

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

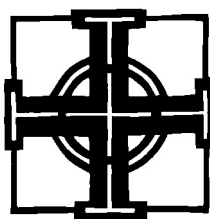
Wednesday Evenings

Bulletin for Streaming Worship

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Holden Evening prayer is a worship setting originally written for Holden Village, a place of retreat, respite, and spiritual renewal in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. Since it's composition in 1986, it has spread around the country and around the world and is used in many congregations for Advent and Lenten midweek services.

The worship leader reads the fine print.
The assembly reads the bold print.



WELCOME

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.

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



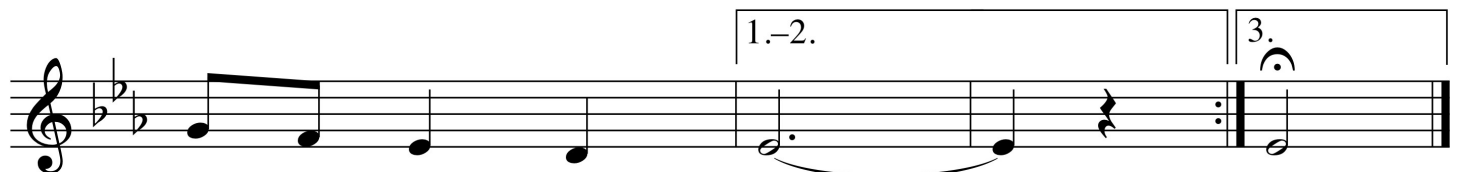
sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



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.


Evening Thanksgiving

Leader or Assistant *All*



May God be with you all. And al - so with you.


Leader or Assistant *All*



Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

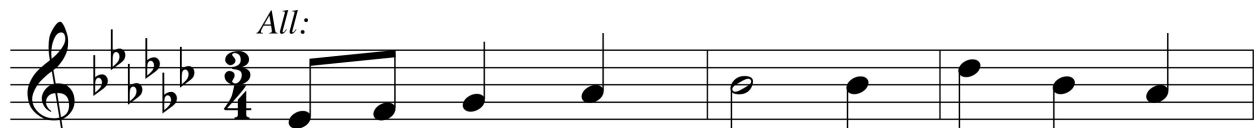
Leader Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All

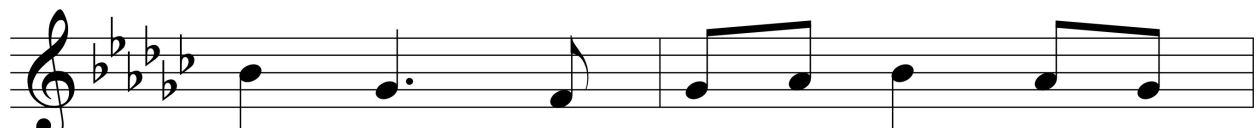


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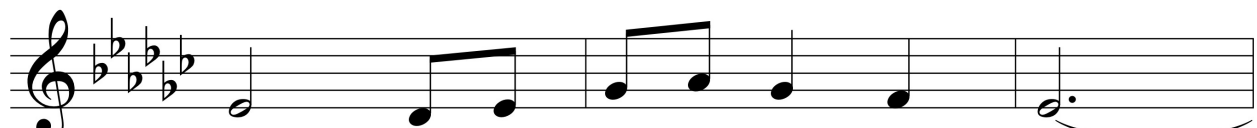
All:



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

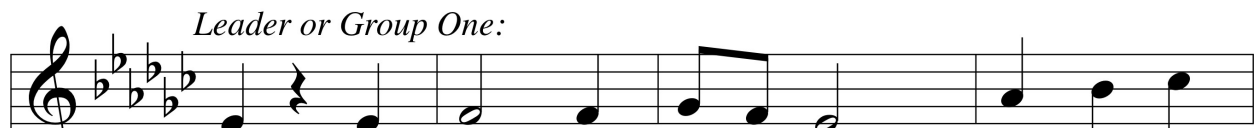


fore you, the lift - ing up of my




hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Leader or Group One:

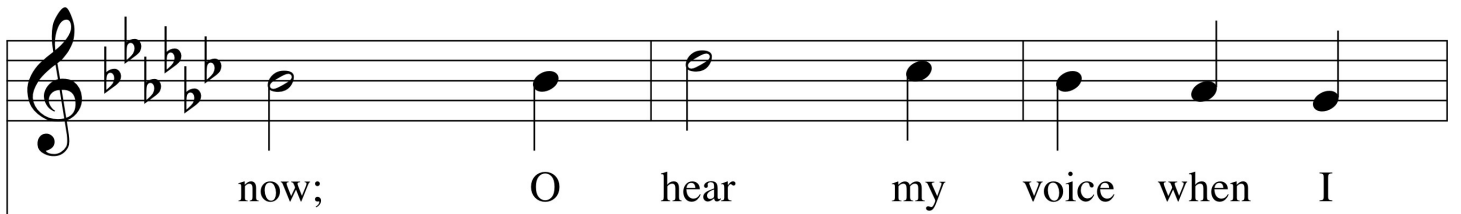


— O God, I call to you, come to me

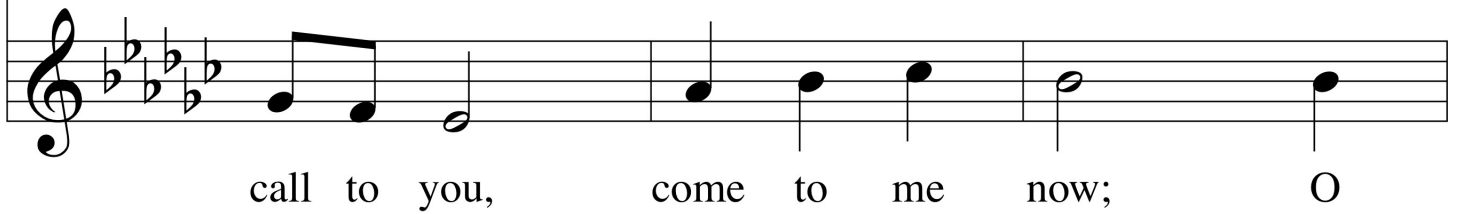
All or Group Two:



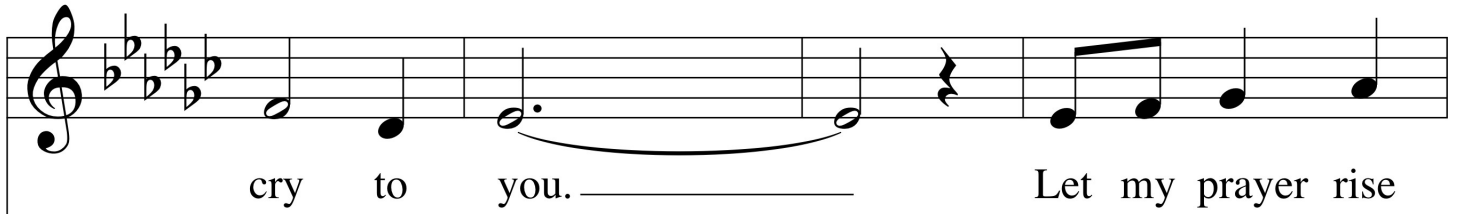
O God, I



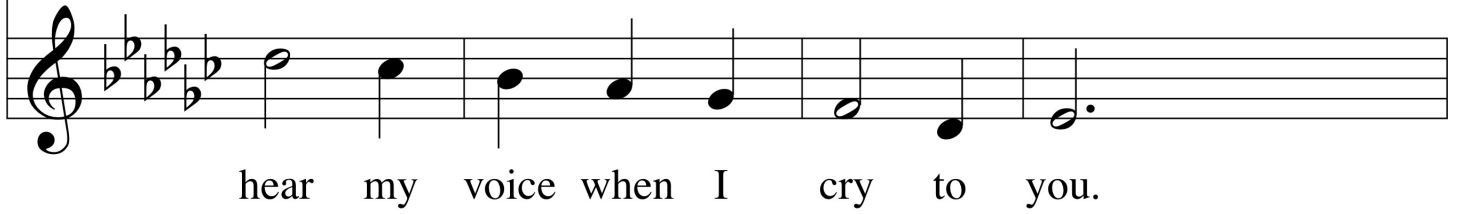
now; O hear my voice when I



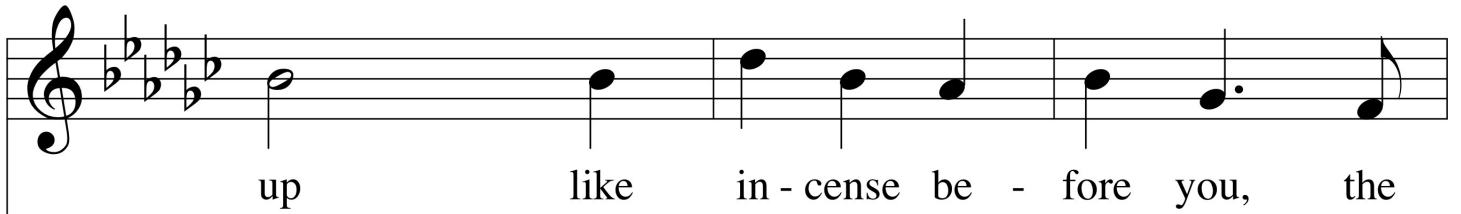
call to you, come to me now; O



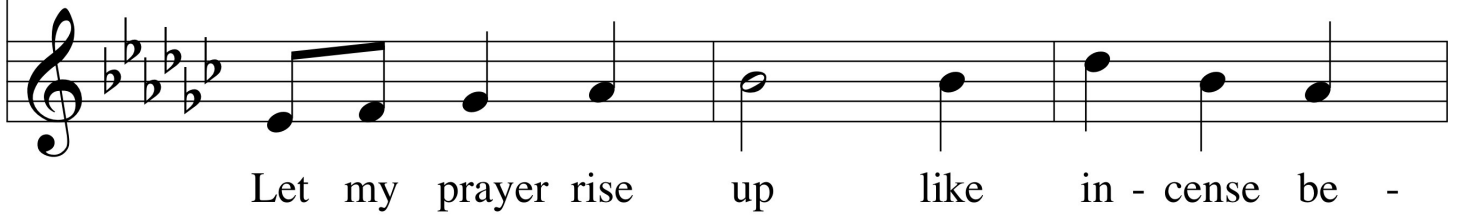
cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise



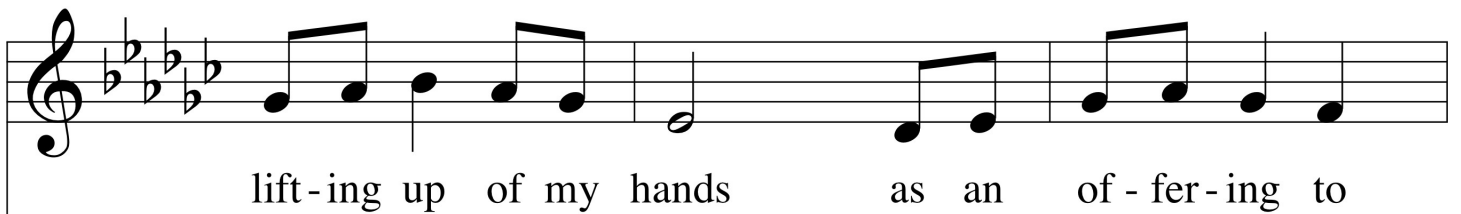
hear my voice when I cry to you.



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Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-



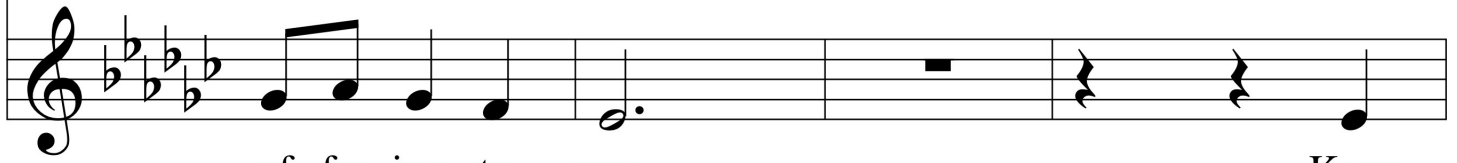
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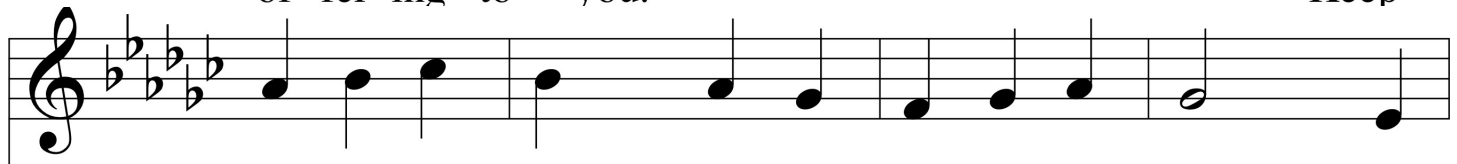
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you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;



