Evening Prayer for Diocesan Convention, Rite Two

All are encouraged to sit and remain in silence until the service begins.
The people are invited to stand as able at the ringing of the bells.

Opening Sentences *BCP, p. 115*

Officiant
Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. (*Psalm 74:15,16)*

Deacon
Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12)*

A brief period of silence is observed.

Confession of Sin *BCP, p. 116*

Officiant
Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People together
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *BCP, p. 115*

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

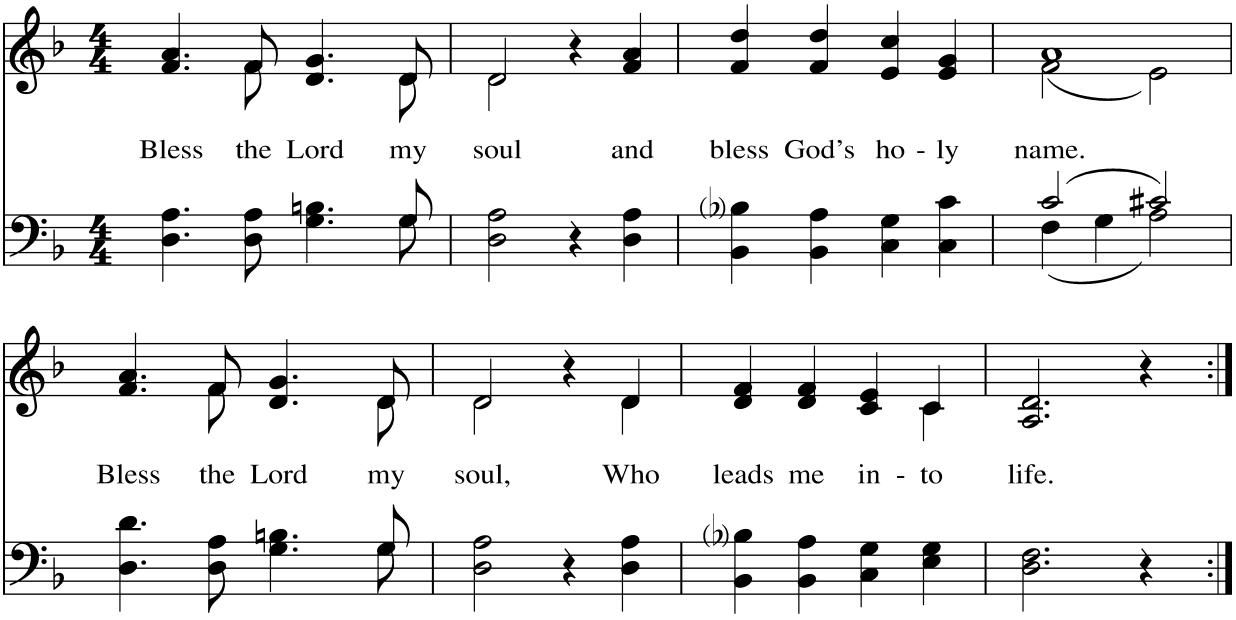
O Gracious Light – *Phos Hilaron* *BCP, p. 118*

Deacon
O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

People
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Deacon
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Taizé Meditation *(Played through once, then sung four times)*



Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Please be seated for the readings.

Psalm 136 *(Led by Diocesan Youth Delegates)*

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

[1] O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
[2] **O give thanks to the God of gods,**
God's steadfast love endures forever.
[3] O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[4] **who alone does great wonders,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[5] who by understanding made the heavens,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[6] **who spread out the earth on the waters,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;

[7] who made the great lights,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[8] **the sun to rule over the day,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[9] the moon and stars to rule over the night,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[10] **who struck Egypt through their firstborn,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[11] and brought Israel out from among them,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[12] **with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[13] who divided the Red Sea in two,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[14] **and made Israel pass through the midst of it,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[15] but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[16] **who led God's people through the wilderness,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
who made water flow from the rock,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[17] who struck down great kings,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[21] **and gave their land as a heritage,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[22] a heritage to God's servant Israel,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
[23] **It is God who remembered us in our low estate,**
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[24] and rescued us from our foes,
God's steadfast love endures forever;
[25] **who gives food to all flesh,**
God's steadfast love endures forever.

