



# VESPERS

ALL SAINTS' DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ⓑ Bishop ⓓ Presiding Minister Ⓛ Lector Ⓢ All

## Procession

*Leader or Assistant*

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

*All*

the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

*Leader or Assistant*

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All* *Leader or Assistant*

and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All*

and shine within your peo - ple here.

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## Evening Hymn

*All*

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

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

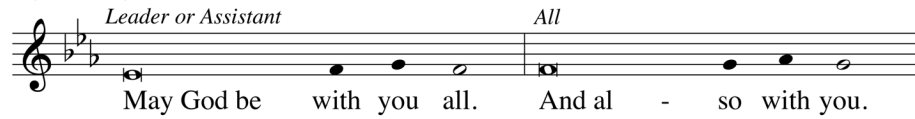
eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

light our hearts a - new.  
free and make us whole.  
on to end - less day.

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## Evening Thanksgiving

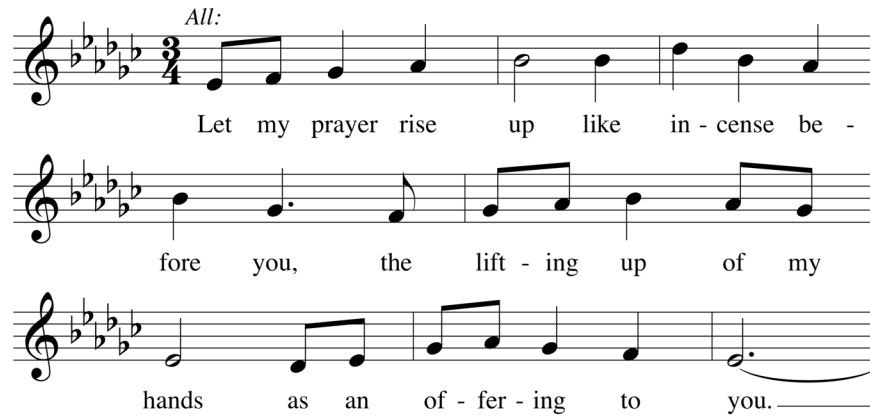


*Leader* Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



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## Psalm 141



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now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise  
hear my voice when I cry to you.  
up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an  
you. Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

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*(song continues on the next page)*

deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the  
 burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise  
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.  
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
 lift-ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an  
 you. All praise to the God of all- Cre -  
 of - fer - ing to you. All

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*(song continues on the next page)*

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all  
Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise  
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.  
up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an  
you.  
of - fer - ing to you.

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### *Psalm Prayer*

☞ May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

☞ Amen.

# HEARING THE WORD

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*First Reading*

*Revelation 7:9-17*

📖 A reading from Revelation:

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

▣ A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

▣ The Word of the Lord.

▣ Thanks be to God.

*Sermon*

*The Rev. William (Bill) Gohl, Jr., Bishop  
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*silence is kept for reflection*

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- P** The light shines in the darkness  
**C** and the darkness has not overcome it.

## The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

- L** An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

## The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

*All*

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
 2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
 lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the  
 strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to

*D.C.*  
 weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!  
 Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

## Litany and Prayers

*All*  
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:  
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:  
3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:  
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:  
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:  
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:  
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:  
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:  
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:  
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

*We remember leaders of our synod who have died in the past year:*

- ✝ The Rev. Harry Thomas Miller
- ✝ The Rev. Rodney Gatzke
- ✝ The Rev. Partee Boliek Jr.
- ✝ The Rev. Elmer Klein
- ✝ The Rev. John Yost Jr.
- ✝ The Rev. Harry "Skip" McComas
- ✝ The Rev. Bruce Kelley
- ✝ Angeline Haines

[A] *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

▮ Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

▮ **Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*

▮ God, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

▮ **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.**

### *Final Blessing*

The musical score for the Final Blessing is written for a Leader or Assistant and All. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is in 2/4 time and the second is in 4/4 time. The third and fourth staves are in 4/4 time. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Leader or Assistant*      *All*

Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

*Leader or Assistant*

May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our

guide and path for all of our days. *All* A - men.

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