

PRELUDE**"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

Charles Callahan

*You are invited to rise and face the procession.***SERVICE OF LIGHT**

Leader: *Congregation:*



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world; **the light no darkness can o-ver-come.**

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

Let your light scat-ter the darkness, **and shine within your peo-ple here.**

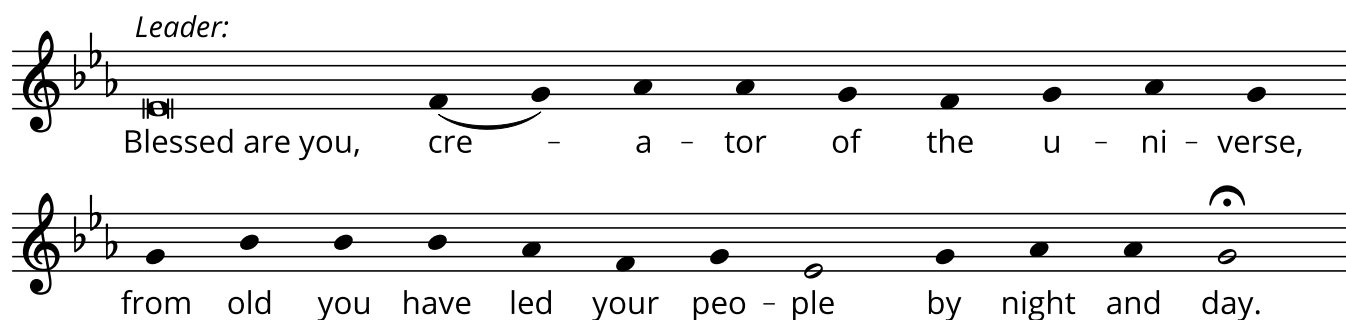
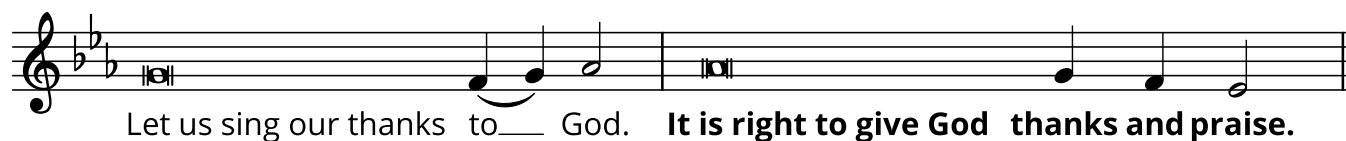
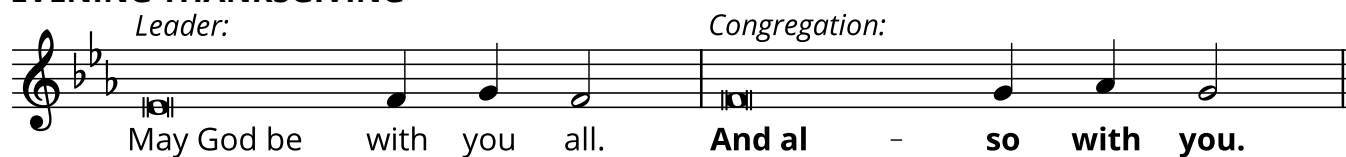
EVENING HYMN**"Joyous Light of Heav'nly Glory"****ELW 561**

1. Joy-ous light of heav'n-ly glo-ry, lov-ing glow of God's own face,
2. In the stars that grace the dark-ness, in the blaz-ing sun of dawn,
3. You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-'ry dancing star of night,
you who sing cre-a-tion's sto-ry, shine on ev-'ry land and race.
in the light of peace and wis-dom, we can hear your qui-et song.
make us shine with gen-tle jus-tice, let us each re-flect your light.

Now as eve-ning falls a-round us, we shall raise our songs to you.
Love that fills the night with won-der, love that warms the wea-ry soul,
Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, gen-tle Christ who lights our way,

God of day-break, God of shad-ows, come and light our hearts a-new.
love that bursts all chains a-sun-der, set us free and make us whole.
lov-ing Spir-it of sal-va-tion, lead us on to end-less day.

