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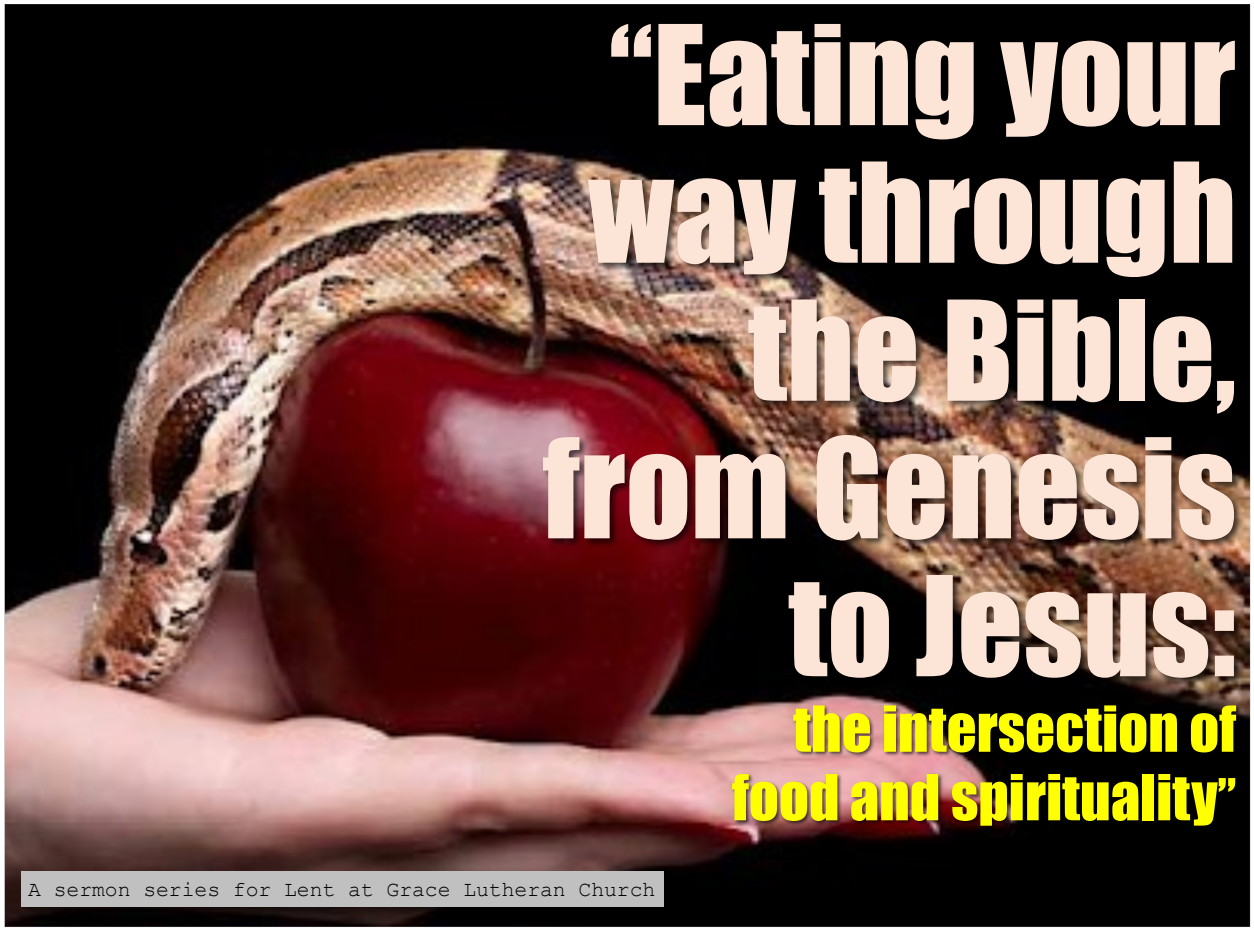

Compline

March 18, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Welcome in Jesus' name.

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WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME

To our Guests and Visitors:
Welcome in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you have come to worship today. Please pick up a *Welcome* folder before you leave. They are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Compline (pronounced *"KOMplin"*) is also known at "Night Prayer" or "Prayers at the end of the day." The English word "Compline" is derived from the Latin *completorium*, as Compline is the completion of the working day and the final service of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours.

