

# THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CARSHALTON



## SUNG EVENSONG

according to the  
Book of Common Prayer 1662

A warm welcome to Evensong tonight, whether you're here in person or worshipping online. There has been a church on this site since at least Saxon times and worship has been offered to God here since then. From the mid 12<sup>th</sup> century until the Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, this parish church was a daughter house of the Augustinian Canons of Merton Priory and the clergy here kept the monastic Offices. The service tonight is part of that long tradition; our prayers tonight are joined with those which have been offered on this patch of holy ground across the millennia.

This service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer of 1662. Evensong developed at the English Reformation of the sixteenth century from the monastic offices of Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Compline (Night Prayer); of the two Gospel Canticles, Magnificat comes from Vespers and Nunc Dimittis from Compline.

The music used is simple chant and is sung unaccompanied by clergy and congregation, as would have been the case when Vespers and Compline were being sung here by the Canons of Merton Priory.

The Psalm(s) and Collect of the day can be found on a separate sheet.

Please join in all the words in **bold** print.

*The minister offers a welcome; we then begin with the General Confession:*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*The general Confession is said by the whole Congregation, all kneeling.*

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We  
have left undone those things which we ought to have  
done, And we have done those things which we ought not  
to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O  
Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare  
thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore  
thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises  
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And  
grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may  
hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the  
glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Absolution is prayed for by the minister, standing: the people still kneeling:*

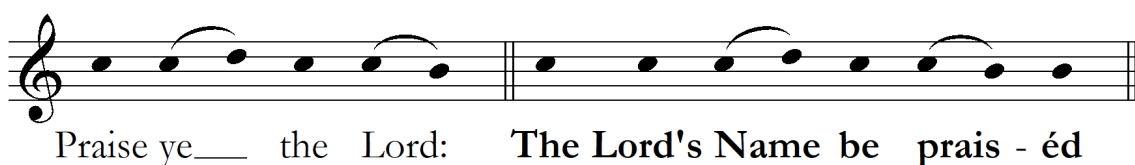
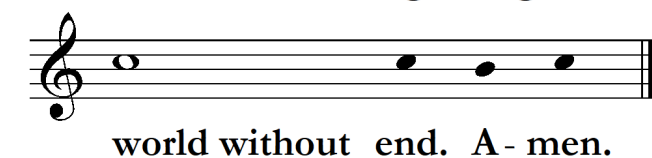
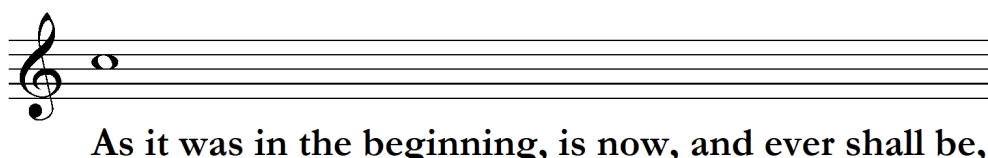
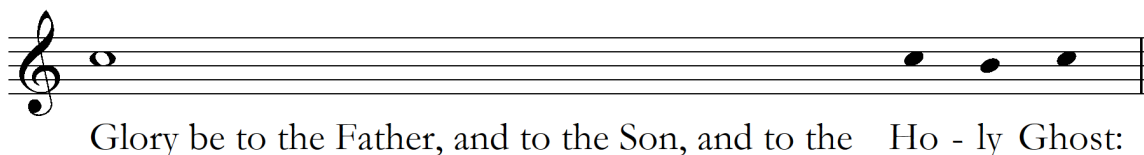
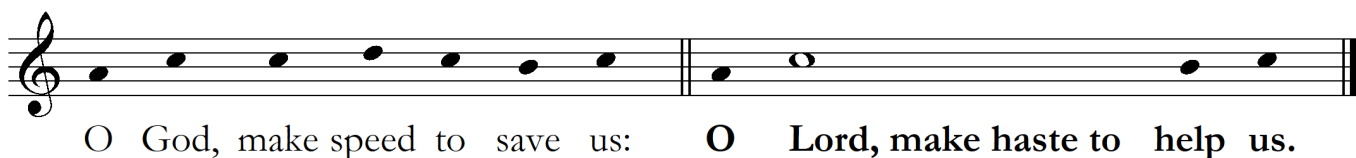
ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: ✠ He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Then the minister and People shall say the Lord's Prayer:*

