



Christ Community Lutheran
Creating a Community for Christ



Saint Michael Lutheran
Celebrate, Serve, and Grow in Faith



Two Rivers Parish



GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to Two Rivers Parish, a partnership of Christ Community Lutheran and St. Michael Lutheran! It is a joy to worship with you on this day.

We believe God invites you to the table. Holy Communion is for all the baptized, regardless of age. If walking is difficult for you, we will bring the Lord's Supper to your seat. If you are not communing, we still invite you to come up for a blessing.

We believe worship should be accessible for all. Standing and kneeling happen throughout the worship service, which can be difficult for some. Rest assured that you are still worshipping fully with the community when you sit through these parts.

We believe children belong in worship. Children's worship kits and instructions are available in the hallway so kids can take part in worship. If a child becomes restless, it's okay, because that's what kids do. If you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a cooldown, we encourage them to return to worship as soon as they are ready.

We believe God calls us to pray as a community. Prayer requests may be made during the week by calling or emailing the church office. On Sundays, please write your prayer requests in the Prayer Request Book near the worship space entrance.

We believe God calls us to be welcoming to all. Being in a new place can be nerve-racking to say the least. If you are unsure where something is or how something goes, please ask. We want you to feel welcome. Restroom facilities are located just down the hallway.

Bulletin Notes

The worship service is printed fully in this bulletin, so there is no need to flip back and forth to a hymnal. The pastor will also give instructions during the service.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregational Response

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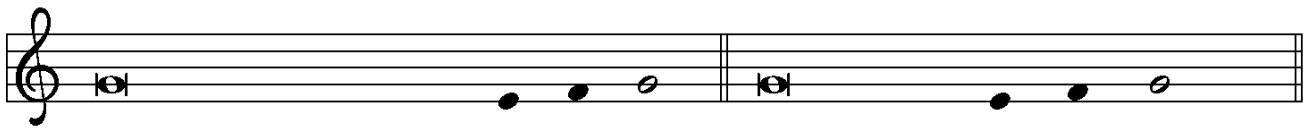


Lenten Evening Prayer

At the beginning of all things, God made clear that it was “not good that a human should be alone.” (Gen. 2:18). Instead, God created humanity to be in community with one another, our world, and most importantly, with God. At every turn of scripture, God invites people out of their individualist mindsets and turns them back toward living in the community God calls good.

✠ GATHERING ✠

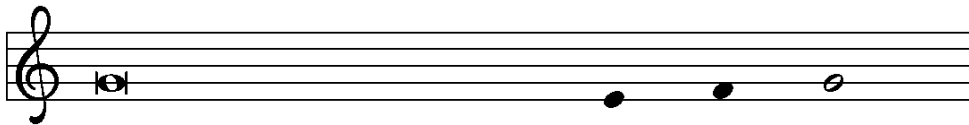
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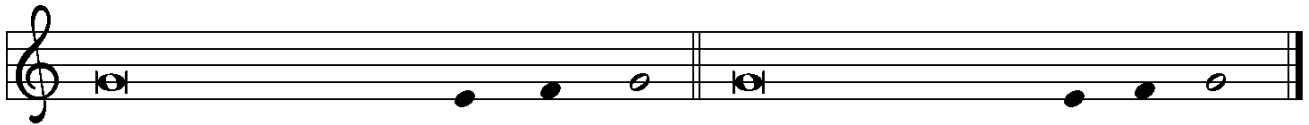
Behold, now is the accept - a - ble time; **now is the day of sal - vation.**



Turn us again, O God of our sal - vation,



that the light of your face may shine on us.



May your justice shine like the sun; **and may the poor be lift - ed up.**



HYMN OF LIGHT

JOYOUS LIGHT OF HEAVENLY GLORY

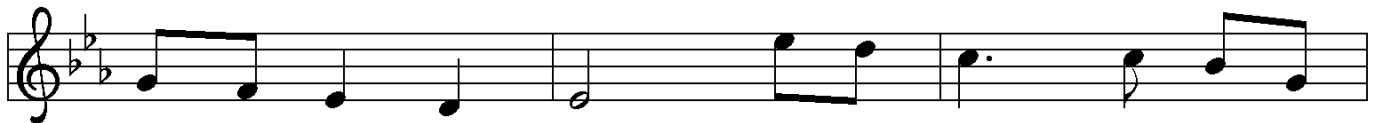
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1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