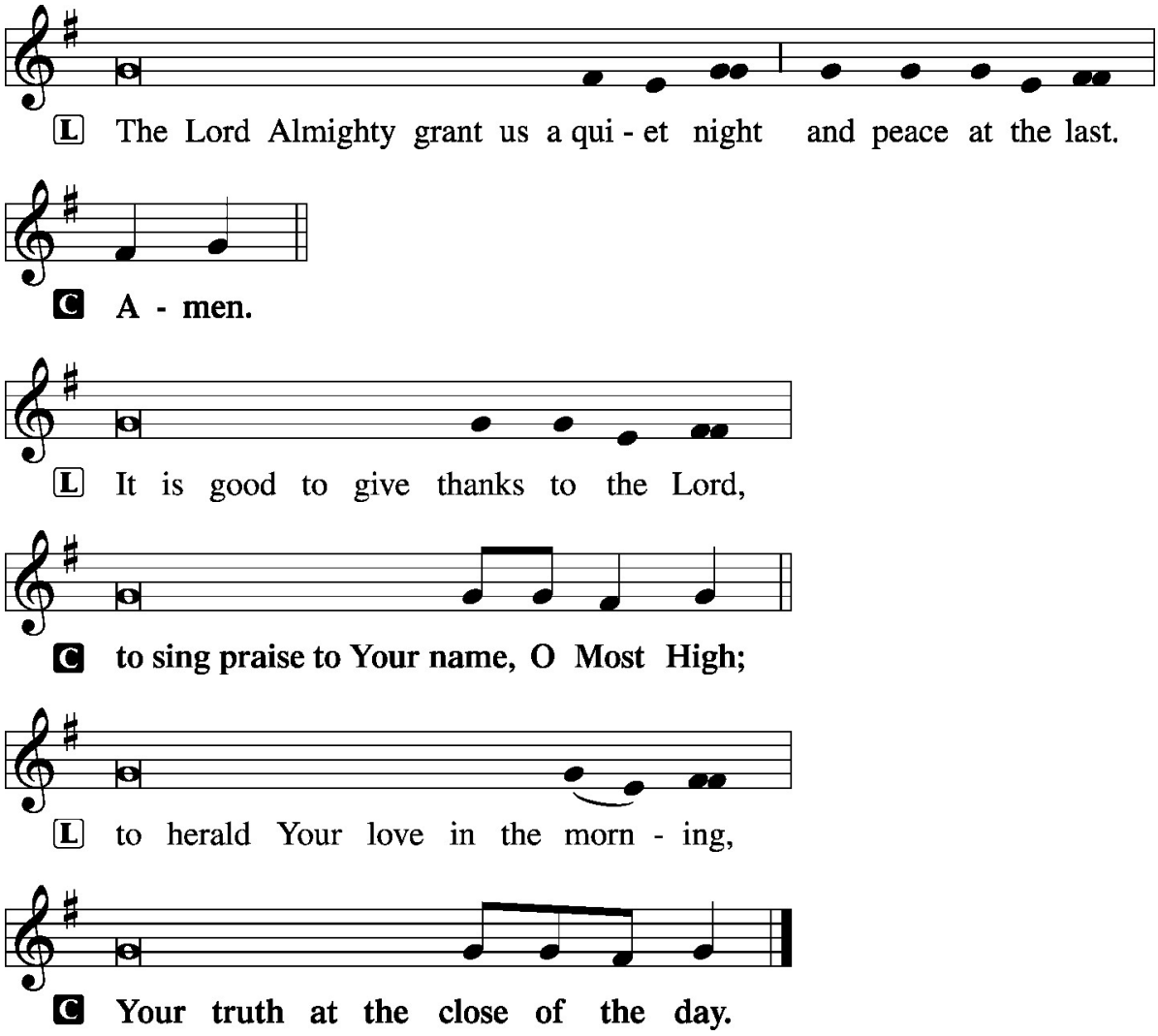
Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged in worship. Indeed, from ancient times they have been an important part of the worshipping community (Joel 2:15-16). If needed, however, there is a nursery available in the East Wing (near the main entrance).

Prelude

Please stand, if able.

Opening Versicles

Psalm 92:1



Exhortation

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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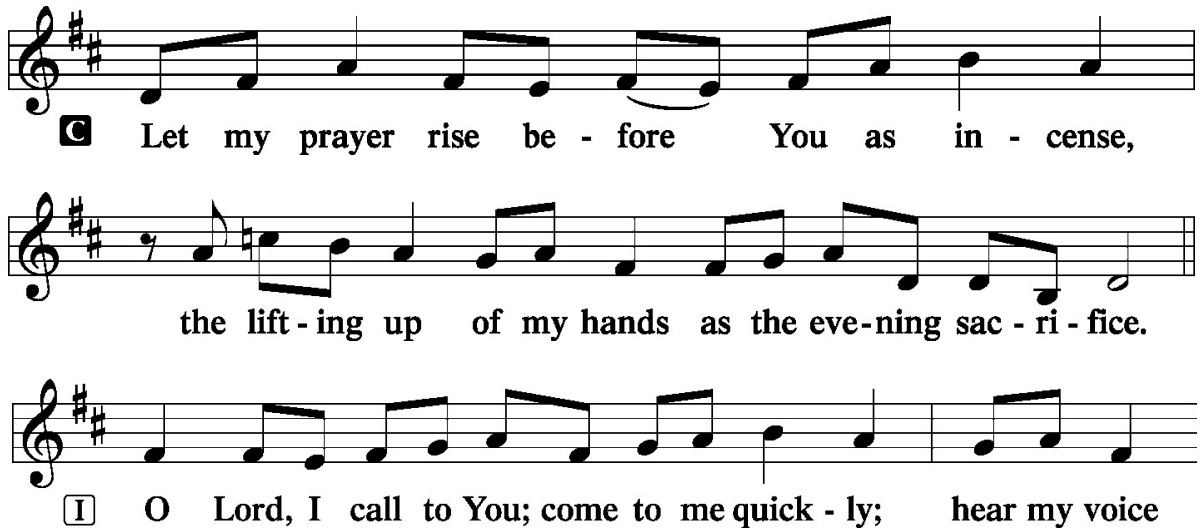
L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

