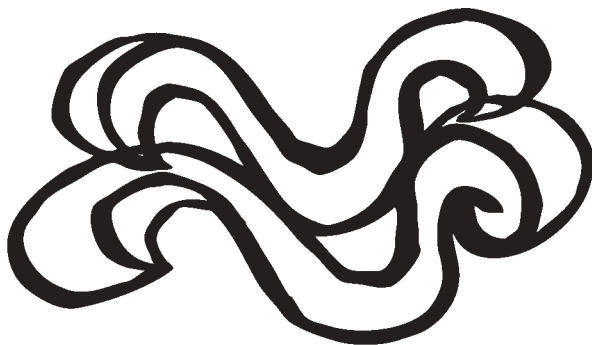


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WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 5, 2005 - 7:00 PM
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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD / NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The risen Lord enters the invisible presence of God in order to be present in all times and in all places to the church and to the world. Where shall we find the risen and ascended Lord today? In his word and his bread, in his people and his washing with water and the Spirit, and in all who cry out for mercy.

May 5, 2005

7:00 p.m. Worship

PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer with I Need Thee Every Hour*

WELCOME

Pastor Prochaska

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which we have been called.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty and all-merciful God,

We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended your majesty and denied your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light." We deserve the doom you have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.

But Christ is risen.

Risen indeed!

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, our Father, we implore you: forgive our sins, and set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated at your right hand. Let us be raised with Christ!

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name," That Word is now proclaimed to you.

** Stand if you are able.

GATHERING

** HYMN 158 LBW (green hymnal)

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

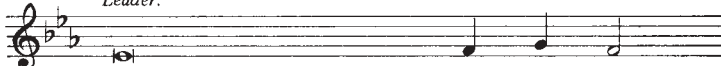
HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

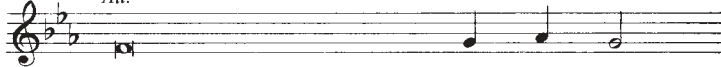
Procession

Leader:




Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



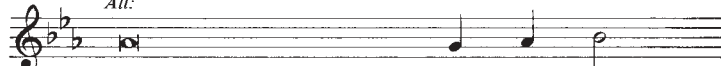
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:




Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

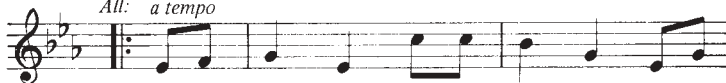


and shine within your peo-ple here. —

2 poco rit.

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff is for the 'Leader' and the second and third are for 'All:'. The lyrics are: 'May God be with you all, and al - so with you; Let us sing our thanks to — God, It is right to give God thanks and praise.'

PRAYER (sung)

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen.

** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)

Let us pray.

Give us the joy the disciples felt, O God--

joy that led them to worship your son. Joy that led them to praise your name.

For we believe that on this day Christ Jesus, our Lord, was lifted from the earth...

hidden by a cloud...

... and taken into heaven.

Lift us up, O God,

to see that Christ is in heaven, seated at your right hand.

Lift us up, O God,

that on the last day we, too, may ascend to be with you.

Lift us up, O God!

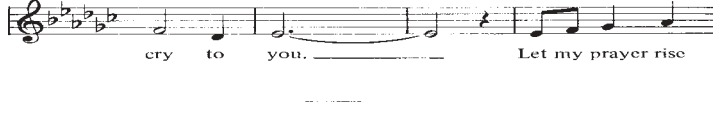
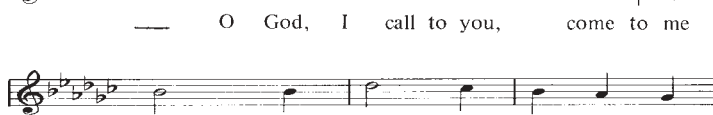
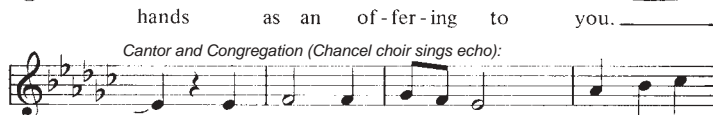
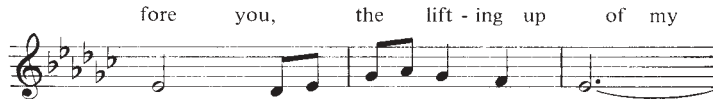
Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

and forever. Amen.