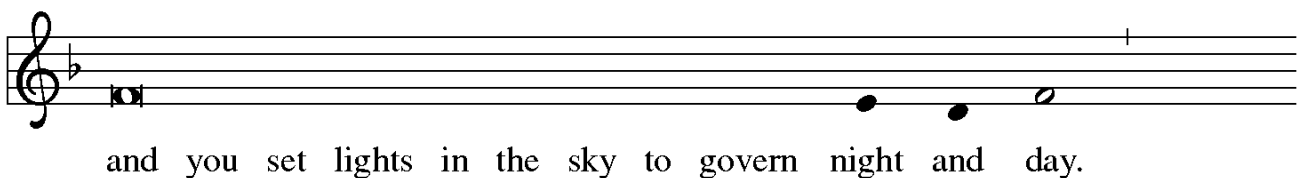
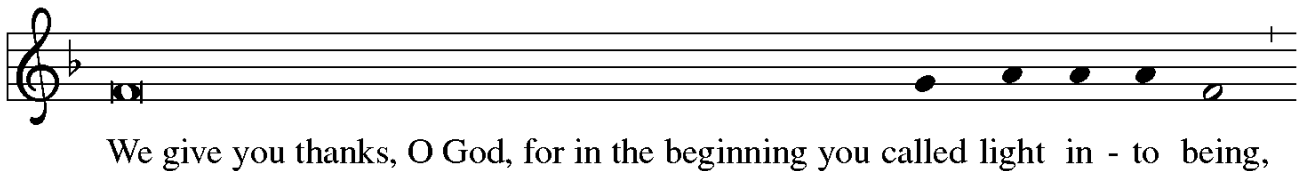
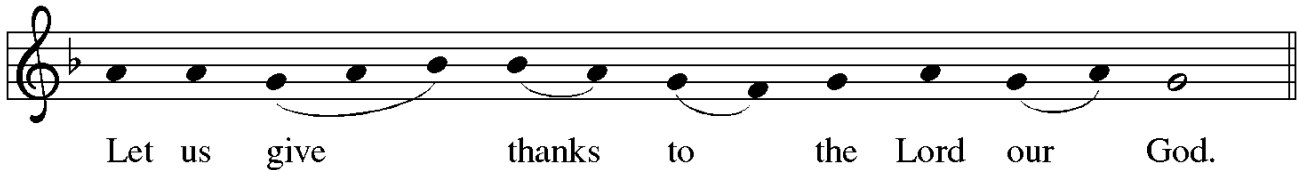
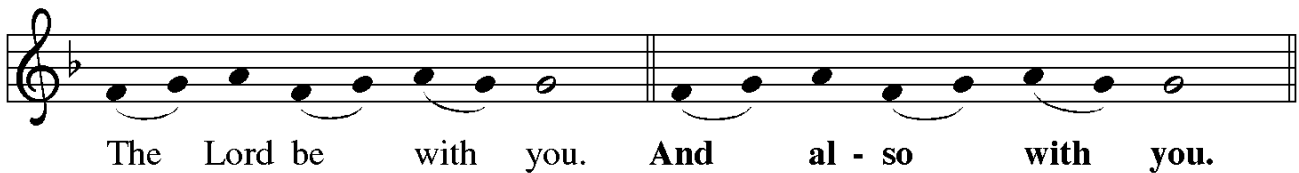
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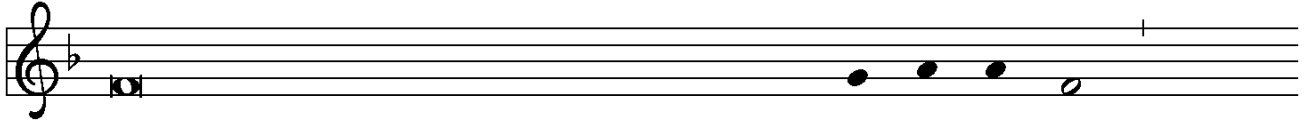
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GREETING

