

Lent Wednesdays in 2025 Service of Evening Prayer

Stories from the lives of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi



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Vespers Service of Evening Prayer at Gloria Dei Church, Leesburg Lent 2025

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING

DIALOGUE FOR LENT

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

Now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

That the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;

And may the poor be lifted up.

HYMN OF LIGHT

ELW 561 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

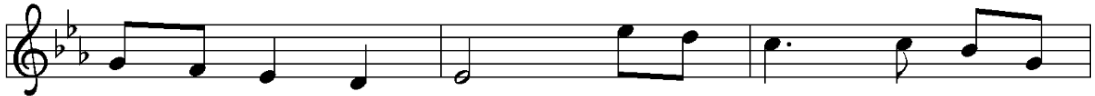
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



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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THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being,

and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.

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

you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of our Christ; may your word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

PSALMODY

PSALM 141

The musical score for Psalm 141 is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is marked 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.'. The third staff is marked 'Group One or All' and contains the lyrics 'O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

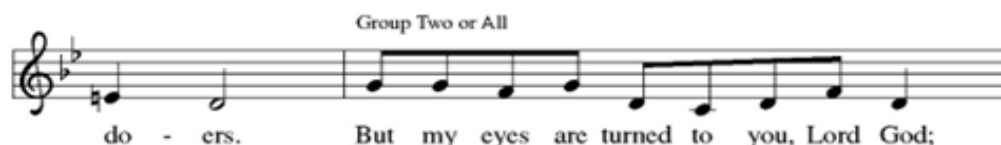
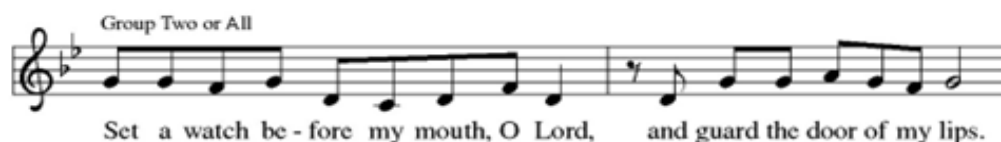
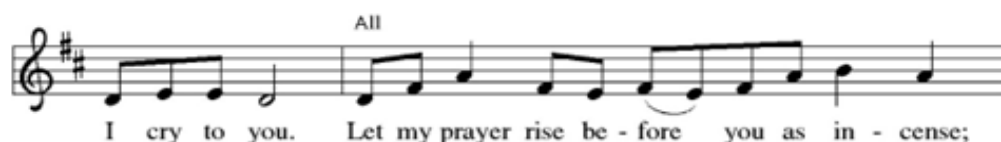
All

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

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

Group One or All

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when





SONG

READINGS AND REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE READINGS

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

ELW 251 My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



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.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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PRAYERS

THE LITANY

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 ^l pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,
and for those who are in captivity, let us ^l pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

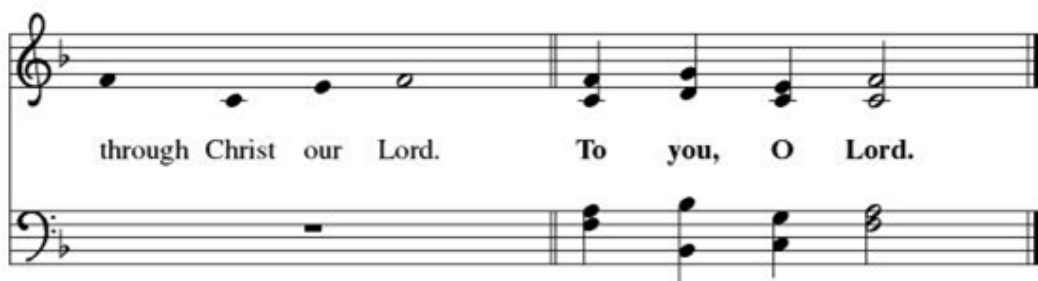
For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us ^l pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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



O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR FATHER, SONG

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.

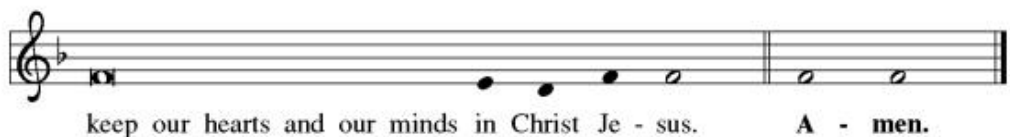
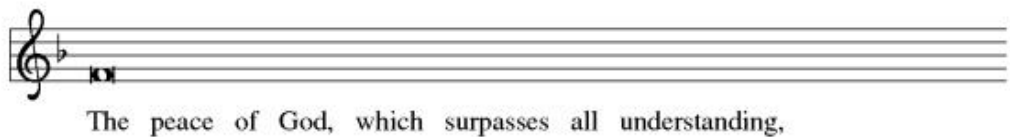
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

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.

BLESSING



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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