

# Choral Vespers for Eastertide

April 28, 2024 | 4:00 PM



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Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. Join us Sunday mornings for worship at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

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INTROIT Sing me to Heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poets gloss.  
 Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.  
 In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices,  
 and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.  
 Wraps me in song.  
 If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.  
 If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.  
 If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem.  
 Sing me to heaven.  
 Touch in me all love and passion.  
 Pain and pleasure, touch.  
 Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.  
 Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.  
 Love me. Comfort me. Bring me to God.  
 Sing me a love song. Sing me to heaven.

– Jane Griner

*The assembly stands.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 390 The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,




un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,




and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

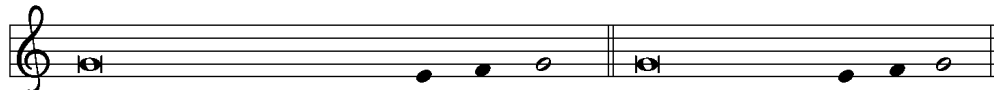
## OPENING DIALOGUE



Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!**



We are illumined by the brightness of his rising. **Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!**



Death has no more dominion ov - er us. **Alleluia, alleluia, al - le - luia!**

## HYMN OF LIGHT ELW 560 Christ, Mighty Savior



1. Christ might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2. Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ing, mir - ror of
3. There - fore we come now, eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4. Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - li - ca - tion, that you may
5. Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for - ev - er



day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give  
day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion; while in the heav - ens  
chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all crea - a - tion  
grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.  
choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
join - ing hearts and voi - ces, sing - ing your glo - ry.  
rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wea - ry.  
wor - ship - ing our Sav - ior now and for - ev - er.

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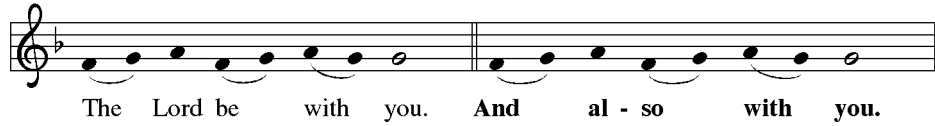
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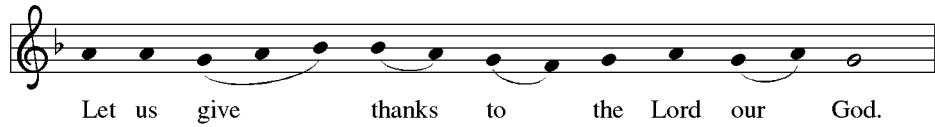
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# THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT



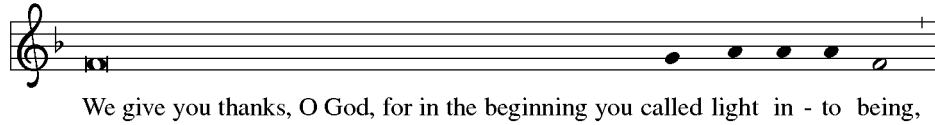
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



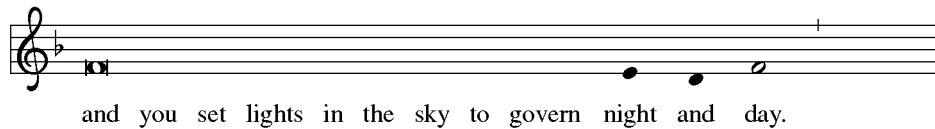
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



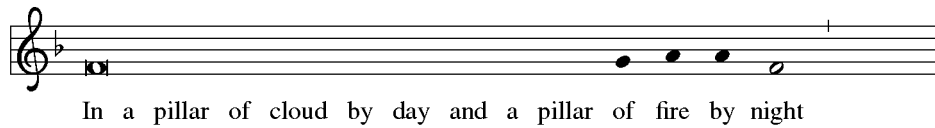
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



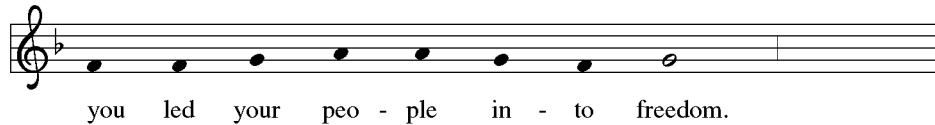
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,



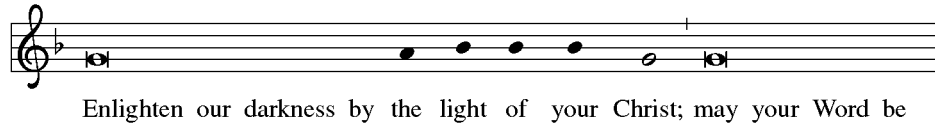
and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.



