

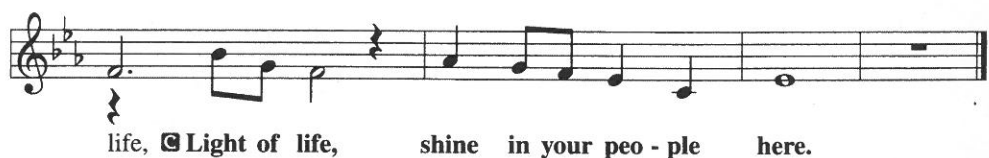
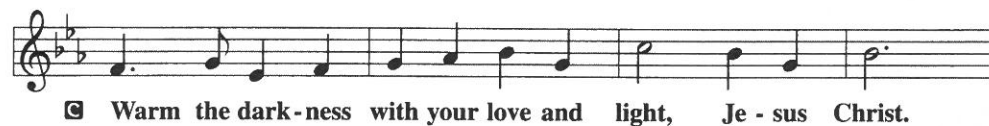
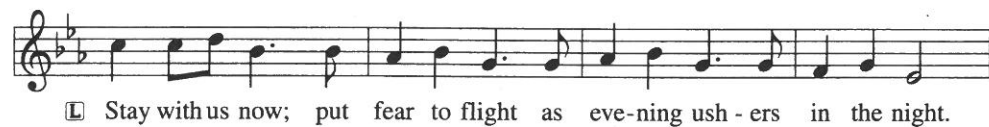
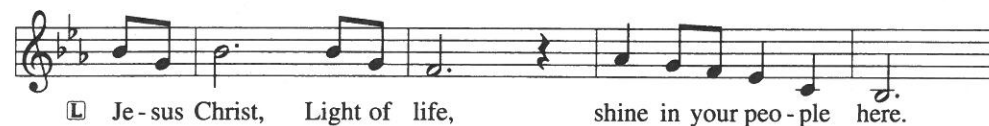
JOYOUS LIGHT

Evening Prayer

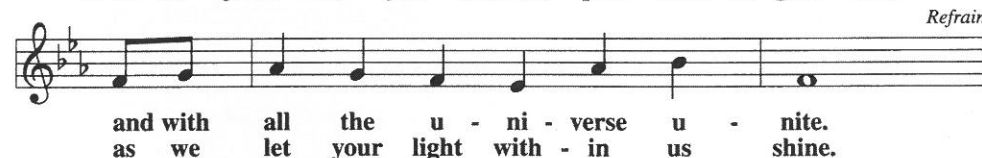
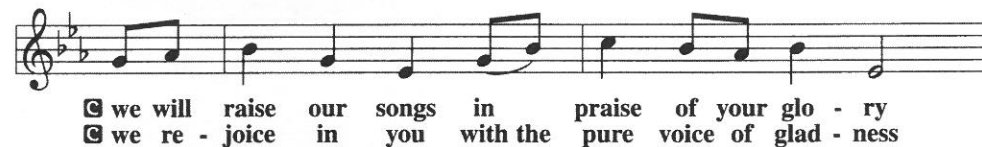
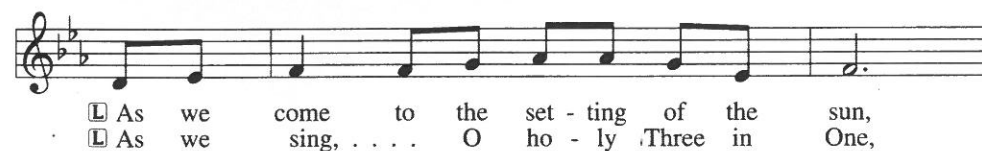
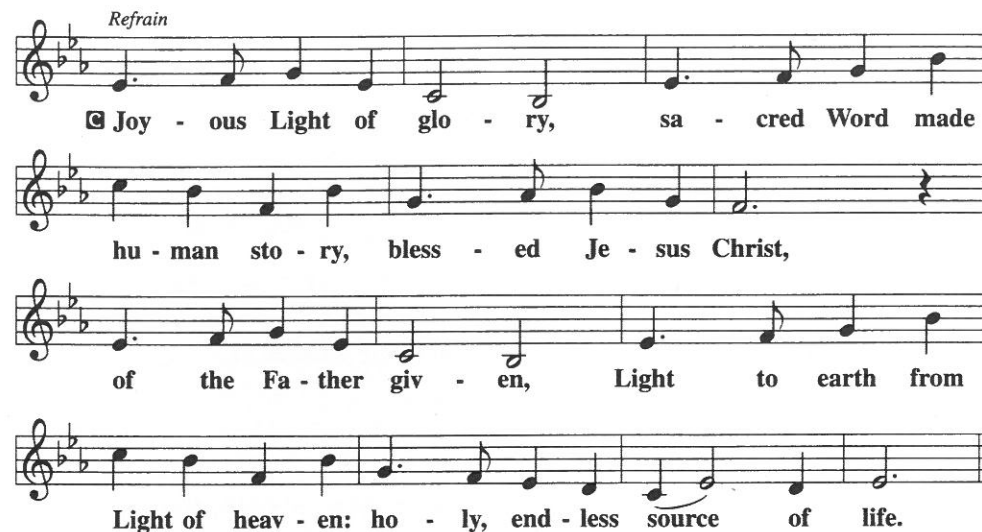
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SERVICE OF LIGHT

Opening Dialogue



Hymn of Light



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 praise and thank you, O God,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom you have enlightened us
by revealing the light that never fades.