[26] O give thanks to the God of heaven,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

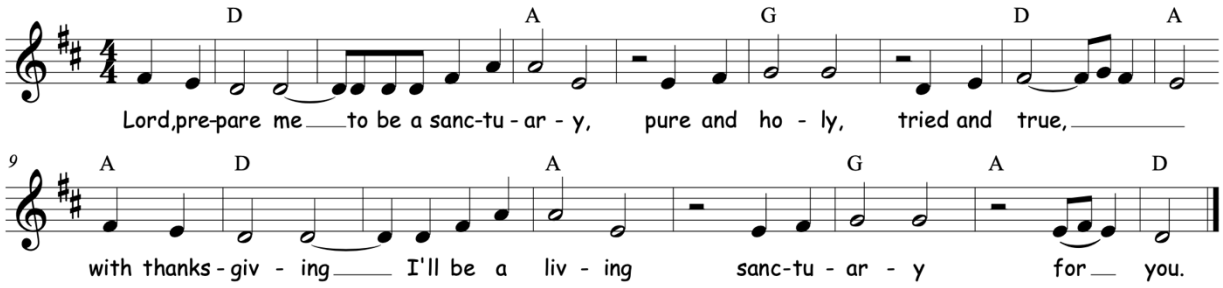
At the end of the Psalm is said:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sanctuary

(Led by Diocesan Youth Delegates)

Please remain seated.



Lesson One

Lamentations 3:19-33, 56-58

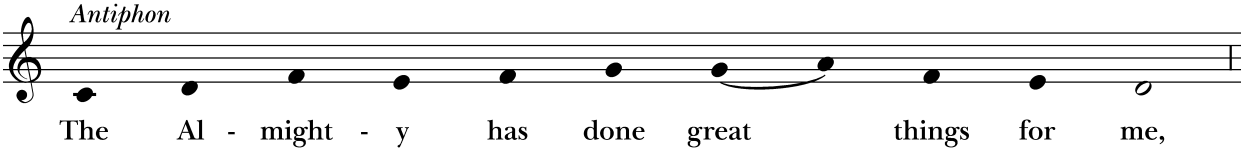
The Reader says: A Reading from the book of Lamentations:

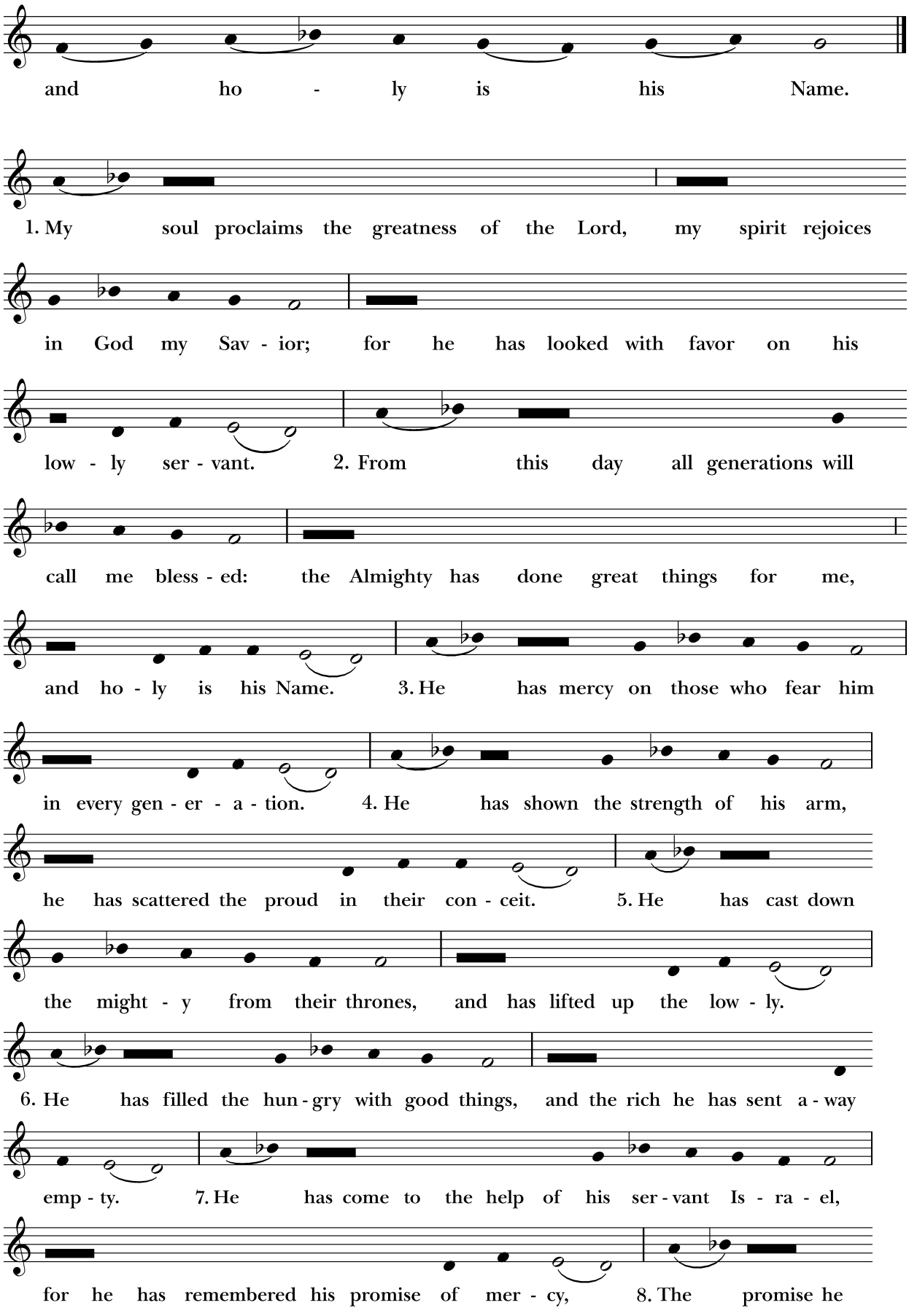
I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the bitterness and the gall.
I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.
Yet this I call to mind
and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

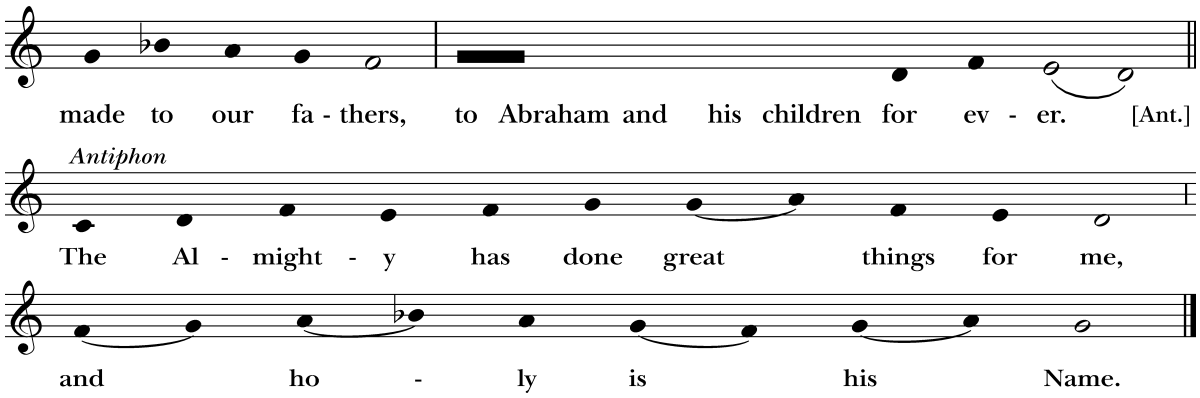
The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
It is good for a man to bear the yoke
while he is young.
Let him sit alone in silence,
for the Lord has laid it on him.
Let him bury his face in the dust—
there may yet be hope.
Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him,
and let him be filled with disgrace.
For no one is cast off
by the Lord forever.
Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.
For he does not willingly bring affliction
or grief to anyone.
You heard my plea: "Do not close your ears
to my cry for relief."
You came near when I called you,
and you said, "Do not fear."
You, Lord, took up my case;
you redeemed my life.

