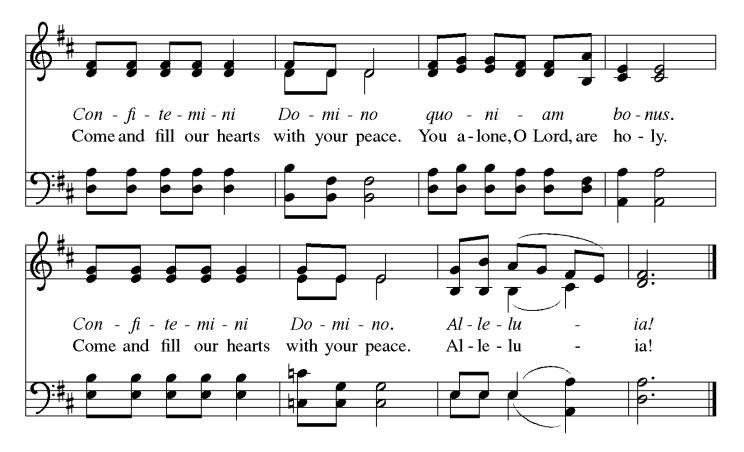


GATHERING SONG



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OPENING DIALOGUE

The angels of God guard us through the night, and quiet the powers of darkness. The Spirit of God be our guide to lead us to peace and to glory.

O God, most holy and beloved, my companion, my guide upon the way, my bright evening star. We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence for reflection.

We have wounded your love. O God, heal us.

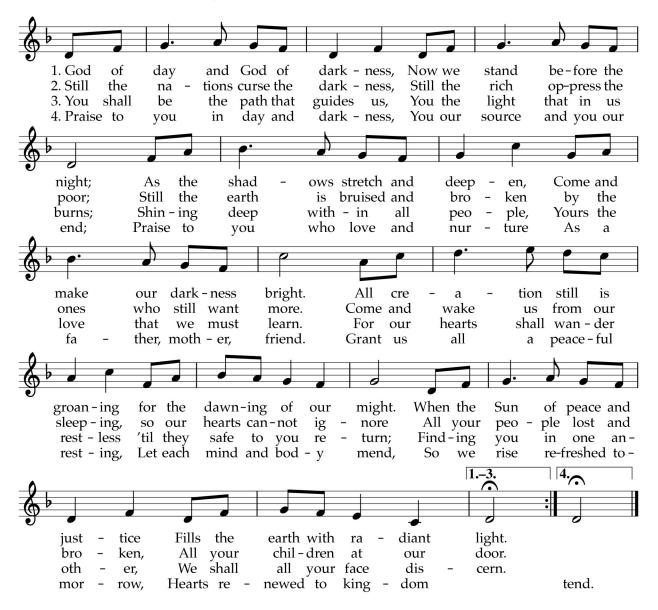
We stumble in the darkness. Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home. Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

EVENING HYMN God of Day and God of Darkness



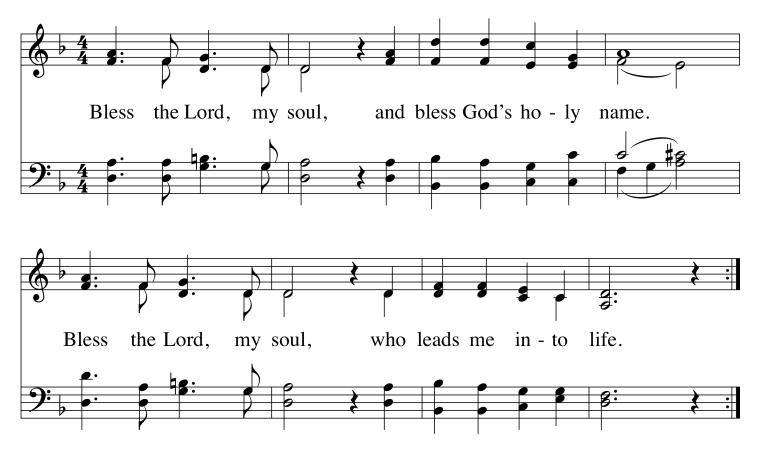
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NIGHT PRAYER

