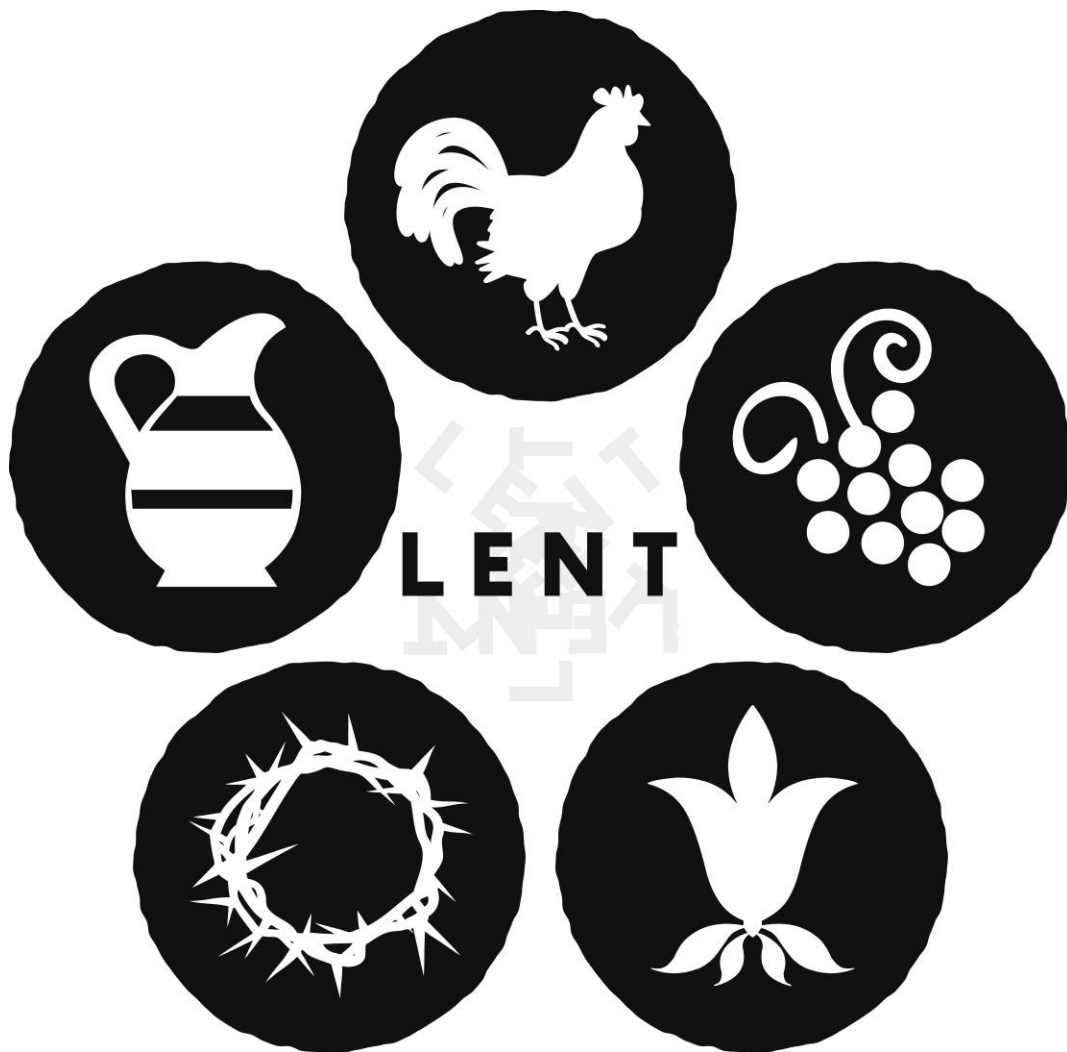


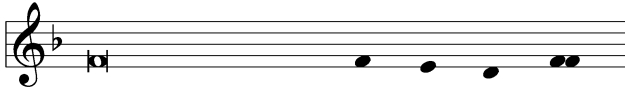
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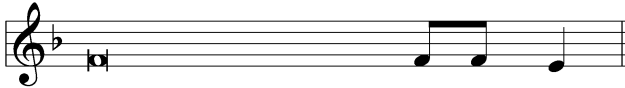


# Service of Light

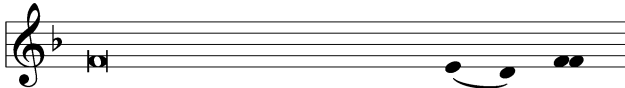
*Stand*



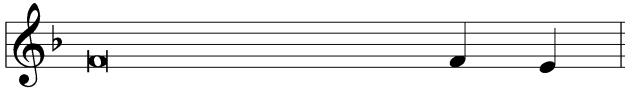
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



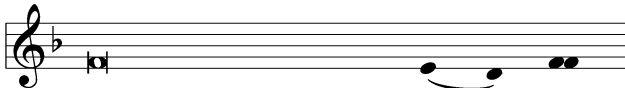
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.

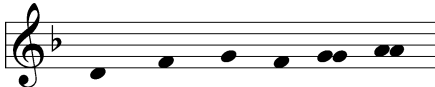


**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

## Phos Hilaron



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

## Thanksgiving for Light

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,

who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of

fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;

may His 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 we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** A - men.