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Mary – *Magnificat* *S-242, The Hymnal 1982*
Please remain seated.




and ho - ly is his Name.
1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices
in God my Sav - ior; for he has looked with favor on his
low - ly ser - vant. 2. From this day all generations will
call me bless - ed: the Almighty has done great things for me,
and ho - ly is his Name. 3. He has mercy on those who fear him
in every gen - er - a - tion. 4. He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down
the might - y from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly.
6. He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way
emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy, 8. The promise he



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Lesson Two

1 Peter 5:1-11

The Reader says: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter:

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must be subject to the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

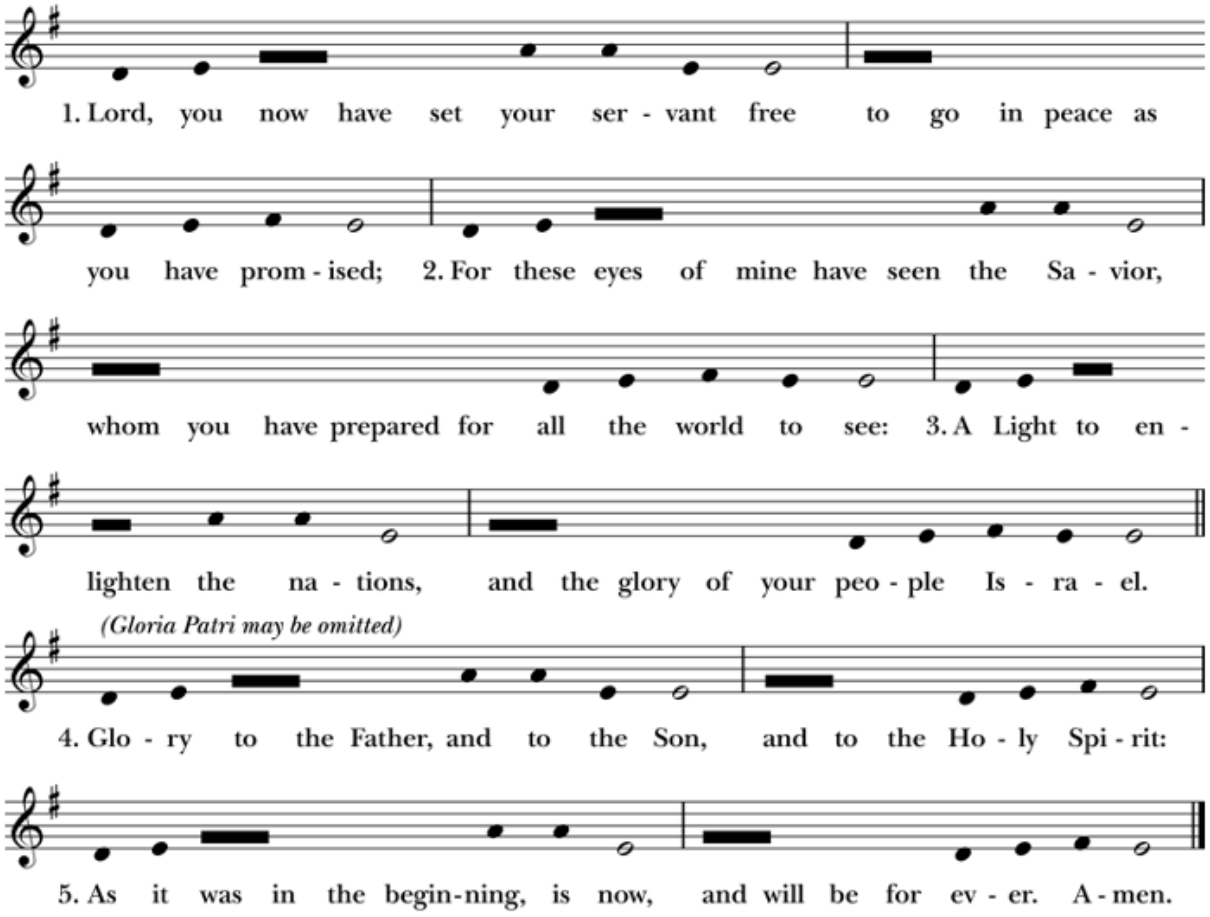
"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to