EVENING THANKSGIVING



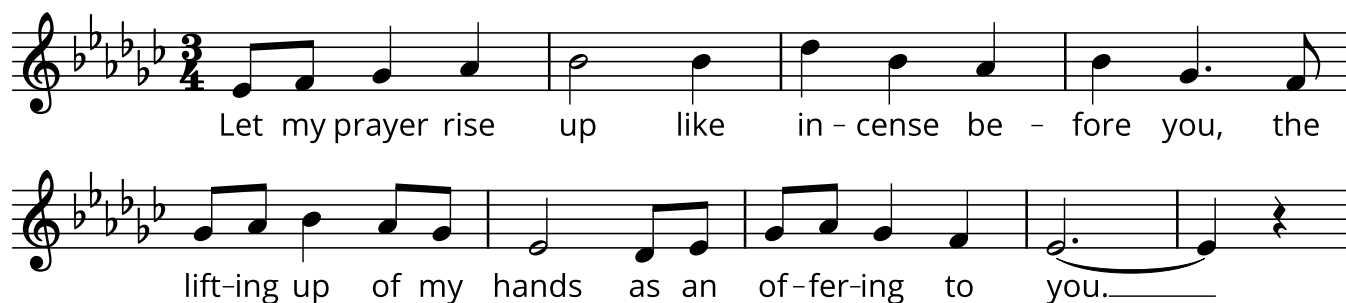
You may be seated.

PSALM 141

"Let My Prayer Rise Up"

ELW 232

The **lectern** ◀ *side starts* with part one, and the **pulpit** ▶ *side echoes* with part two.





(part 1) O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I



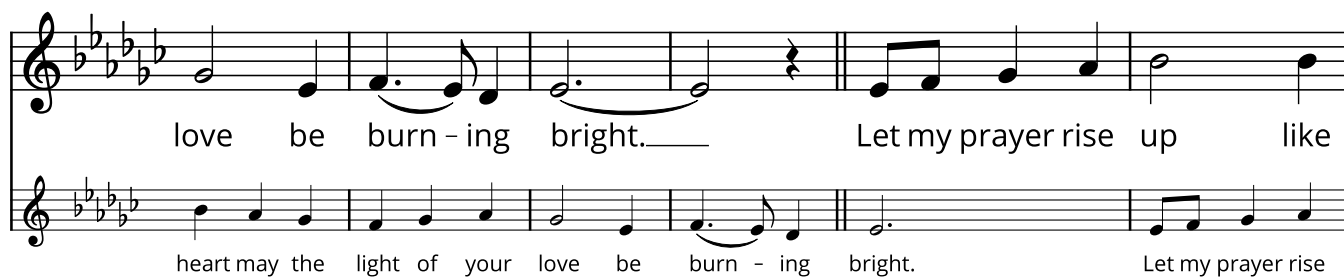
cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like



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



you. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my



heart may the light of your love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all
of - fer - ing to you. All praise to the God of all, Cre -
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift - ing up of my
love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Silence for reflection

PRAYER

P May our prayer 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.

READING

Jeremiah 18:1-8

L A reading from Jeremiah:

¹The Lord told me, ²"Go to the pottery shop, and when you get there, I will tell you what to say to the people." ³I went there and saw the potter making clay pots on his pottery wheel. ⁴And whenever the clay would not take the shape he wanted, he would change his mind and form it into some other shape. ⁵Then the LORD told me to say: ⁶People of Israel, I, the Lord, have power over you, just as a potter has power over clay. ⁷If I threaten to uproot and shatter an evil nation ⁸and that nation turns from its evil, I will change my mind.