OUR Father,  
**which art in heaven,**  
**Hallowed be thy Name,**  
**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,**  
**in earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**As we forgive them that trespass against us;**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**But deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power, and the glory,**  
**For ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

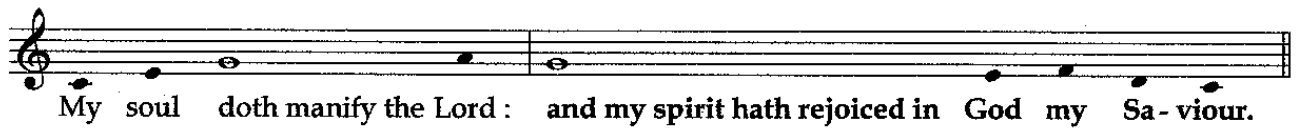
*Please STAND to sing the opening responses (bold type):*



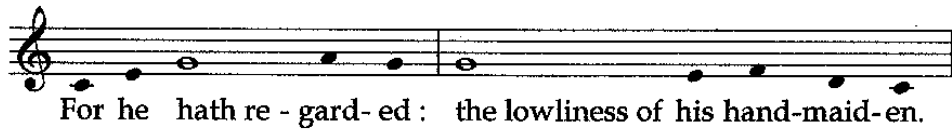
*We recite the Psalm of the day, which is on the separate sheet; please SIT.*

*The First Lesson, from the Old Testament or Apocrypha follows.*

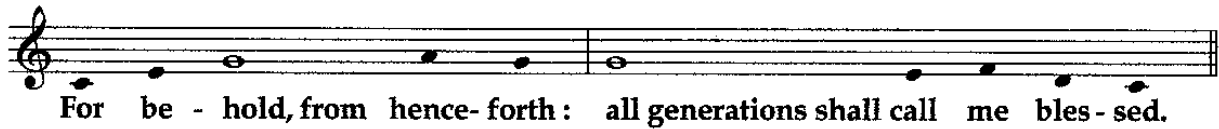
*Magnificat, the Song of Mary (Luke 1.46) follows (STAND), during which, the officiant adds incense grains to the burner in front of the Altar:*



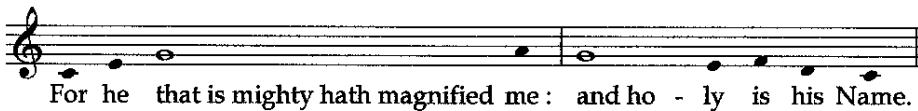
My soul doth manify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Sa-viour.



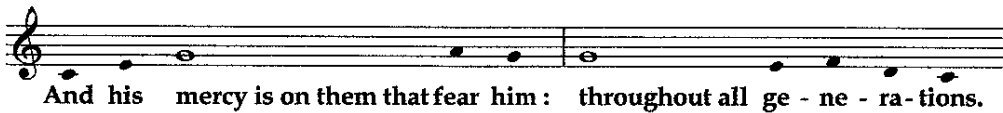
For he hath re-gard-ed : the lowliness of his hand-maid-en.



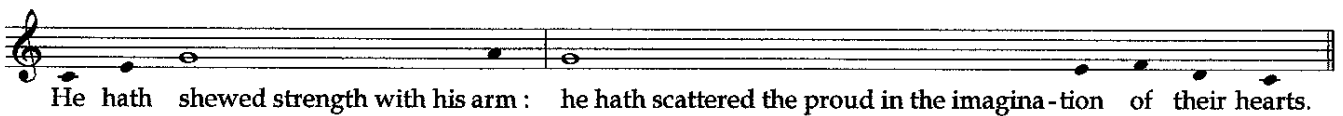
For be-hold, from hence-forth : all generations shall call me bles-sed.



For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and ho-ly is his Name.



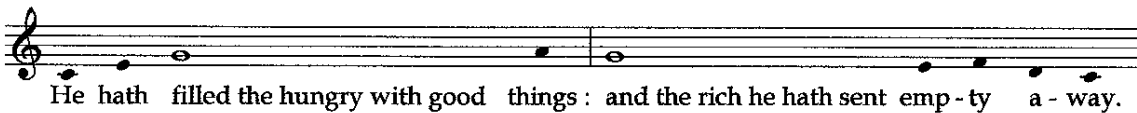
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all ge-ne-ra-tions.



