

Wednesday Evening Lenten Prayer Streamed Service

March 18, 2020

Leaders:

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Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

P: The angels of God guard us through the night,

C: and quiet the powers of darkness.

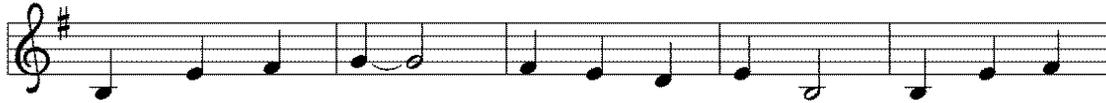
P: The Spirit of God be our guide

C: to lead us to peace and to glory.

P: It is but lost labor that we rush to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety. For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Hymn of Light

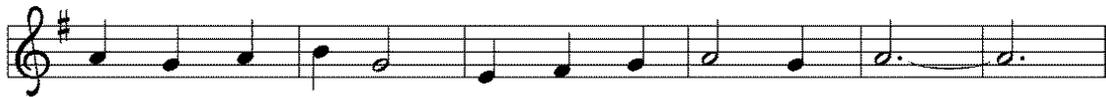
Christ, Be Our Light



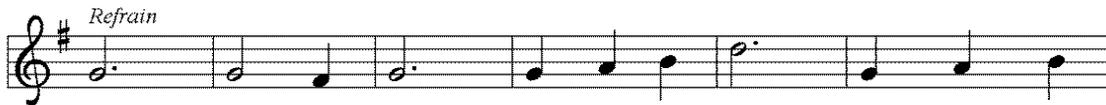
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



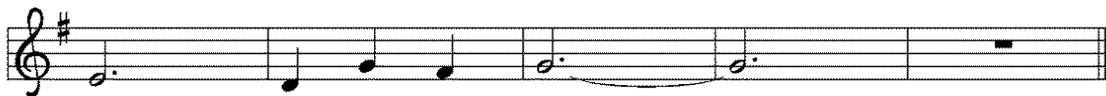
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

