

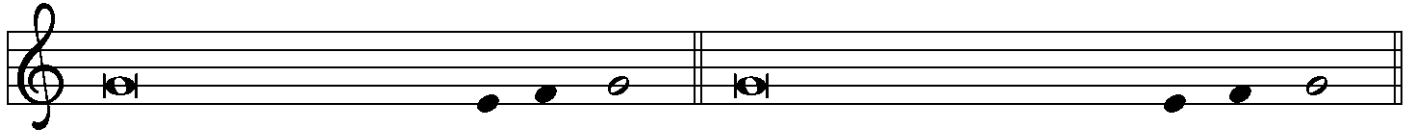
Lent 2022

Midweek Services

“Encountering Christ”

As we journey through the season of Lent, we contemplate Jesus’ journey of faithfulness and obedience to the will of the God that led to his death on the cross. This year, let us pay extra attention to our own efforts to trust and walk in God’s ways. We do this knowing we are easily distracted, and have much that gets in our way of following Christ. Our theme of “Encountering Christ” invites us to enter the stories of where other people encountered Christ in daily life, and imagine how we might see Christ in our own lives.

*OPENING



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**



Let your light scat - ter the darkness **and illu - mine your church.**

God is our light and our salvation,
our refuge and our stronghold.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

***HYMN OF LIGHT “To You, Before the Close of Day”ELW 567**



1 To you, be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor of the
 2 Save us from trou - bled, rest - less sleep, from all ill dreams your
 3 A health - y life we ask of you, the fire of love in
 4 Cre - a - tor, this we ask be done through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray. Your grace and peace to us al - low
 chil - dren keep; so calm our minds that fears may cease
 us re - new, and when the dawn new light will bring,
 on - ly Son, whom with the Spir - it we a - dore,



and be our guard and keep - er now.
 and rest - ed bod - ies wake in peace.
 your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.
 with you, one God for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Compline office hymn, c. 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: JAM LUCIS, plainsong mode VI

***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 give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being,
 and you set light 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 people into 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 merciful, and you love your whole creation,

and with all your creatures we give you glory,

through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

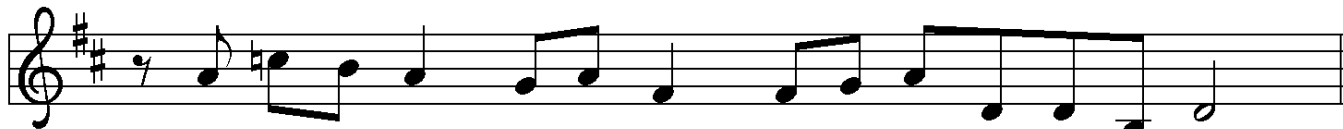
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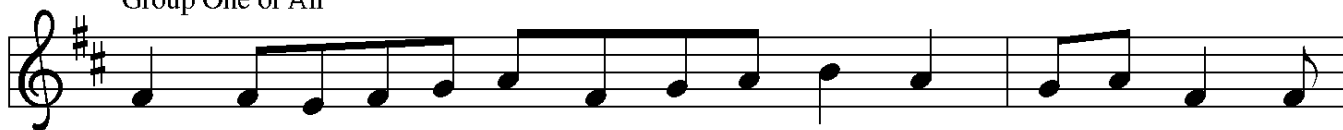


Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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

Group One or All



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.

Group Two or All



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

Group One or All

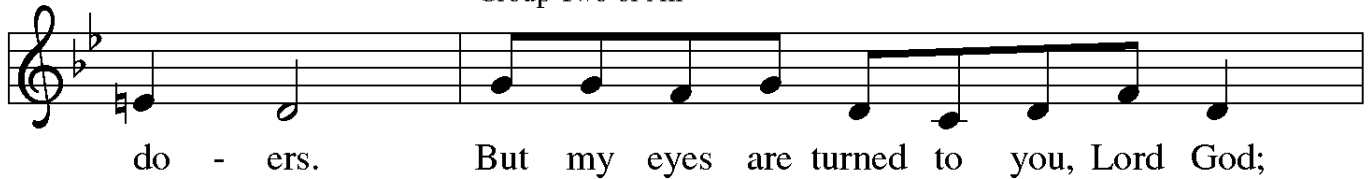


Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

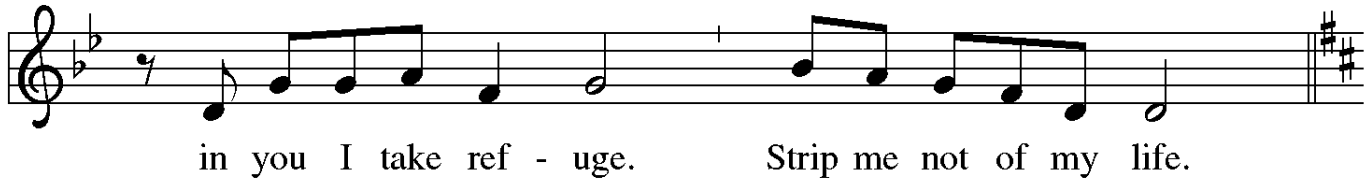


let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



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.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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

READINGS

- Week 1. Matthew 25:31-46“Encountering Christ in the World”
- Week 2. Luke 10:25-37.....“Encountering Christ in the Stranger”
- Week 3. Luke 10: 38-42“Encountering Christ at Home”
- Week 4. Luke 2:22-36.....“Encountering Christ at Church”
- Week 5. Luke 24:13-32..... “Encountering Christ in Breaking Bread”

MESSAGE

HYMN

Week 1. ELW #707 *“Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us”*

Week 2. ELW #659 *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

Week 3. (See pg. 8) *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

Week 4. ELW #808 *“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”*

Week 5. ELW #629 *“Abide with Me”*

***PRAYERS**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, for the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, for bishops, pastors, deacons and all other leaders in the church; and for all servants of God, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who travel, for those who are in captivity, for those who have no place to call home, and for those who are sick and suffering this day..., let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, for peaceful times; for our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and need, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
That awake we may walk with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us sing and pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

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.**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Je - sus. **A - men.**

*All depart in peace.
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HYMN “*Open the Eyes of My Heart*” Words and Music by Paul Baloche

Chorus (2x):

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You.

Verse:

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow’r and love;
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Chorus (2x)

Verse

Bridge (2x):

Holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy;
Holy holy, holy,
I want to see You.