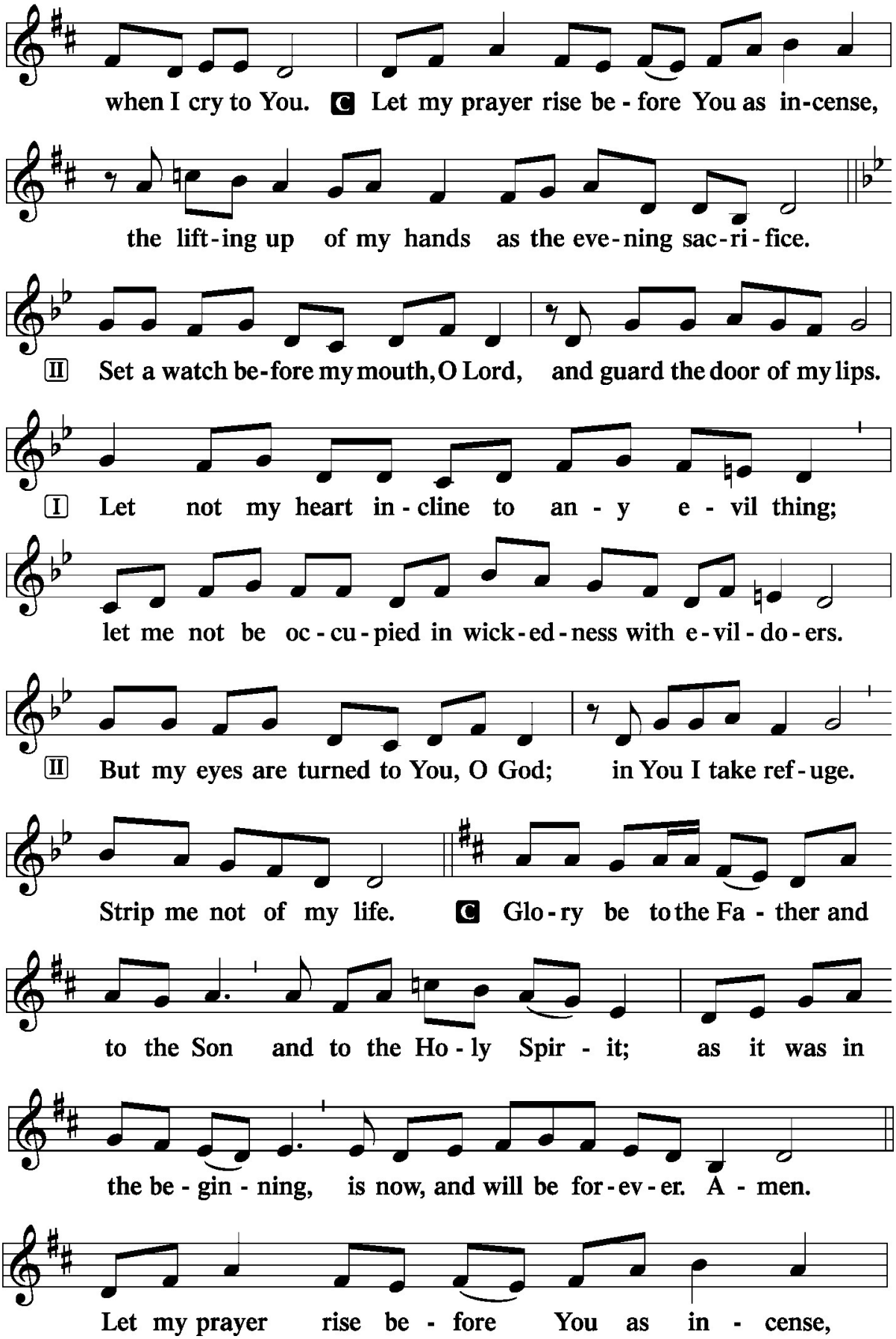
C **Amen.**

Psalmody

Psalm 141

Psalm 141:1–4, 8




when I cry to You. C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in-cense,
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.
II Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
I 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 - do - ers.
II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.
Strip me not of my life. C Glo - ry be 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.
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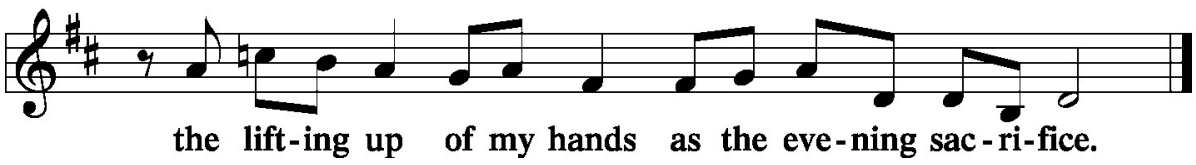

Please be seated.

Glory Be to Jesus

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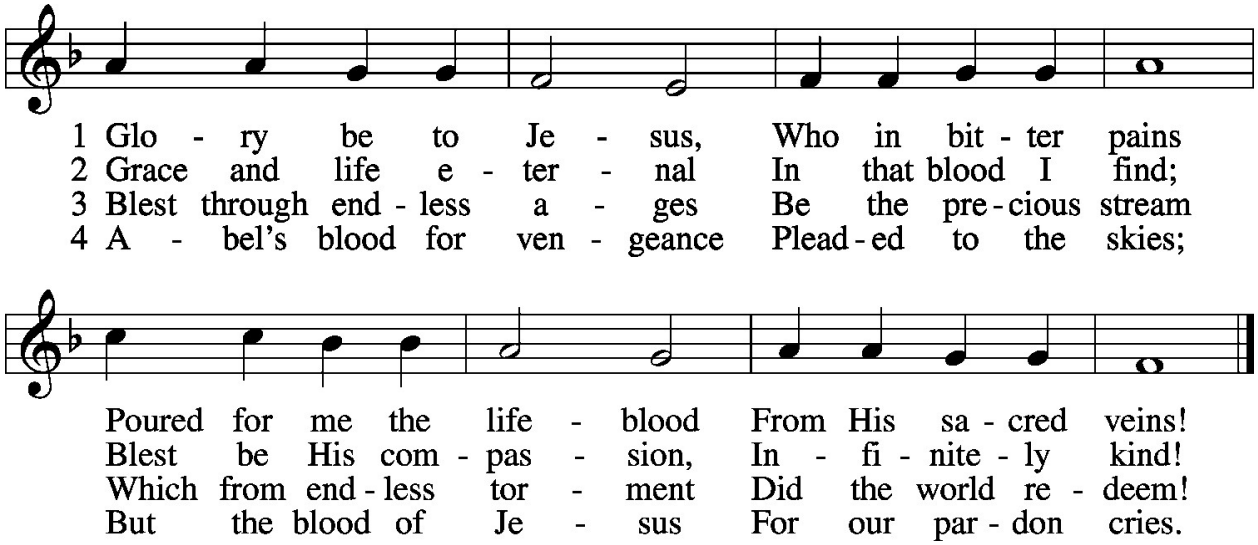

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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Readings from Holy Scripture

1 John 1:7-2:2

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Silence for reflection.

Hebrews 10:1-7, 19-23

1 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sin? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin every year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Silence for reflection.

Hebrews 13:10-13

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. 13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

Silence for reflection.

The service continues on the next page.

Sermon notes:

"When eating meat was a sacrifice"

I. Eating meat was a _____.

II. Bridging heaven and earth:

A. Voluntary offerings:

1. The whole burnt offering—total dedication to God.
2. The grain offering—food for the priests.
3. The peace offering—food for the priests and laity.