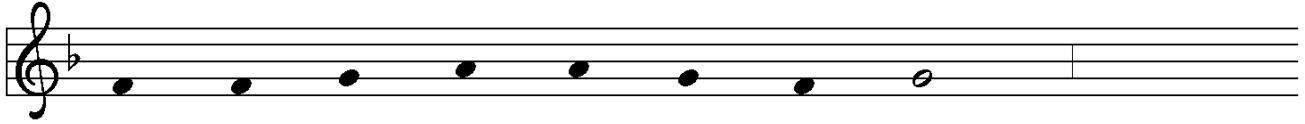
P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**



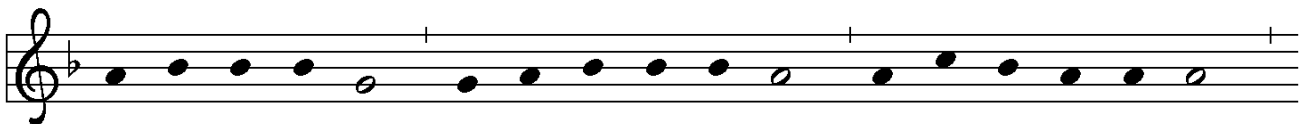
In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night



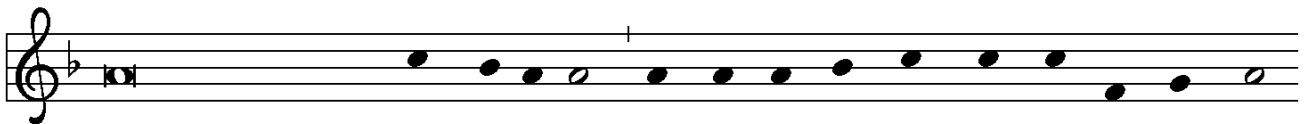
you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.



Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your 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 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.**

EVENING COLLECT

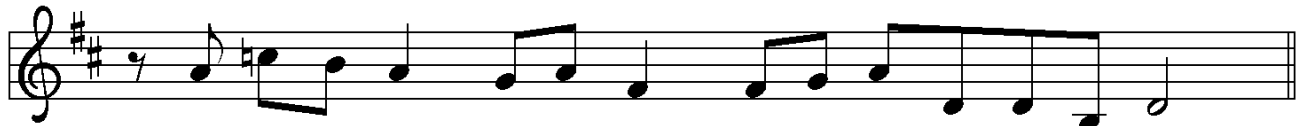
P: Let us pray.

Gracious Creator, you fashioned us in your image in the midst of a world beyond our knowledge and understanding. Continue to weave us together in community with all created things, and deepen our awareness of the ways you connect us to the earth. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

PSALMODY*Please be seated*

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.



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

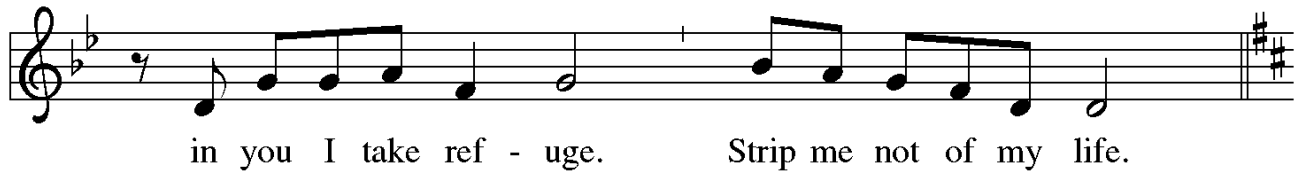
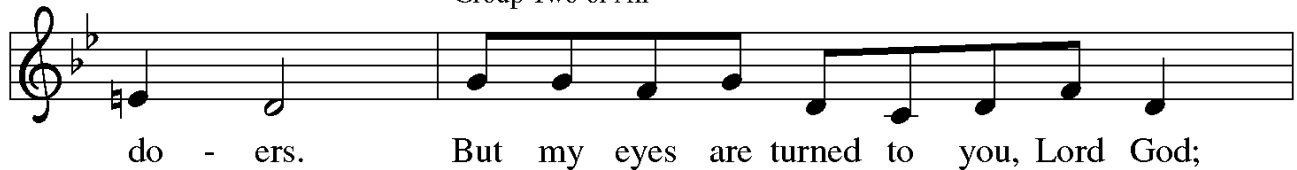


Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

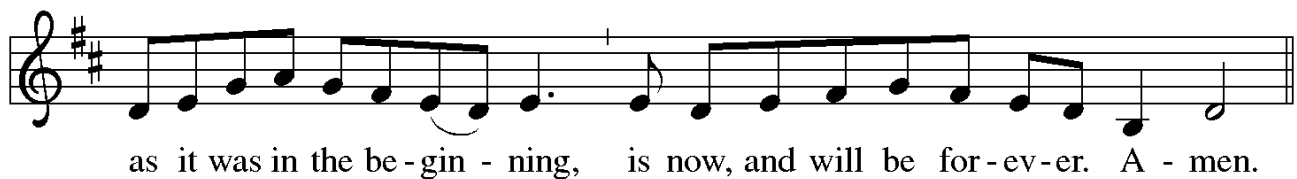


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**PSALM PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

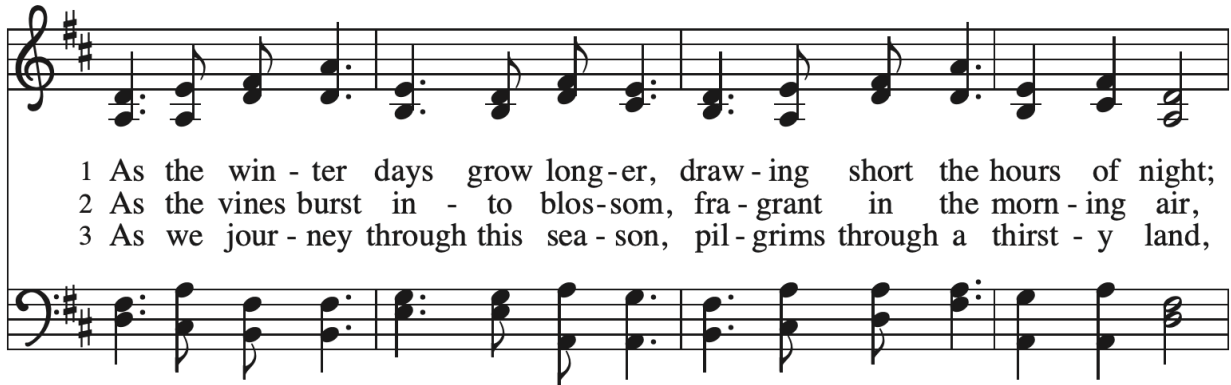
Lord, God of Israel, in your temple of old your people according to your law brought the offering of a lamb mornings and evenings, and this was well pleasing to you when it was offered as a figure of that lamb which should come to save Israel from sin. For the sake of this lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, let our sacrifice be acceptable in your sight, when night and morning we cry for the remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