*Go to Dark Gethsemane.....Handbells*

## Psalmody

Psalm 141

*Psalm 141:1-4, 8*



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



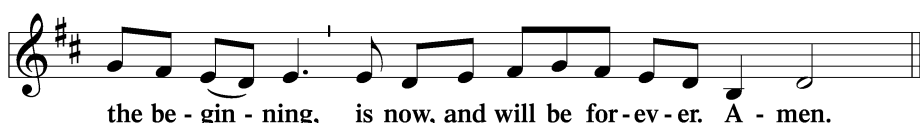
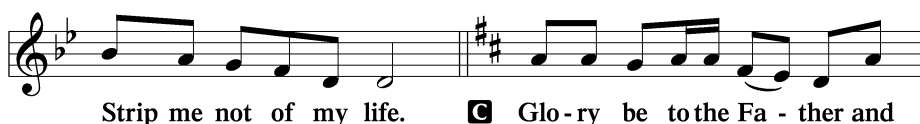
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



**L** Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un-known, My Sav-ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal-va-tion to be-  
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
me, Love to the love-less shown That they might love-ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would  
sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their  
be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in-deed,  
King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in-ju-ries! Yet they at these  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them-selves dis-please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suffering goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## Readings

### Reading

*Matthew 26:47–56*

**L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 26.

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

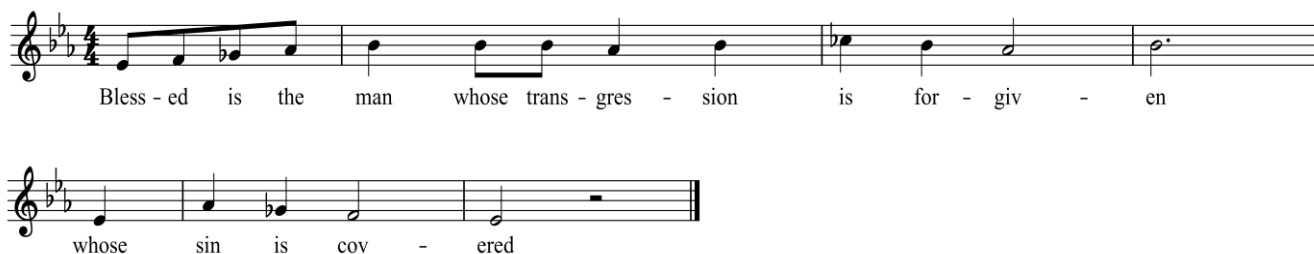
**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Psalm

*Psalm 95:1–9*



Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,\*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths | of the earth;\*

the heights of the mountains are his | also.

The sea is his, for he | made it,\*

and his hands formed the | dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,\*

and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep | of his hand.

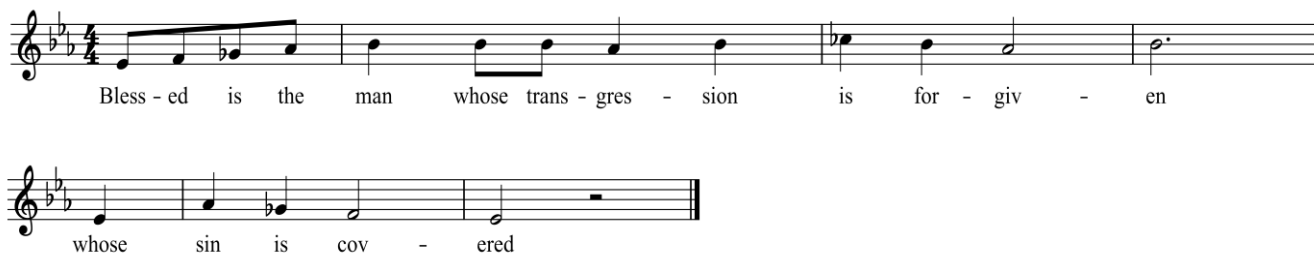
Today, if you | hear his voice,\*

do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the | wilderness,

when your fathers put me | to the test\*

and put me to the proof, though they had | seen my work.



## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

### Litany (Lent)

*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

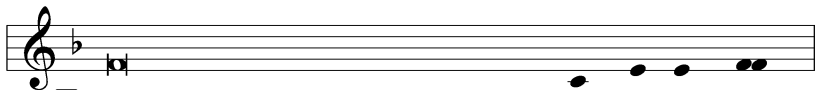
**L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

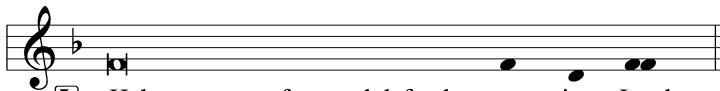
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone  
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

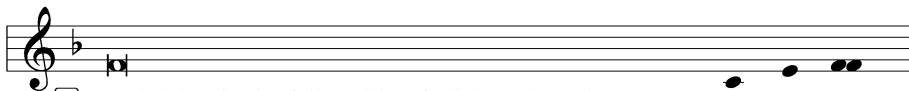


**C** Thanks be to God.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us  
commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

## Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

*[Psalm 103:1]*

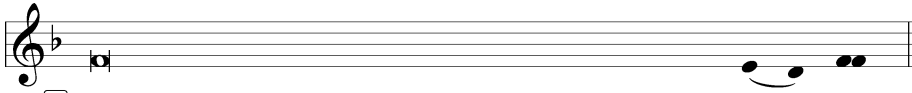


- L** Let us bless the Lord.



- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



**L** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



**C** A - men.

## 886 The Day Thou Gavest



1 The day Thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed,  
2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un - sleep - ing  
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land  
4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak - ing  
5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er,



The dark - ness falls at Thy be - hest;  
While earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
The dawn leads on an - oth - er day,  
Thy saints be - neath the west - ern skies,  
Like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;



To Thee our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed,  
Through all the world her watch is keep - ing,  
The voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
And hour by hour, as day is break - ing,  
Thy king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er,



Thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
And nev - er rests by day or night.  
Nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
Fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.  
Till all Thy crea - tures own Thy sway.

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