B. Mandatory offerings.

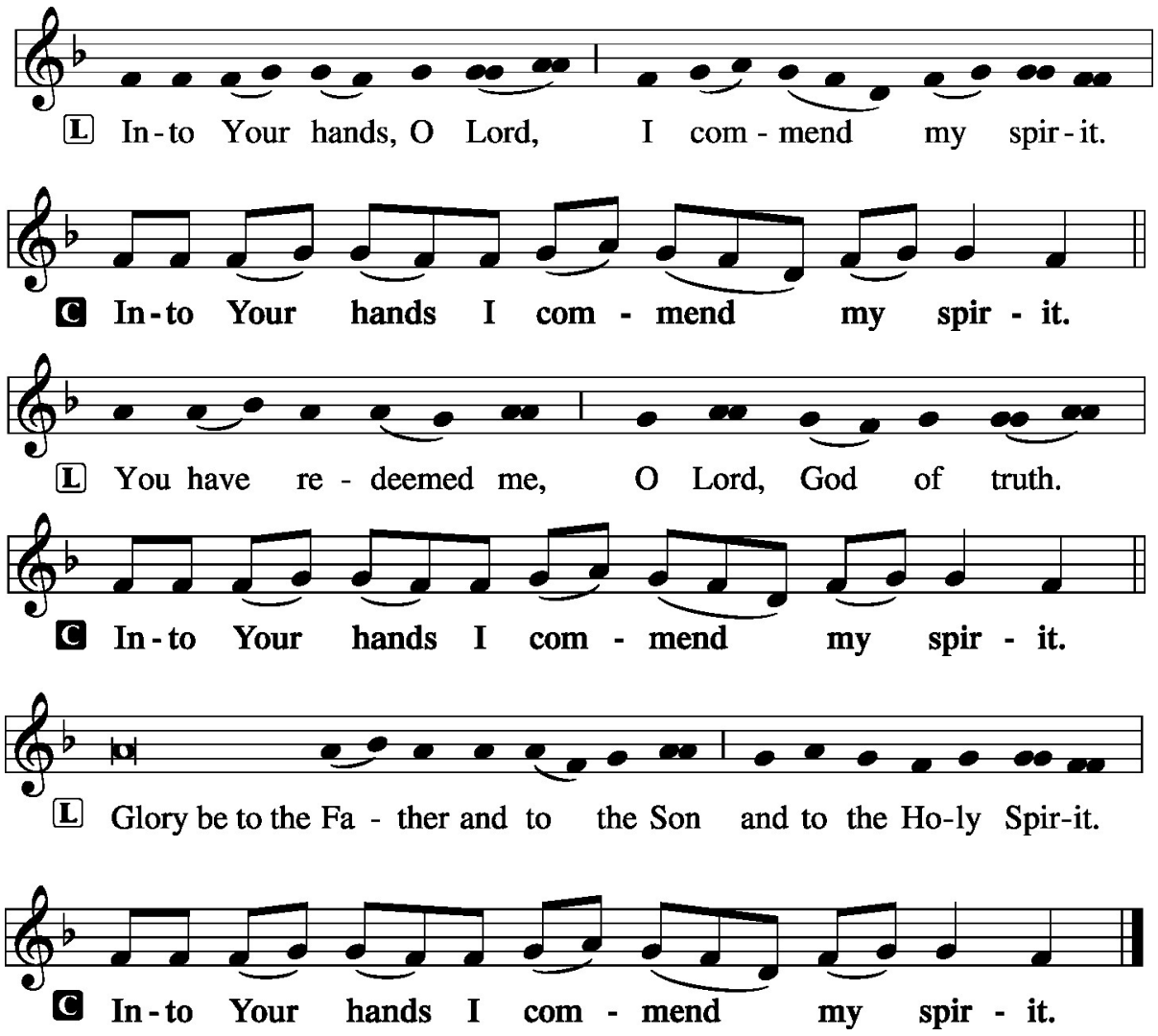
1. Sin offering—provides forgiveness for unintentional sins.
2. Guilt offering—reparation for unintentional sins.

C. The OT offerings cleansed us _____ for access to the earthly sanctuary.

D. Christ's self-offering cleanses us _____ for access to the heavenly sanctuary.

Responsory

Psalm 31:5



Not All the Blood of Beasts

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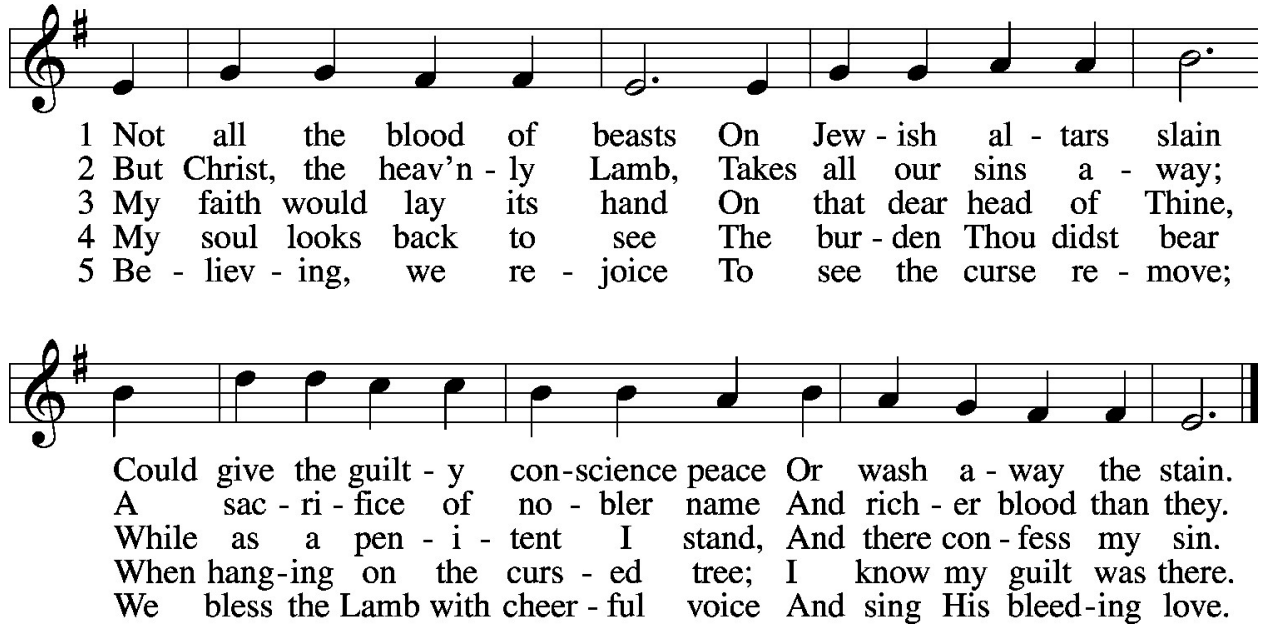