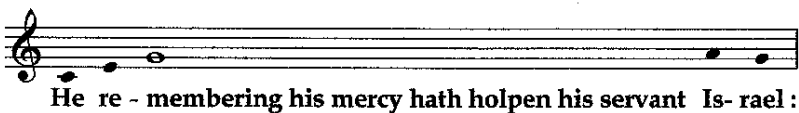
He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagina-tion of their hearts.



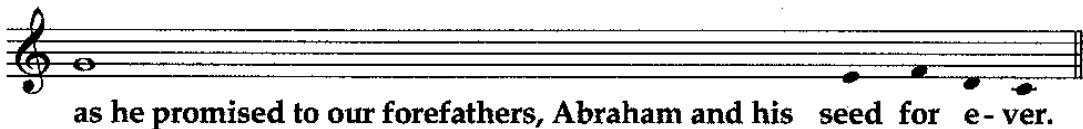
He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the hum-ble and meek.



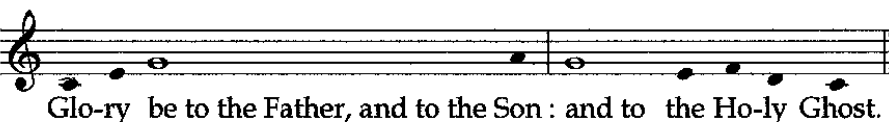
He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent emp-ty a-way.




He re-membering his mercy hath holpen his servant Is-rael :



as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for e-ver.



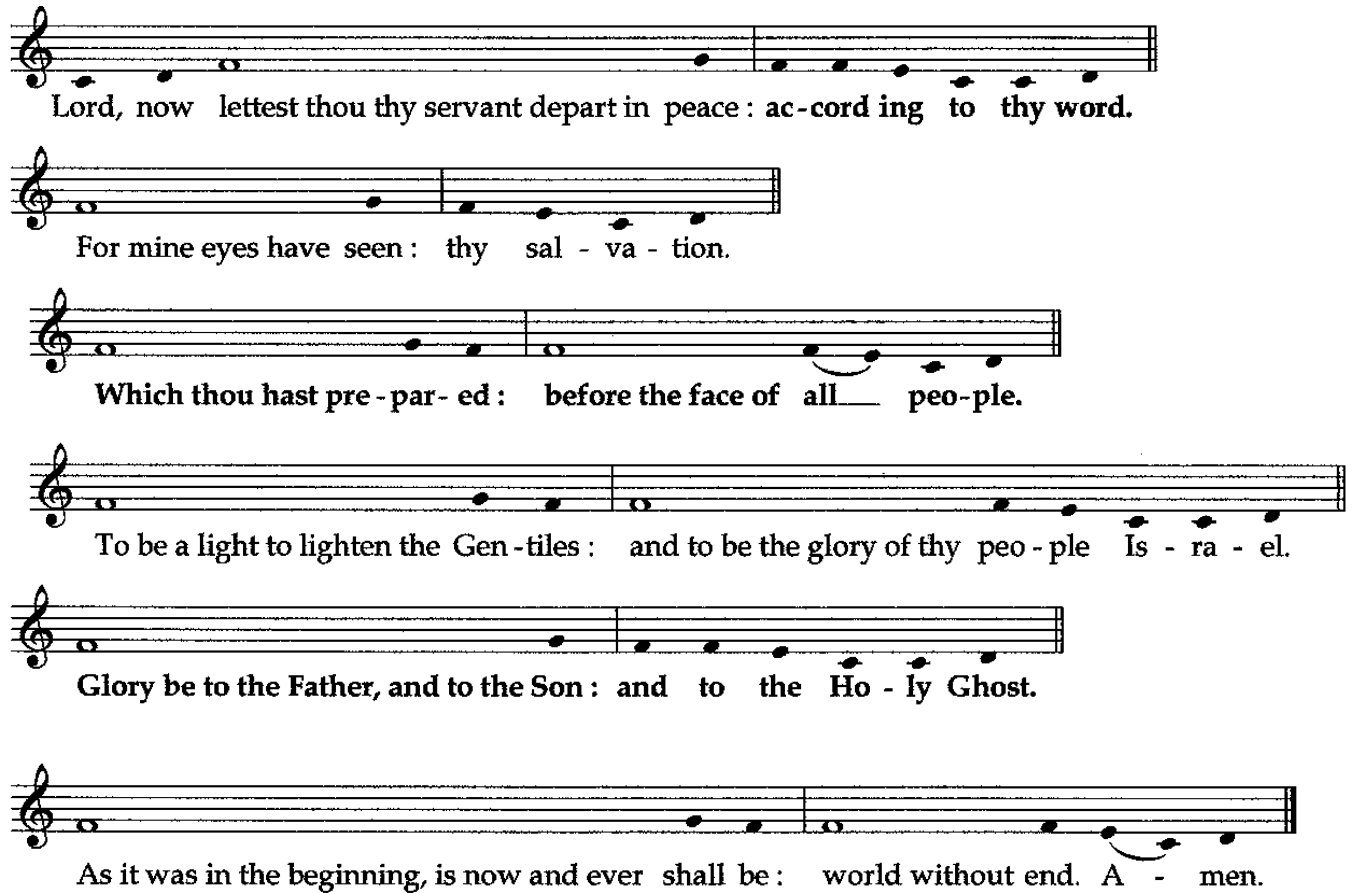
Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho-ly Ghost.