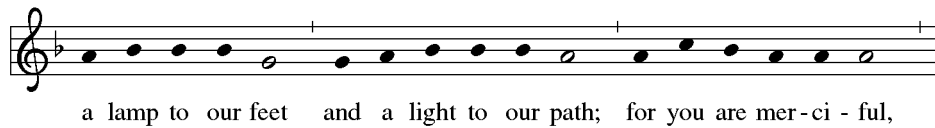
In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night



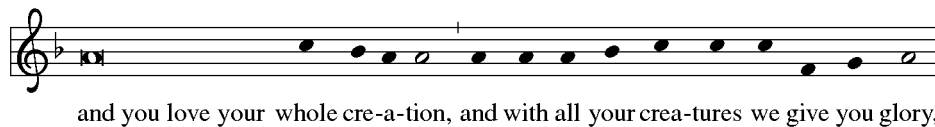
you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.



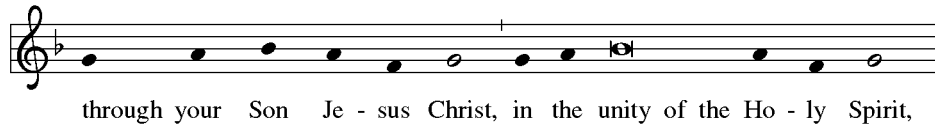
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be



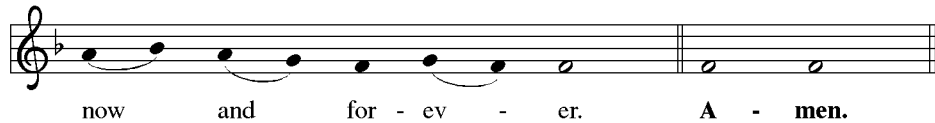
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer-ci - ful,



and you love your whole cre-a-tion, and with all your crea-tures we give you glory,



through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,



now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The assembly is seated.  
PSALM 141

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.

Lower Voices

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

All

I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

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

Upper Voices

Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Lower Voices

Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Upper Voices

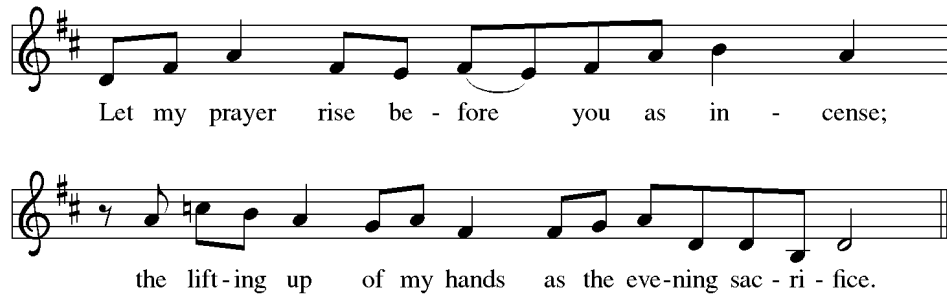
do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;

in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

All

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



**PSALM PRAYER**

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever. **Amen.**

**PSALM 149**

Daniel Schwandt

*Refrain sung by choir, thereafter by all. Verses sung by choir.*



- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- <sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- <sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;  
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- <sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in the people  
and adorns the poor with victory. **R**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.
- <sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two-edged sword in their hand,
- <sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,
- <sup>8</sup>to bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron,
- <sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah! **R**

**PSALM PRAYER**

God our maker, you crown the humble with honor and exalt the faithful who gather in your name. Because you have favored us with life, we dance before you in our joy and praise you with unending song for the victory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PSALM 23

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need,  
she makes me lie down in green meadows,  
beside the still waters, she will lead.

She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs,  
she leads me in a path of good things,  
and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,  
there is nothing that can shake me,  
she has said she won't forsake me,  
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
she anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in her house,  
forever, forever & ever.

Glory be to our Mother, & Christ,  
and to the Holy of Holies,  
as it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,  
world, without end. Amen.

– Psalm 23 adapt. Bobby McFerrin

## PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, you give us new birth in the waters of baptism, you anoint us with oil, and you nourish us at your table with heavenly food. In your goodness and mercy, dispel the shadows of evil and death, and lead us along safe paths, that we may rest securely in you and dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever, for your name's sake. **Amen.**



*Christ our Light*



*The assembly stands.*

**OFFICE HYMN** ELW 378 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;  
2 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!  
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my Sav - ior true;  
5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.  
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.  
my Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through.  
where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made  
For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry  
No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,  
He rends death's i - ron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;  
“Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre - pared;



when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.  
he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.  
he shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied.”