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Sermon

"When eating meat was a sacrifice"

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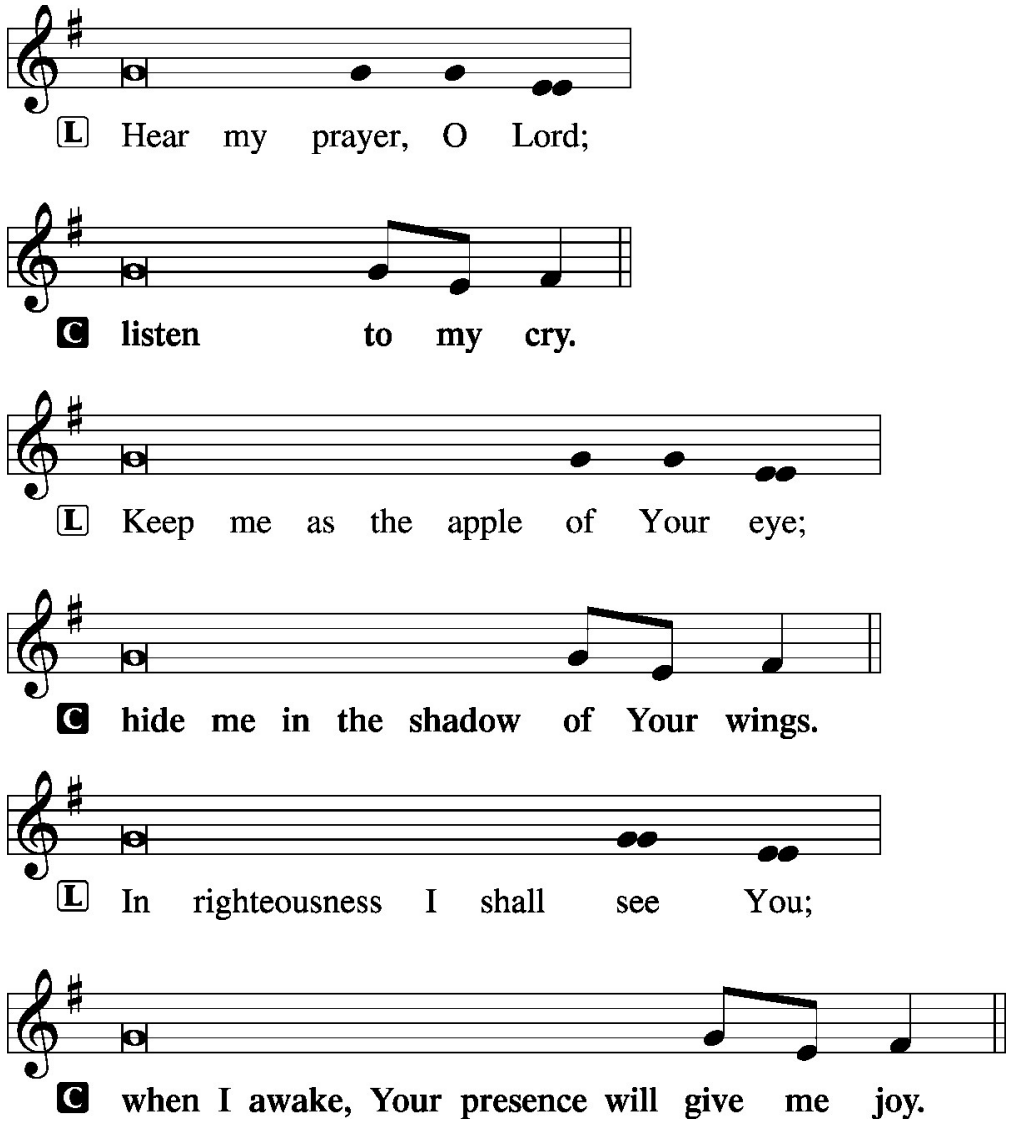
Door Offering

Please stand, if able.