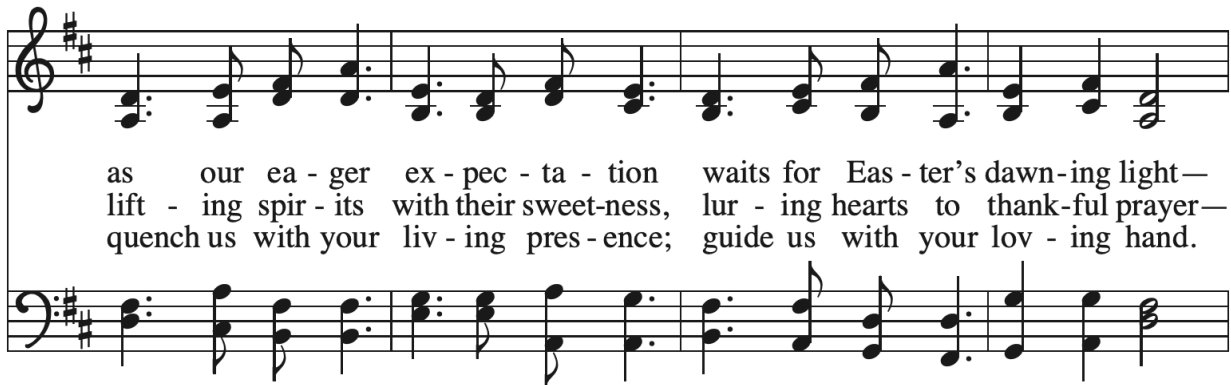
EVENING HYMN

AS THE WINTER DAYS GROW LONGER

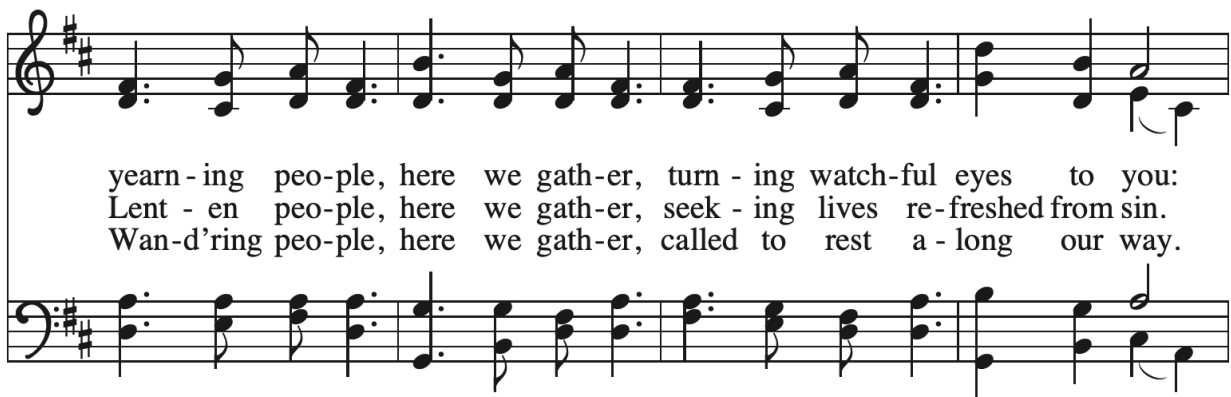
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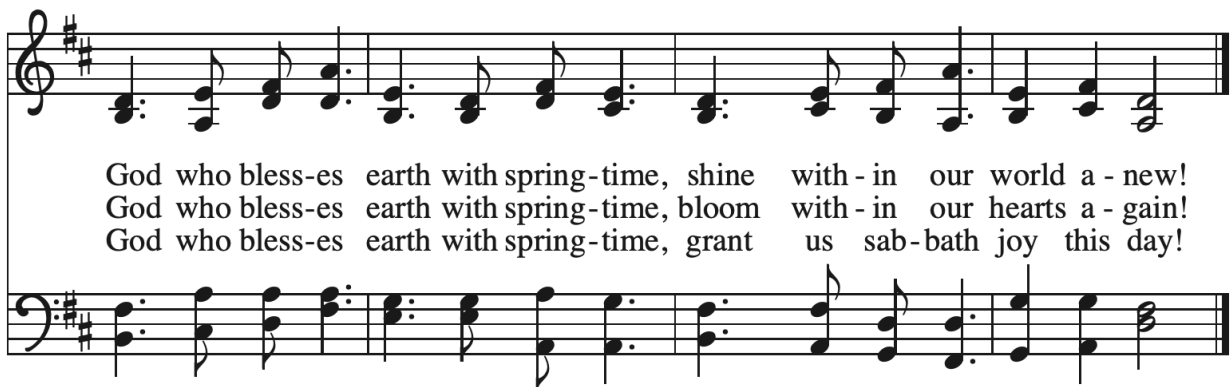
1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
 Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
 Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



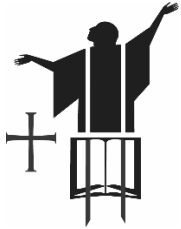
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version

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✠ **WORD** ✠**READING- HAGGAI 1:1-15**

One of the shortest texts of the Prophets, Haggai recounts the efforts of a prophet to motivate God's people in the midst of disaster. Through his efforts, the will of the Lord for Jerusalem begins to take shape.

P: A reading from the Prophet Haggai.

¹ In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest: ² “Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.” ³ Then the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵ Now therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. ⁶ You have sown much and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and you that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes.

⁷ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. ⁸ Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. ⁹ You have looked for much, but it came to little, and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the LORD of hosts. Because my house lies in ruins, while all of you hurry off to your own houses. ¹⁰ Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹ And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the soil produces, on humans and animals, and on all their labors.”

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of the prophet Haggai, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people feared the LORD. ¹³ Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD’s message, saying, “I am with you, says the LORD.” ¹⁴ And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵ on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows the homily.