As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world with-out end. A-men.

*Please SIT for the Second Lesson, from the New Testament*

*Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29) follows (STAND):*



Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : ac-cord ing to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy sal - va - tion.

Which thou hast pre - par - ed : before the face of all peo-ple.

To be a light to lighten the Gen - tiles : and to be the glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. A - men.

*We face the High Altar to recite the Apostles' Creed:*

I believe in God,  
**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,**  
**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**Born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**Was crucified, dead, and buried:**  
**He descended into hell;**  
**The third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**And sitteth on the right hand of God**

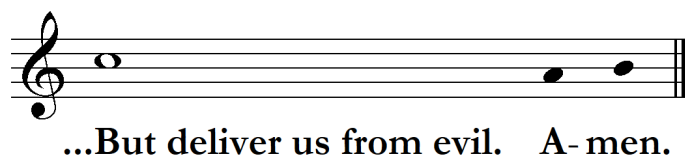
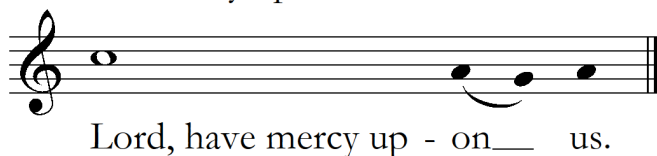
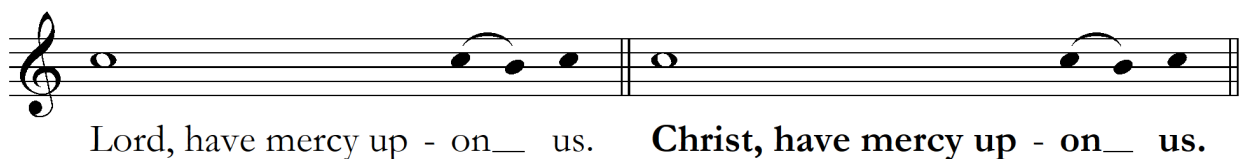
**the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
✠ The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

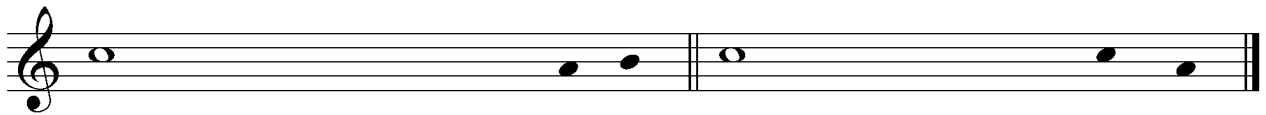
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and Responses:*