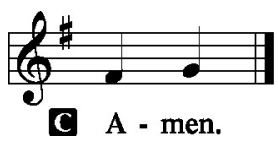
Prayer

Psalm 102:1; Psalm 17:8; Psalm 17:15



Collect

L Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

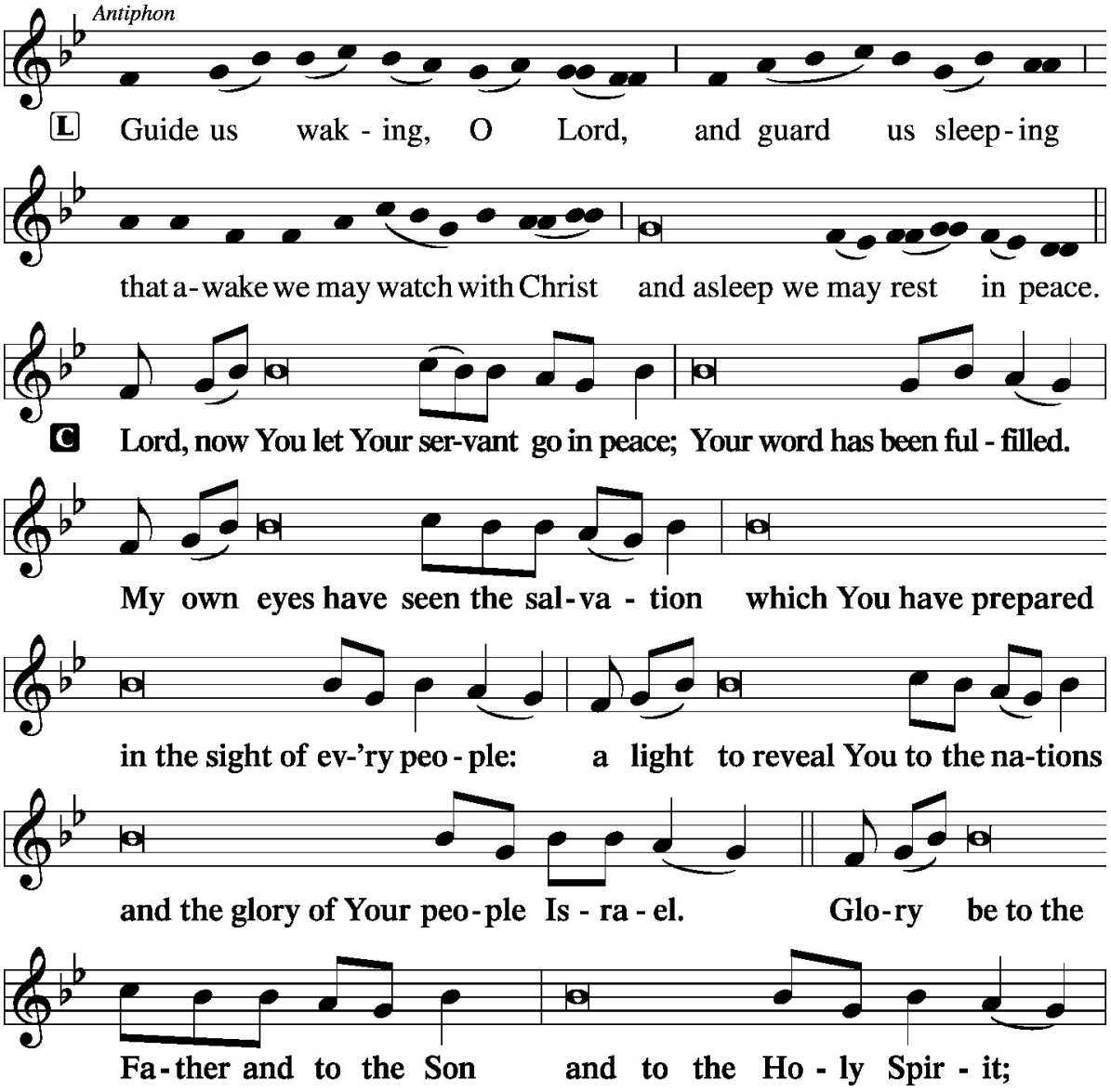
Matthew 6:9–13

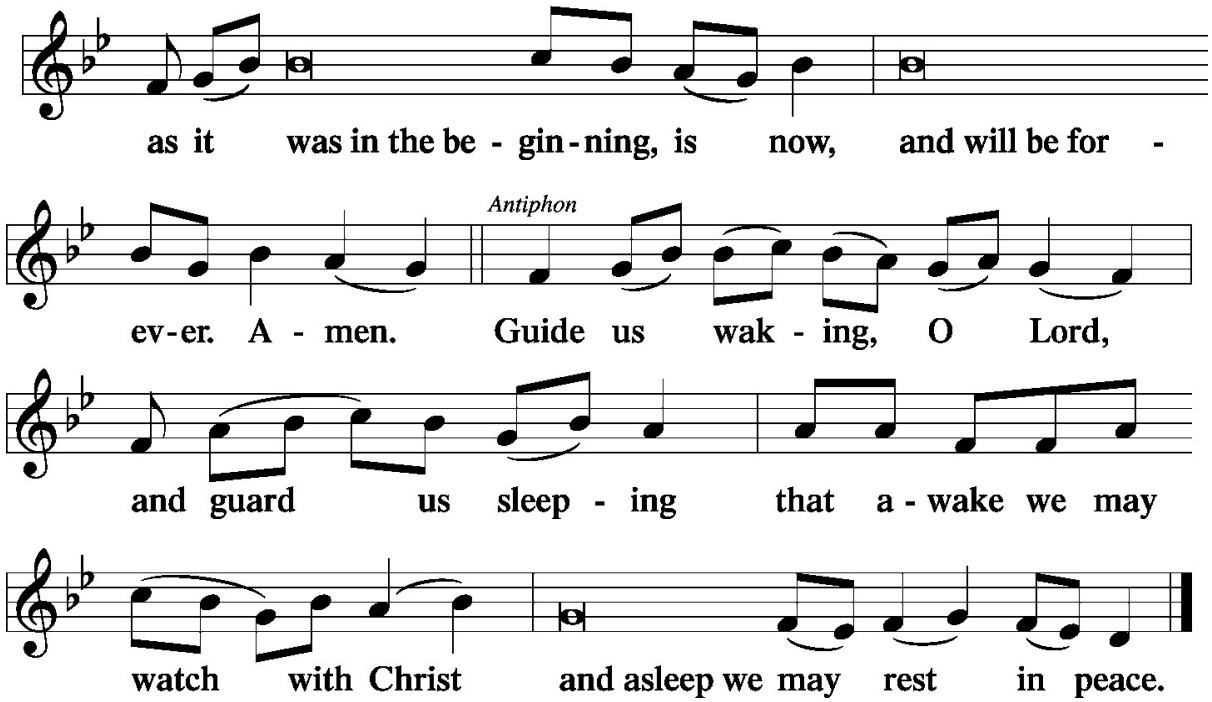