REV. JOSHUA KNUTSON

GOSPEL CANTICLE **MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR GREATNESS, LORD****ELW 251***Please stand as you are able.*

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

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

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

PRAYERS

The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It contains the melody for the first line of the prayer. The middle staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C), providing harmonic accompaniment for the second line. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C), also providing harmonic accompaniment for the second line. The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy."

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

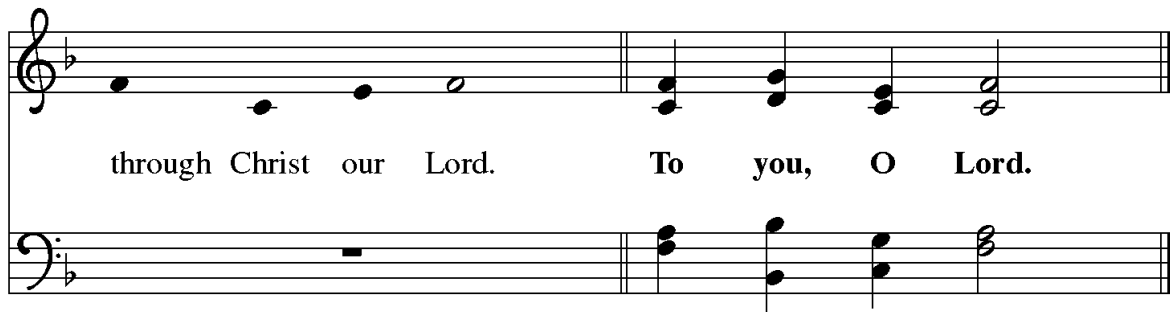
P: For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

A time of silence follows.

P: Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,



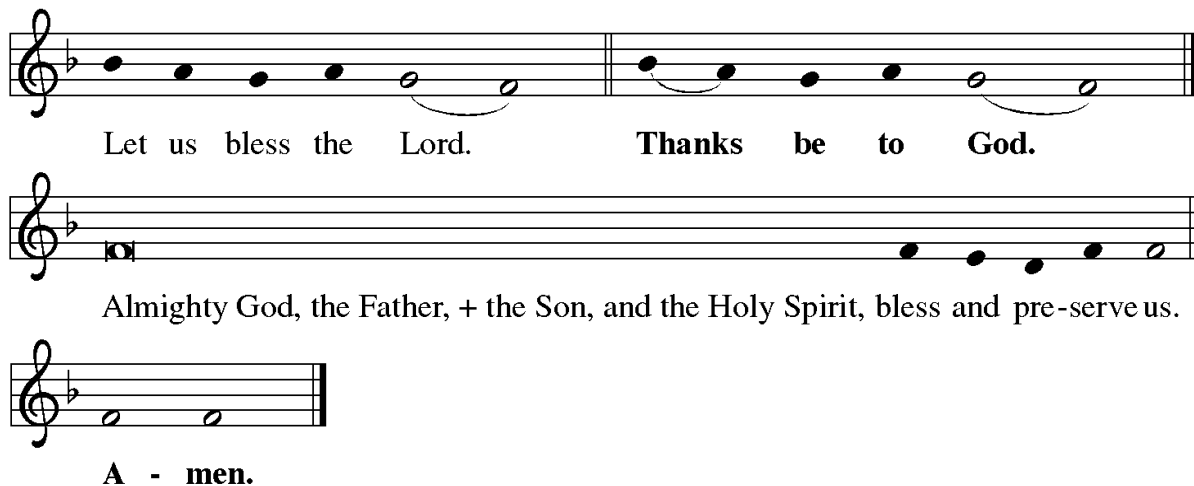
P: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that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

C: Amen.



LORD'S 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.

✠ SENDING ✠**BENEDICTION**


Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.
 Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.
 A - men.

SENDING HYMN

WHEN WE ARE TESTED

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1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Return to the Lord your God.

C: Thanks be to God.





LENTEN WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Christ Community Lutheran | 8315 Dorchester Road | North Charleston

St. Michael Lutheran | 321 West Main Street | Moncks Corner

THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE!



Sundays
CCL | 9 AM
SMLC | 11:30 AM

Wednesdays
CCL | 5 PM
SMLC | 7 PM

Weekly Worship