

You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus,  
the Chosen One of God Most High.”

And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will.”

# The Magnificat

*All:*

1.3. My ——— soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of



you,  
heart,

You have looked with love on your  
You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

# Litany and Prayers

**A** All:  
Repeat continuously

(Hmmm)

**B**

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A**

**B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray\_ to you:

Leader: **A**

**B**

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A**

**B**

3. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

*Leader:*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All:*

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

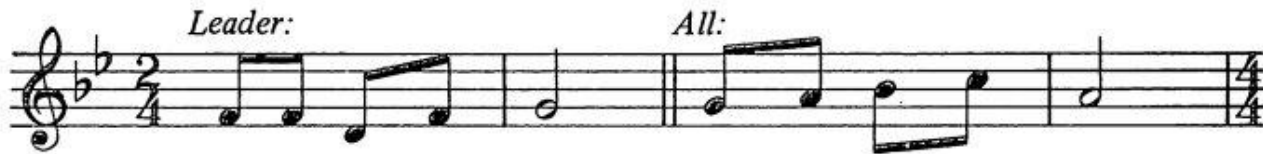
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**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.**

# Final Blessing

*Leader:* *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

*Presider:*



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

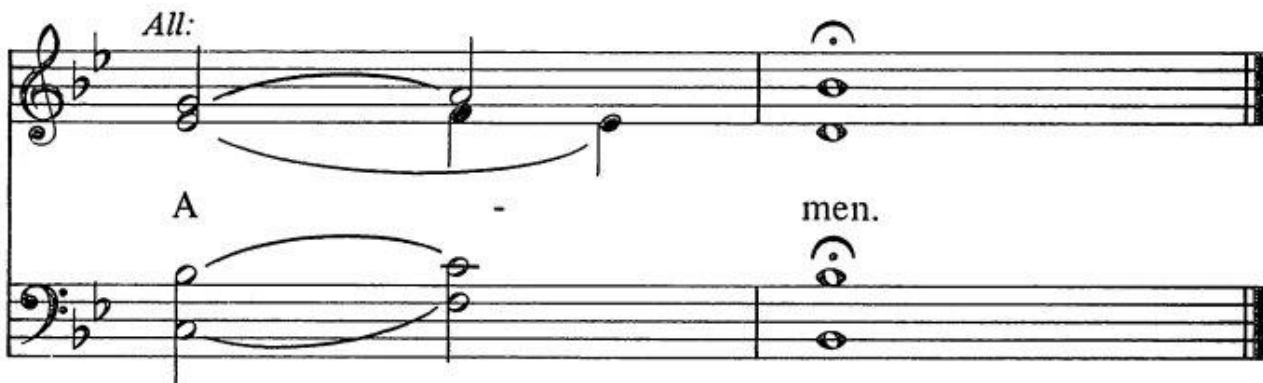


Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_

*All:*



A - men.

# Sending

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

*You can mail an offering to:*

Mountain View Lutheran Church  
3505 - 122nd Ave E  
Edgewood WA 98372

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