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.  
Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 25:6–9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**ANTHEM** Alleluia. Dic Nobis, Maria

Francisco López Capillas

*Alleluia*

*Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via?*

*Sepulcharam Christi viventis: et gloriam vidi resurgentis. Alleluia.*

*Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via?*

*Angelicos testes, sudarium et vestes. Alleluia.*

*Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via?*

*Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet vos in Galilæam. Alleluia.*

*Sicimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere:*

*Tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere. Amen. Alleluia.*

Alleluia

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?

I saw the tomb of Christ the living, and the glory of the risen one. Alleluia.

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?

I saw the angel witnesses, the sheet and clothes. Alleluia.

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?

Christ, my hope is risen: he will go before you in Galilee. Alleluia.

We know that Christ has truly risen from the dead.

Have mercy upon us, thou triumphant king. Amen. Alleluia.

-Latin Sequence for Easter Day

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:3–14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**ANTHEM** The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;  
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.

Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,  
entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.

I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,  
jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.

Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.

Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer.

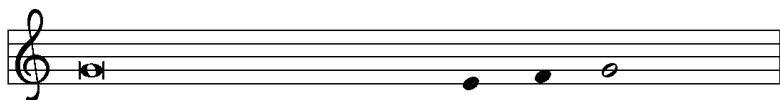
God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal.

Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

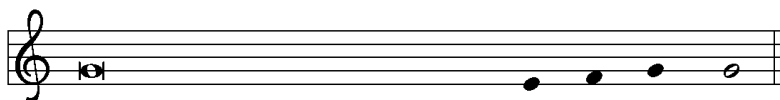
– Proverbs 8, adapt. Michael Hampel

**WELCOME**

# RESPONSORY



Jesus said, I am the light of the world.



Whoever follows me will never walk in dark - ness.

*The assembly stands.*

## GOSPEL CANTICLE

*Refrain sung by choir; thereafter by all. Verses sung by choir.*



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my



spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior.



- 1 My soul proclaims the great - ness of the Lord,
- 2 You have mer - cy on those who fear you,
- 3 You have filled the hun - gry with good things



my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
from generation to gen - er - ation.  
and sent the rich a - way empty.



for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly servant.  
You have shown . . . strength with your arm  
You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - ra - el,



From this day all generations will call me bless'd:  
and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,  
to remember the prom - ise of mercy,



you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
casting down the might - y from their thrones  
the promise made to our . . . fore - bears,



and holy is your name.  
and lifting up the low - ly.  
to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

## PRAYERS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G-clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains the lyrics 'In peace, let us pray to the Lord.' The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment in G-clef and F-clef respectively, with a key signature of one flat. They provide harmonic support for the vocal line.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup> 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 St. John, our patron, St. Martin Luther and all the reformers, and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G-clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains the lyrics 'through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.' The bottom staff is piano accompaniment in F-clef with a key signature of one flat, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

## COLLECT FOR RENEWAL

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### EVENING COLLECT Martin Luther's Evening Prayer

Carl Schalk

I thank you heav'nly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You kept me safely through the day, now keep me safe this night, I pray. Forgive my sins, where I have erred in wrongful deed or thought or word. Be with me through the dark night hours lest I succumb to Satan's pow'rs. Into your hands, O Father, I offer all I am and have. Your holy angel in the night keep watch o'er me till morning light. O Christ, be my song each morning, evening, all day long, who with the Father we give praise, and Holy Spirit, all our days. Amen.

*The assembly stands.*

### LORD'S PRAYER



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,

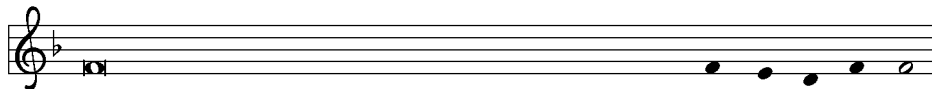


and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



**A - men.**

HYMN ELW 569 The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended

1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;  
 2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing  
 3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land  
 4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing  
 5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,

the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.  
 while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,  
 the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,  
 your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,  
 like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;  
 through all the world its watch is keep - ing,  
 the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,  
 and hour by hour, as day is break - ing,  
 but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,

your praise shall hal - low now 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 your crea - tures own your sway.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.  
 Music: ST. CLEMENT, Clement C. Scholefield, 1839–1904

POSTLUDE Berceuse

Louis Vierne

*A greeting of peace may be shared by all.  
 Please join us for refreshments in the narthex.*

# Worship Leaders in Today's Service

## Saint John's Choir 2023—2024

### Soprano

Rachel Clark \*  
Carol Groote  
Aahana Gupta †  
Kim Kanefke  
Gretchen Thomas  
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Jess Sherman  
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Becki Tarby \*

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