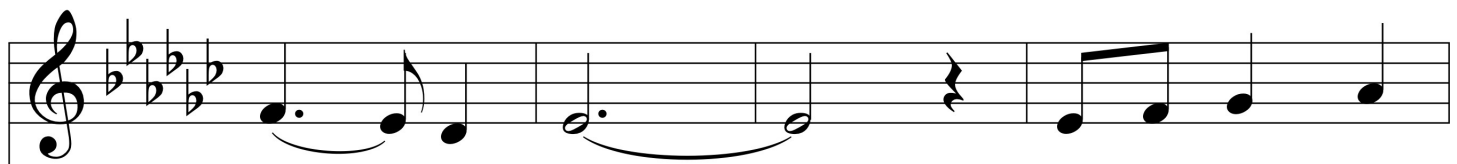
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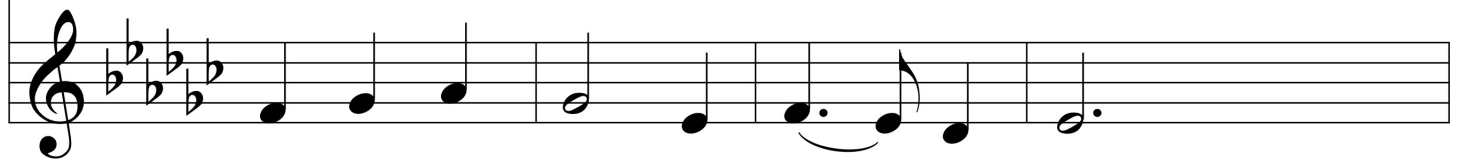
deep in my heart may the light of your love be