L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

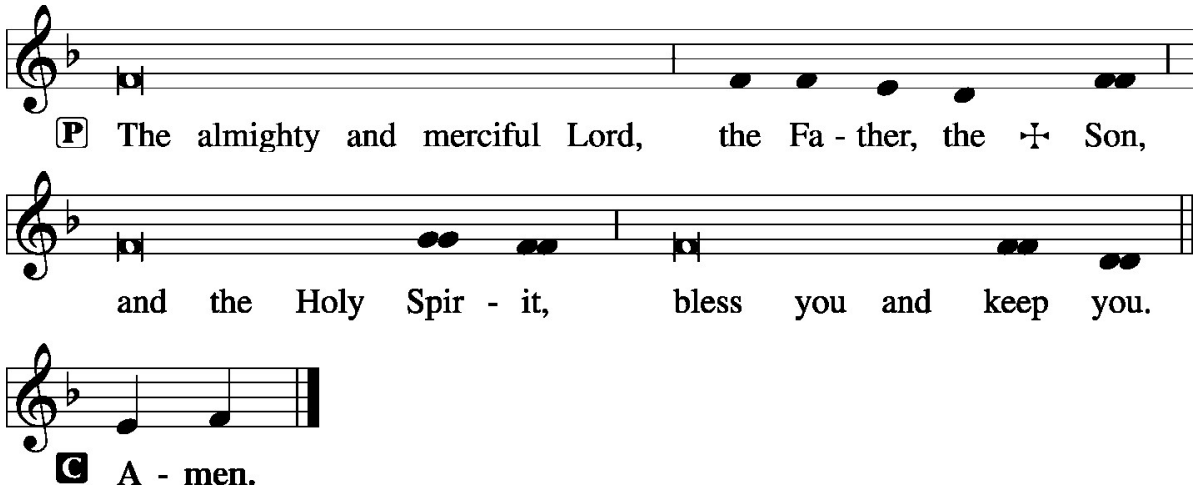
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32





Benediction



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