Night is falling/has fallen

and day's allotted span draws to a close.

The daylight you created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us,
and yet, of your free gift,
now the evening lights do not fail us.

We praise you and glorify you through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom be glory, honor, and power
to you in the Holy Spirit,
now and always and forever and ever.

☞ Amen

PSALM AND SONG

Psalm 141

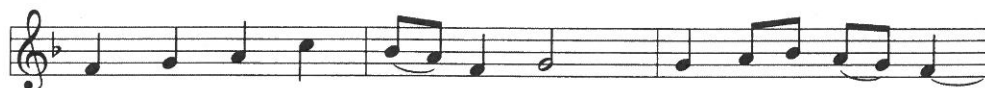
Refrain



☞ We lift our hands in prayer like incense rising



and offer our lives to you, O God.



℣ God, we call, for you are near: ☞ hear us and help us.
℣ Touch our lips, form ev - 'ry word: ☞ keep us from e - vil.
℣ As we turn our gaze to you: ☞ Light of cre - a - tion;

Parts marked ℣ and ☞ may be sung by leader and congregation, choir and congregation, by two groups within the congregation, or by all.



℣ Be now a - mong us here: ☞ hear us and help us.
℣ Un - bind our hearts, O Lord: ☞ keep us from e - vil.
℣ and live our days with you: ☞ Light of cre - a - tion;



℣ Be thou the lov - ing ear: ☞ hear us and help us and all who cry.
℣ Re-mind us we are re-stored: ☞ keep us from e - vil and all its lies.
℣ and burn and blaze in you: ☞ Light of cre - a - tion, o - pen our eyes.

Psalm Prayer (after a time of silence)

℣ O God, from the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is worthy of all praise.
Let our prayer rise before you as incense,
and with the lifting up of our hands
may we offer our whole lives to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☞ Amen

Additional psalms and biblical songs may be sung (see pp. 10–11, 15). Each may be followed by a time of silence for reflection that may conclude with a prayer.

A hymn or song appropriate to the time of day, the season, or the readings may be sung (see pp. 12–13). One of the traditional office hymns may be used.

WORD

Readings

One or more readings from the scriptures are proclaimed. Additional devotional readings may also be used. Silence for reflection may follow the readings.

In response to the readings, one or more of the following may be used: brief commentary; vocal or instrumental music; interpretation and reflection through visual arts or dance.

At the conclusion, a sentence such as the following may be spoken:

℣ The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

☞ Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Magnificat

Refrain

☐ My soul pro - claims your great-ness, O God,
my spir-it re - joic - es in the love of my Sav - ior.
You have looked with fa - vor on my sim - ple ways,
and I will praise you all of my days.

1 You have called me bless - ed, done great things for me.
2 You have hum-bled the might - y, scat-tered earth-ly pride.

You have shown your mer - cy, set my spir-it free.
You have strength-ened your ser-vants, kept us by your side.

You have lift - ed the low - ly, sent the rich a - way.
You have hon-ored your prom - ise made so long a - go.

Refrain

You have filled the hun - gry, and ho - ly is your name.
You have blessed your chil - dren from age to age, and so:

For an alternate, see "Lord, now you let your servant," pp. 14-15.

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Litany

Refrain

☐ God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer.
(God.)

Petitions

1 For	peace	born	of	heav - en,	and
2 For	peace	in	the	whole world,	and
3 For	all	those	who	gov - ern:	give
4 For	all	who	work	for jus - tice	and
5 For	rain,	sun,	and	har - vest,	and
6 For	all	who	know	af - flic - tion,	des -
7 For	all	those	who	suf - fer	in
8 For	all	our	be - lov - ed,	our	
9 Re -	joic - ing	in	com - mu - nion	with	

for our sal - va - tion, we pray to you, O
peace a - mong all peo - ples,
wis - dom and com - pas - sion;
free - dom from op - pres - sion,
food to fill the hun - gry,
pair, wrath, and dan - ger,
grief, pain, and sor - row,
fam - 'ly, friends, and neigh - bors,
saints gone be - fore us,

Final refrain

☐ God of love, have mer - cy, and lis - ten to our prayer,
(God.)

God of love, hear our prayer. A - men

Concluding Prayers

☐ God of love, we thank you that you have kept us
under your protecting care in the day that is past.
Bring your healing to the wounds of this day,
those we have inflicted, those we have felt,
those that trouble our world.
Cover us this night with the wings of your grace,
and raise us to a new day
with Christ, our light and our peace.

☐ Amen

☐ Let us pray with confidence
in the words our Savior gave us:

☐ 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

OR ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
and teach us to pray:

☐ 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

Blessing



☐ Let us bless the Ho-ly One. ☐ To God our thanks we raise. ☐ May



God Al-might-y bless us, guide us and de-fend us, and lead us in - to



life. ☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

Readings for Joyous Light Evening Prayer for Lent 2023

Week 1 – Love of neighbors eclipses fear of others

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-3, 9-18

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Week 2 – Nothing can separate us from God's love

First Reading: Hosea 11:1-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:35-39

Week 3 – Loving immigrants and even enemies

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Second Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Week 4 – The love/faith connection

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Second Reading: John 14:15-31

Week 5 – Perfect love casts out fear

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:7-13

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

*There will be a time of silence
for meditation after each reading.*