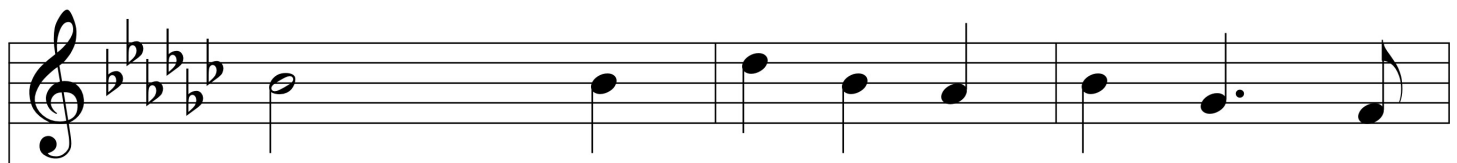
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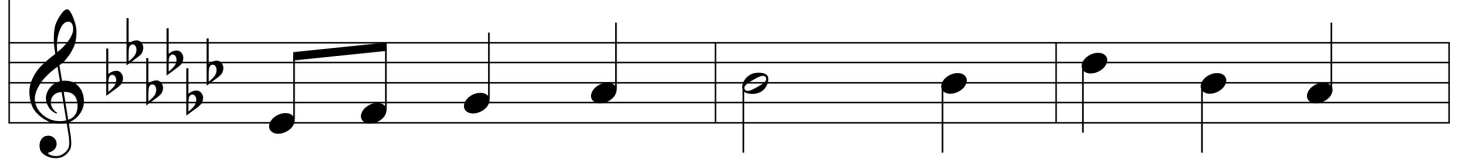
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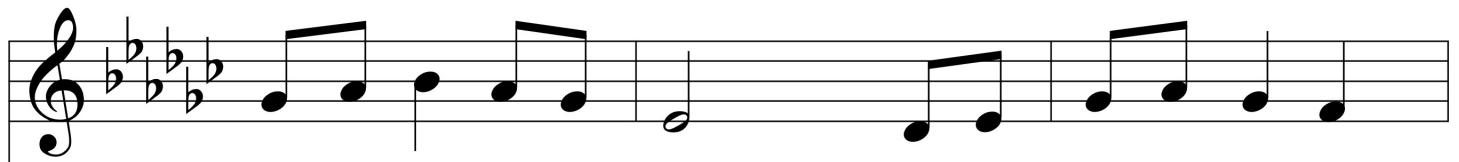
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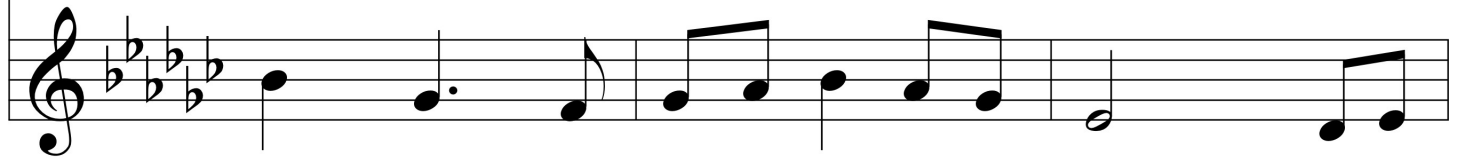
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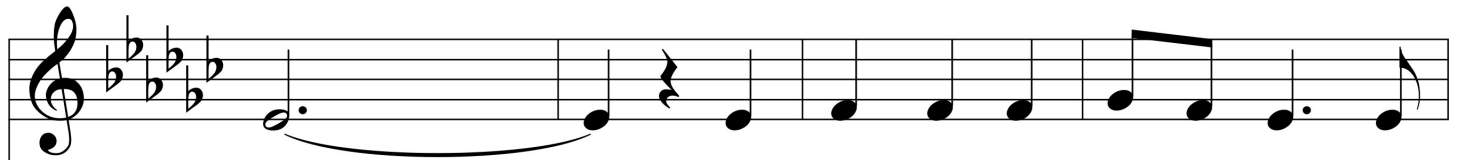
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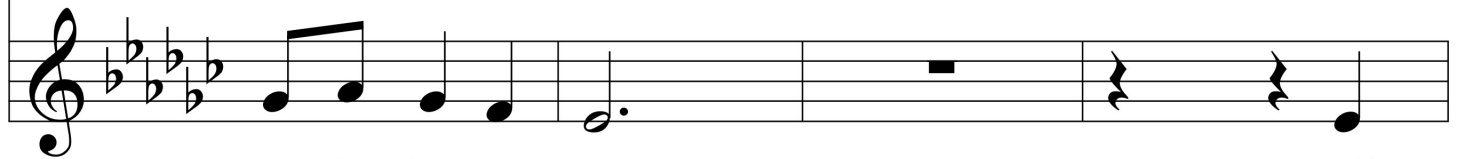
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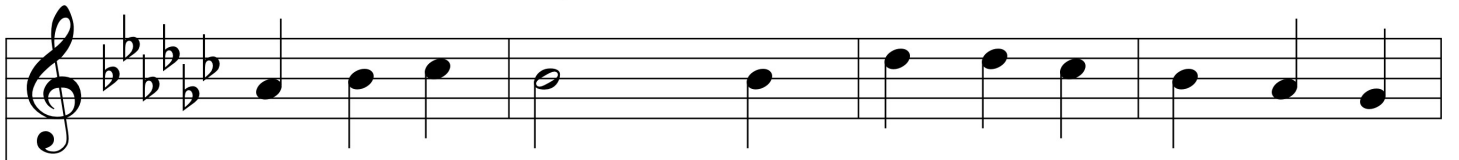
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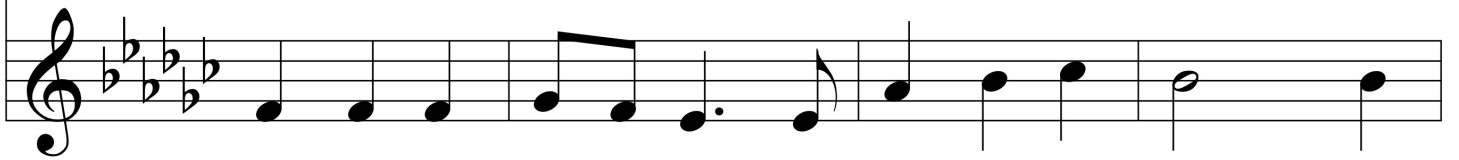
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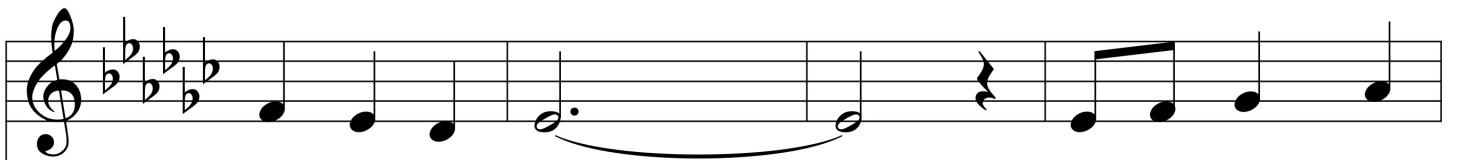
of-fer-ing to you. All