his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Simeon – *Nunc dimittis* *S-253, The Hymnal 1982*



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The Apostles' Creed *BCP, p. 120*

Officiant and People together, all standing as able

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *BCP, p. 121*

The people stand or kneel as able

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People
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 for ever. Amen.

The Suffrages – Set B

BCP, p. 122

Deacon and People
That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

A Collect for Peace *BCP, p. 123*

Officiant
Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen**.

A Collect for Mission *BCP, p. 124*
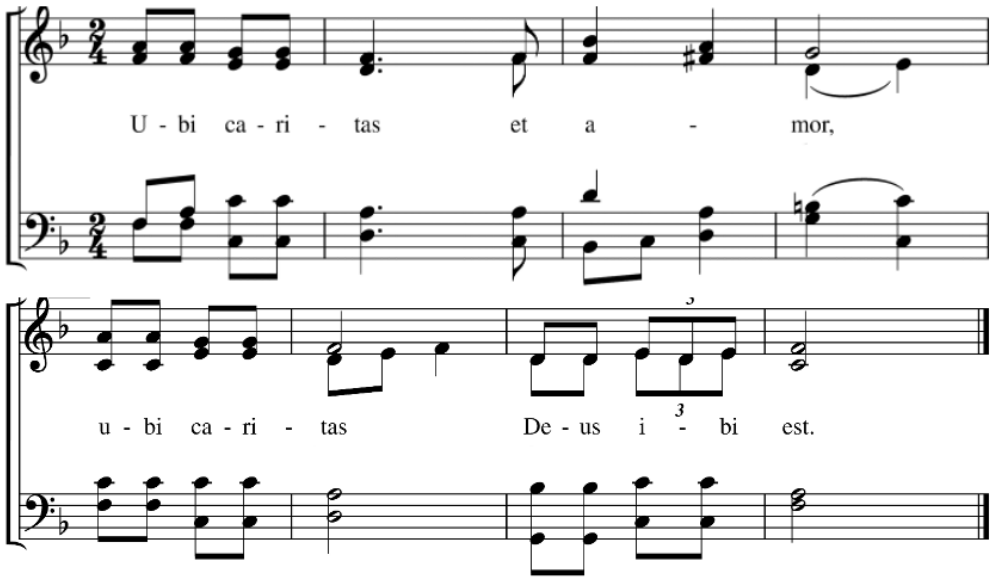
Deacon
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The people are invited to kneel or be seated.

We will now observe five minutes of silence together in silent prayer. We encourage you to quiet your hearts, to pray, to consider what God has for you and for us together this weekend.

After five minutes, the Officiant lights the candle and we begin singing:

Sung Meditation *(repeated for as long as needed)*



Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Words: Latin, 8th c., Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Offering of Prayers

During the singing of Ubi Caritas, one person from each table is invited to come forward to present the prayers written during the Evening Discernment Conversation.