WORD

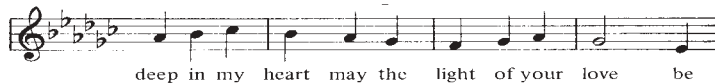
PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141





you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



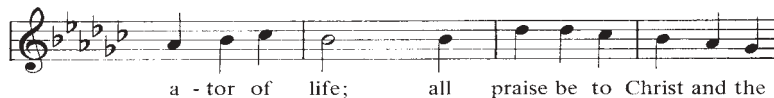
up like in - cense be - fore you, the



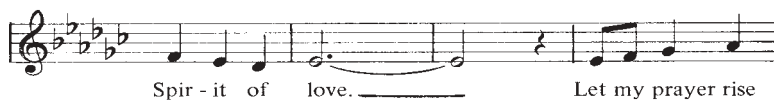
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise

up like in-cense be-fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

you.

THE ANNUCIATION

The Magnificat Luke 1: 46-55

All:

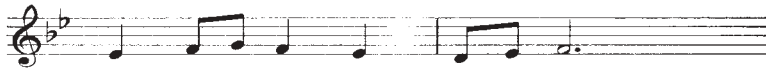
1.3. My soul pro-claims your
2. You have cast the might-y

great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in
down from their thrones, and up lift-ed the hum-ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun-gry with

fine last time
ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

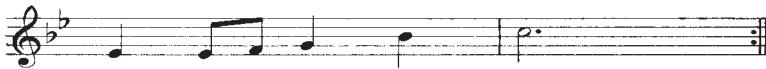
Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,
Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

** GOSPEL VERSE (spoken)

Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Alleluia. (Rom. 6:9; Matt. 28:20)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

SERMON

Ascension Questions

Pastor Prochaska

** HYMN 88 (purple songbook)

Lift Up Your Heads

** LITANY

Ascended Lord, look down upon your people here.

Bless us now, as you blessed your disciples long ago.

Ascended Lord, look down upon your people here.

Send us now, as you sent your disciples out to preach long ago.

Ascended Lord, look down upon your people here.

Carry us onward and upward to heaven, as you carried your disciples from this life to the next.

Ascended Lord, look down upon your people here.

Make us witnesses of your wondrous works, as you called your disciples to be witnesses.

Ascended Lord, look down upon your people here.

Fill us with joy in your mission, as you gladdened the hearts of your disciples.

Ascended Lord, you fill heaven and earth.

Fill us with your love as we wait for you to come again.

** **HYMN 92** (purple songbook)

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

** **THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

With heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who conquered death to give us eternal life and joy, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

** **PEACE** (sharing together the Peace of the Lord.)

MEAL

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

OFFERTORY 439 LBW (green hymnal)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

** **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (spoken)

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your green hymnal.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor Prays...

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (personal option - holding hands)

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Communicant may say **Amen.**

MUSIC SUNG DURING COMMUNION

24 (purple songbook)

93 (purple songbook)

27 (purple songbook)

*Broken in Love
Lord My Strength
Cares Chorus*

**** COMMUNION BLESSING** (spoken)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **Amen.**

**** PRAYER**

We rejoice, O Jesus Christ, for you are in heaven,
seated at God's right hand.

We rejoice, O Jesus Christ, for you are here,
in bread and wine, body and blood.

We rejoice, O Jesus Christ, for you are in our hearts,
leading us to do your will.

We bless you now and evermore.

Amen.

SENDING

**** FINAL BLESSING** (sung)

The image shows musical notation for the Final Blessing. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, both in a key with one flat (F major or D minor). The first staff is for the Leader and All, with the lyrics "Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you." The second staff is for the Presider, with the lyrics "May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may".

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the
 Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for
 all of our days. _____
 A - men.

** HYMN 157 LBW (green hymnal)

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato

(Handel)

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