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

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Silence is kept for Meditation

PRAYER

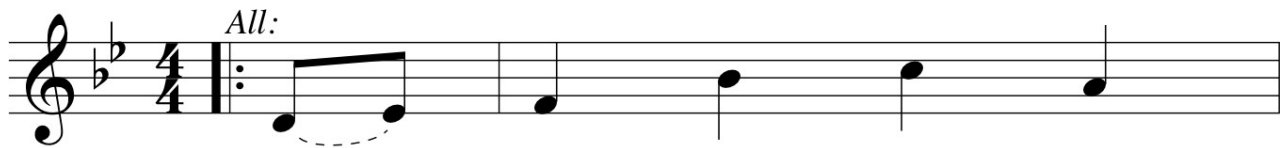
SCRIPTURE READING

THE ANNUNCIATION

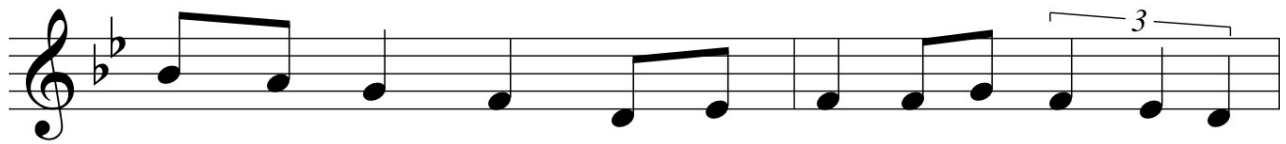
Sung:

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."

All:



1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y



great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of



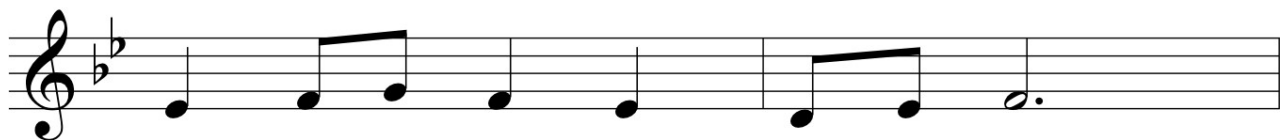
you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with



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



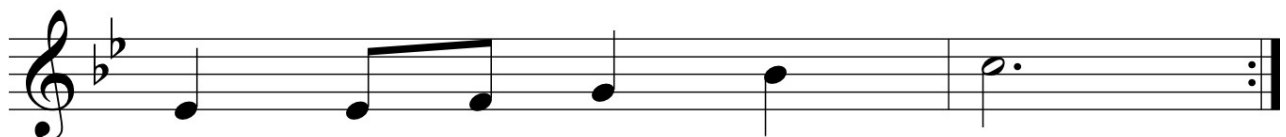
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Intercessions

All
A *repeat continuously* B

Hmm. 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:

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.

God, remember us in your love,
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.**

Final Blessing

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

All

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

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