The General Thanksgiving *BCP, p. 125*

The people remain kneeling or seated.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.
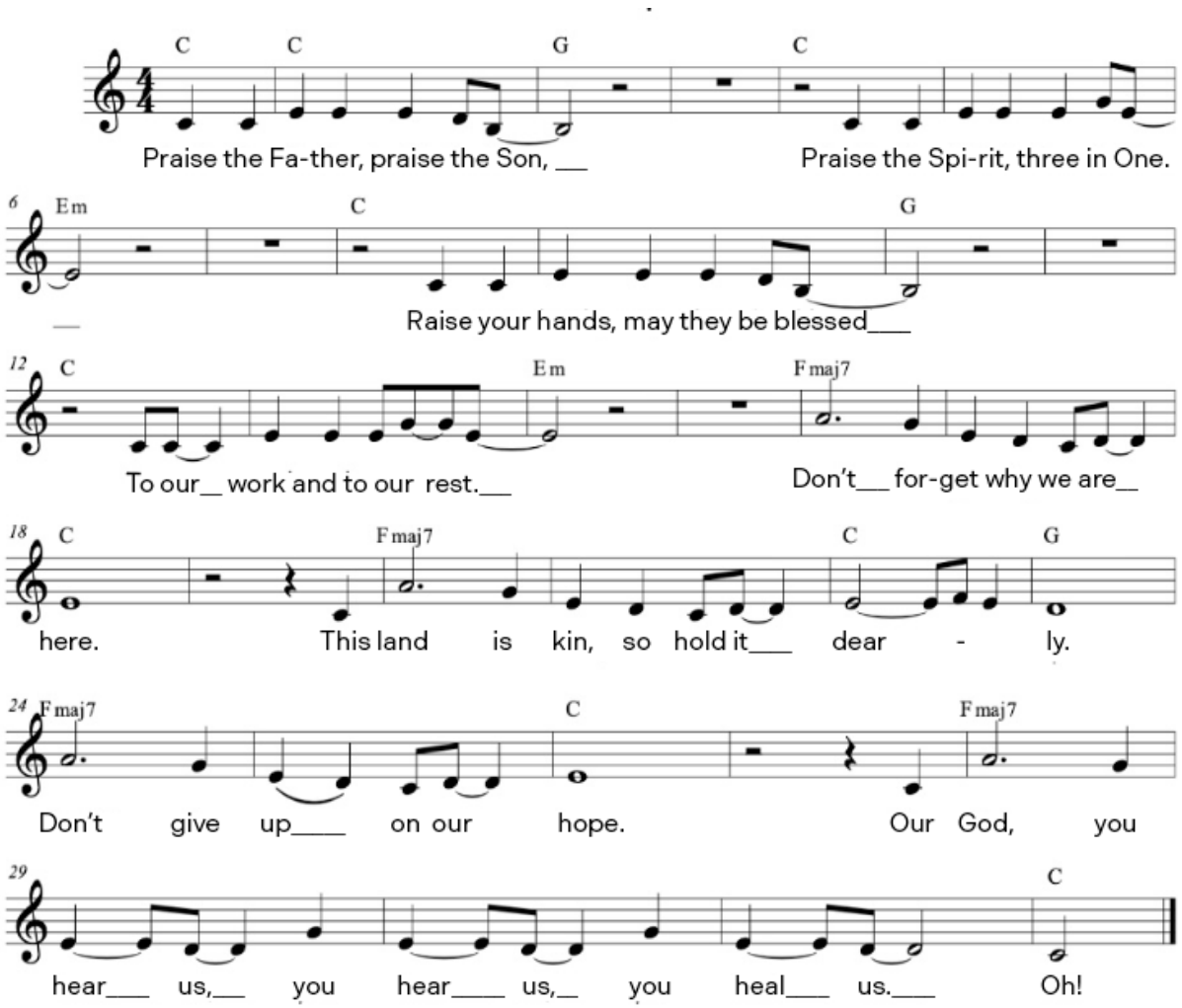
All stand as able.

A Collect for the Presence of Christ *BCP, p. 124*

Officiant
Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

The Walking Song *(Led by Diocesan Youth Delegates)*

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Compline Antiphon *BCP, p. 134*

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

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

The officiant concludes
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The service ends in reverent silence.

You are invited to remain in silent prayer for as long as you like.

Thank you for joining us tonight.