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

PSALM 103



Text: Psalm 103

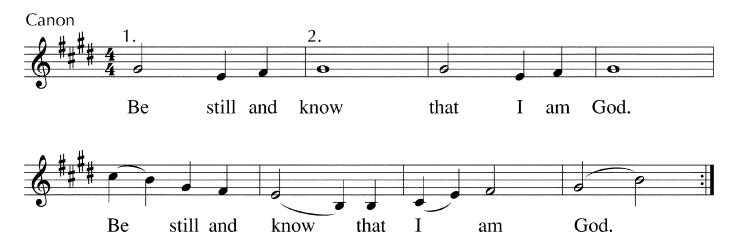
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PSALM PRAYER

Compassionate Father, you forgive all our sins and put them far from us. As an eagle to her young, you nourish and renew us with your tender love. Sustain us each day of our mortal life, that we may seek your healing for all who are in need, and bring us at last with saints and angels to bless and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 46



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PSALM PRAYER

Lord God, our refuge and strength, when raging waters rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Make us still in your presence, and bring an end to war and violence, that all people may dwell in safety along the river that flows in the city of God; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

One or two scripture lessons are read.

Silence for reflection follows the lessons.

RESPONSORY

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

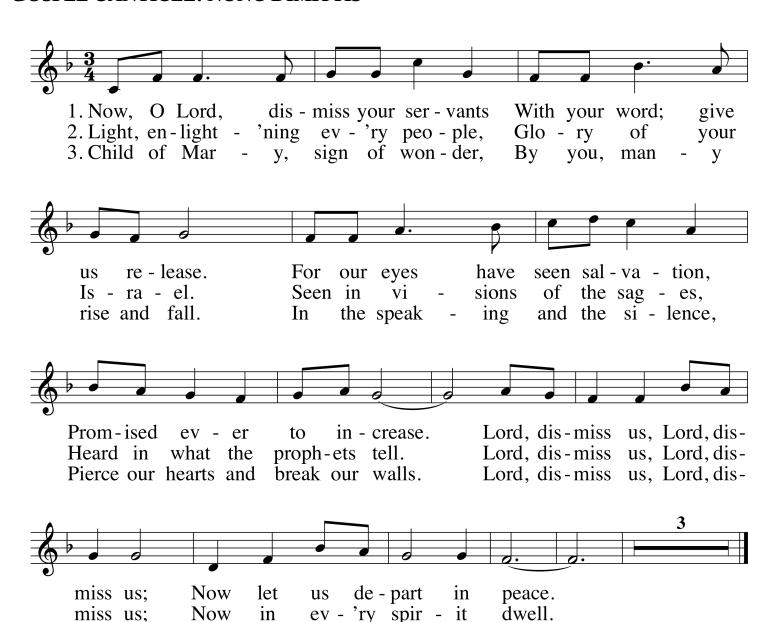
Incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

GOSPEL CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS



God, our life.

all.

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Now,

our

miss us;

PRAYERS



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I will lie down in peace and take my rest,

for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,

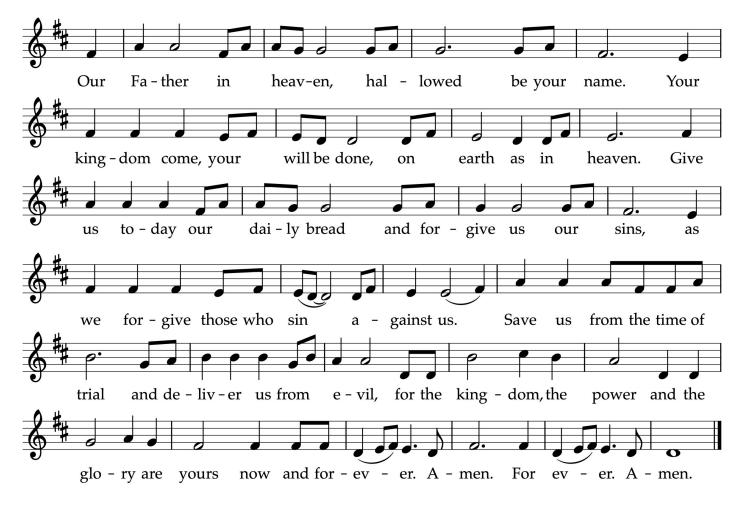
let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,

glorified and exalted above all for ever.

God our Creator, our center, our friend, we thank you for our good life, for those who are dear to us, for our dead, and for all who have helped and influenced us. We thank you for the measure of freedom we have, and the extent to which we control our lives; and most of all we thank you for the faith that is in us, for our awareness of you and our hope in you. Keep us, we pray you, thankful and hopeful and useful until our lives shall end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER



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BLESSING

The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. **Amen.**

The peace may be shared by all.

All depart in silence.