READING

Luke 6:27-38

L A reading from Luke:

²⁷This is what I say to all who will listen to me: Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. ²⁸Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, don't stop that person from slapping you on the other cheek. If someone wants to take your coat, don't try to keep back your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks and don't ask people to return what they have taken from you. ³¹Treat others just as you want to be treated. ³²If you love only someone who loves you, will God praise you for that? Even sinners love people who love them. ³³If you are kind only to someone who is kind to you, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners are kind to people who are kind to them. ³⁴If you lend money only to someone you think will pay you back, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners lend to sinners because they think they will get it all back. ³⁵But love your enemies and be good to them. Lend without expecting to be paid back. Then you will get a great reward, and you will be the true children of God in heaven. He is good even to people who are unthankful and cruel. ³⁶Have pity on others, just as your Father has pity on you. Judging Others ³⁷Jesus said: Don't judge others, and God won't judge you. Don't be hard on others, and God won't be hard on you. Forgive others, and God will forgive you. ³⁸If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated."

P Word of God. Word of Life

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Dave Efflandt



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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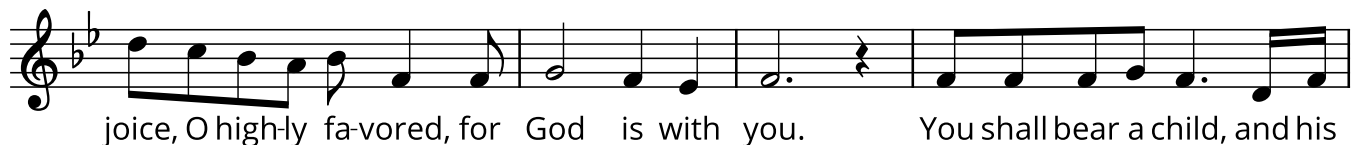
THE ANNUNCIATION



An an-angel went from God to a town called Naz-a-reth to a



wom-an whose name was Mar - y. The an-angel said to her, "Re -



joice, O high-ly fa-vored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his



name shall be Je - sus, the Cho-sen One of God Most High." And



Mar-y said, "I am the ser-vant of my God, I live to do your will."

You are invited to rise.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Congregation:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re-joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with

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

Great and might-y are you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your kind-ness
Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One, strong is your jus - tice,

ev - er-more. How you fa - vor the weak — and low-ly one,
strong your love, As you prom-ised to Sar - ah and A - braham,

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

LITANY & PRAYERS

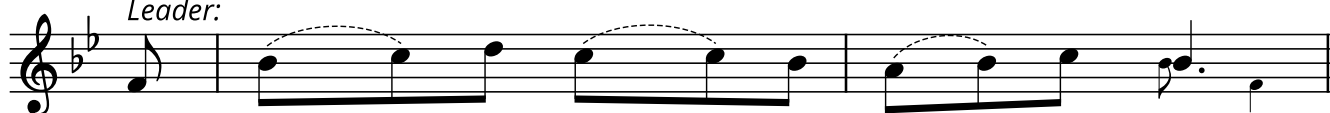
Instrument:



repeat continuously

Hmm. _____ God of mer - cy hold us in love.

Leader:



1. In peace, _____ in peace, _____ we pray _____ to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray _____ to you:
3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath - ered to wor - ship and priase you:

5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:

9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:



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

Congregation:

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

CLOSING PRAYERS

P 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.

C **Amen.**

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

C **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

The musical score for the Final Blessing is written for a Leader and a Congregation. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is in 2/4 time and features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The Leader's part is marked "Leader:" and the Congregation's part is marked "Congregation:". The lyrics are "Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you." The second staff is in 4/4 time and features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The Leader's part is marked "Leader:". The lyrics are "May God, Cre-a-tor bless us and keep us, may Christ be ev-er light for our". The third staff is in 4/4 time and features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The lyrics are "lives, may the Spir-it of Love be our guide and path for all of our days.____". The fourth staff is in 4/4 time and features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The Congregation's part is marked "Congregation:". The lyrics are "A - - - - men.".

Leader: Congregation:

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

Leader:

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.____

Congregation:

A - - - - men.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP LEADERS & WELCOME

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Cantor: Devin Wipperman

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Flutist: Jennifer Wipperman

Sacristan: Jonah Nelson

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Altar Guild for March: Terri Cotter and
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