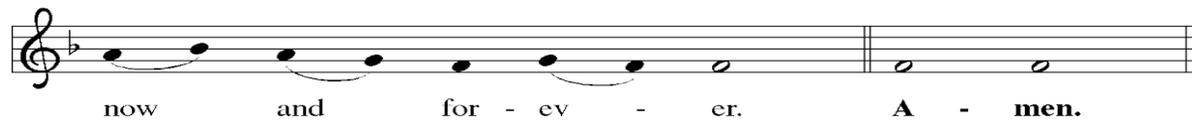
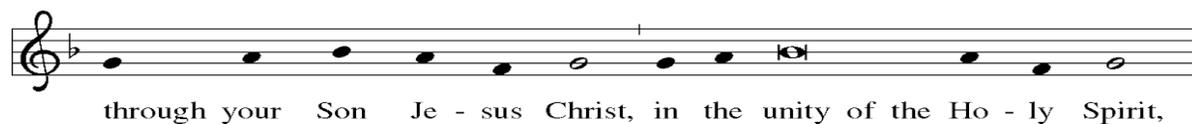
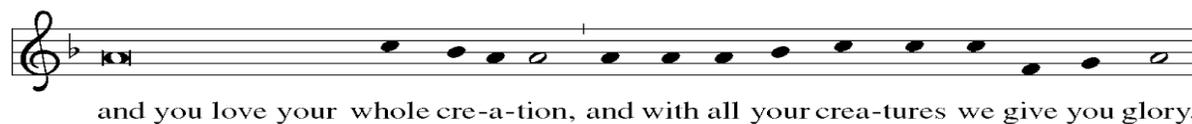
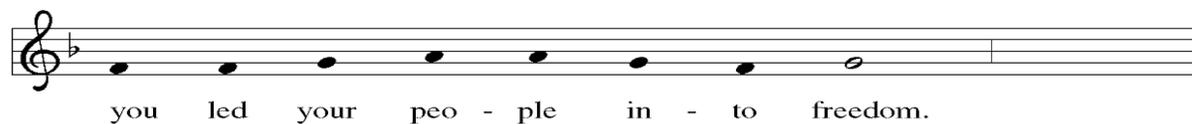
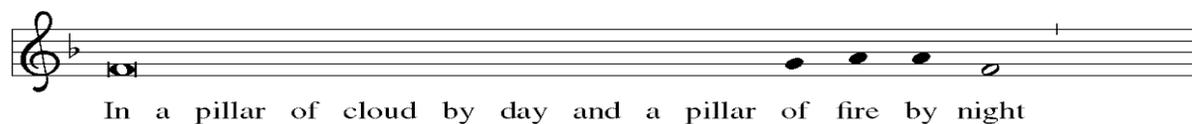
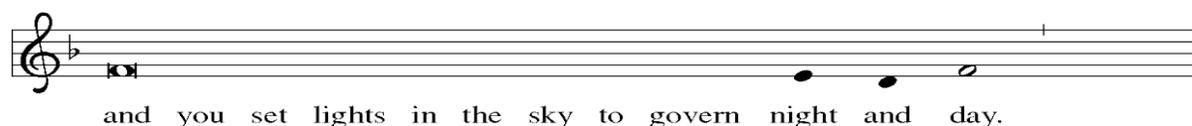
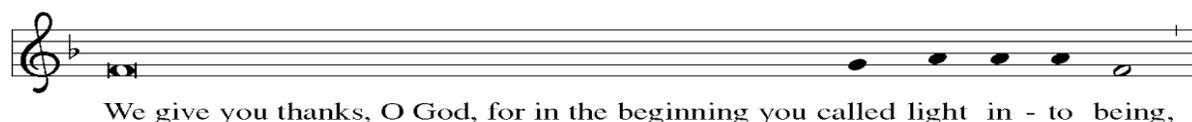
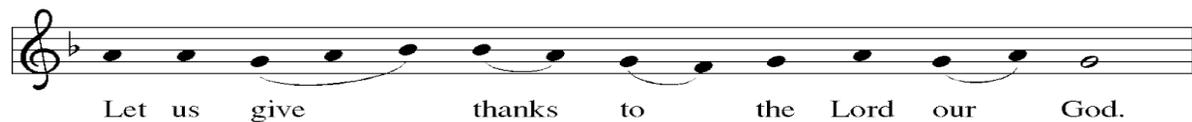
Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Thanksgiving for Light



O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in G-clef and a piano accompaniment in C-clef, both in the key of D major. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*" The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*"

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
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Prayer of the Day

P: God of glory, we long to see your face, yet our vision is clouded by brokenness and sin. Breathe your creating Spirit into the hearts and hands of those who, through their work in the visual arts, desire to serve you. Through this ministry draw us to your truth and beauty, and bring us to the perfect fulfillment of standing in your unveiled glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 12:25-30

²⁵He knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists* cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²⁹Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. ³⁰Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*" The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*" The piano accompaniment continues with the same accompaniment.

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Prayers

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy people, and for all who offer their worship and praise tonight; for us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities to this new challenge, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the health and restoration of creation, for abundant harvests and food that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our nation and the world as we face the reality and disruptions caused by the coronavirus; for wisdom, patience, and clarity in public servants, the government, health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk; for all those who protect us in this time of crisis; for those who work to bring healing, peace, justice, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; for those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering; for all who are sick or suffering in our community (especially...), let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who are sick and suffering; for those quarantined and sheltering in place; for those confined to rooms and houses; for those who travel and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

P: 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, through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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Offering Response: ELW 333 Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain

*Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a shelter in a time of storm.*

**Yonder comes my Savior,
him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory
and the keys of death and hell. *Refrain***

Sending

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye;
C: **hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

P: In righteousness I will see you;
C: **when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

P: 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.

P: The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, and new possibilities. In your name we pray. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

P: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.