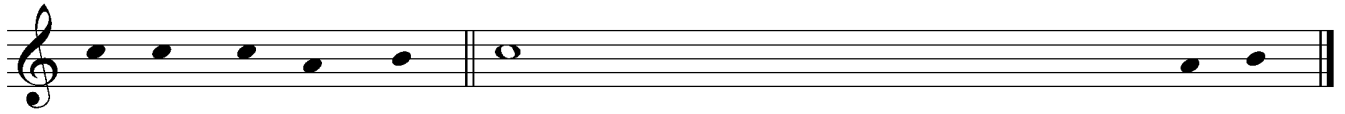
*Please sit or kneel*



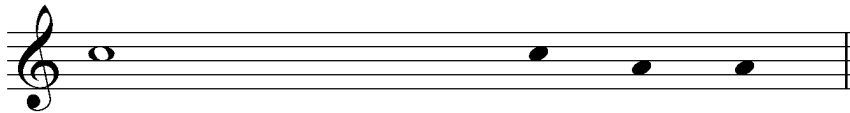




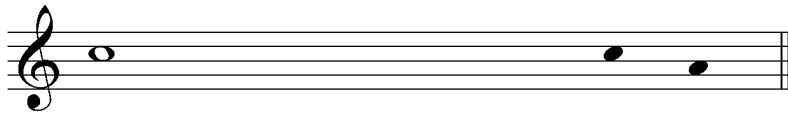
O Lord, show thy mercy up - on us: **And grant us thy sal - va - tion.**



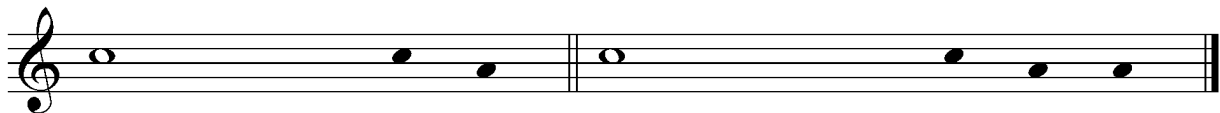
O Lord, save the King: **And mercifully hear us when we call up - on thee.**



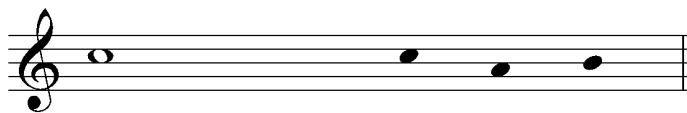
Endue thy ministers with right - eous - ness:



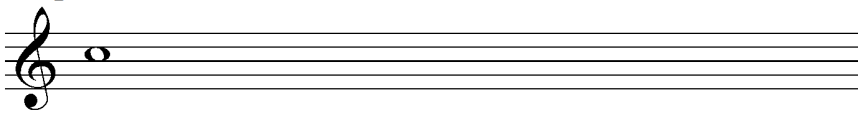
**And make thy chosen people joy - ful.**



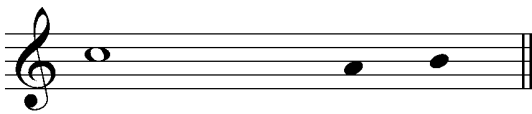
O Lord, save thy peo - ple: **And bless thine in - he - ri - tance.**



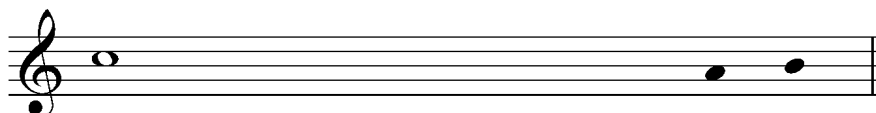
Give peace in our time, O Lord:



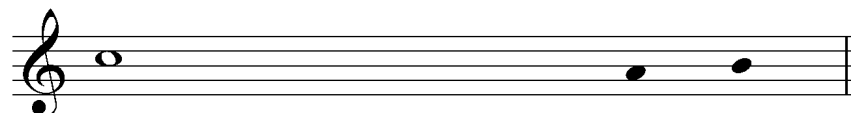
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us,**



**but only thou, O God**



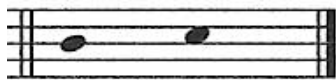
O God, make clean our hearts with - in us:



**And take not thy holy Spirit from us.**

*The minister intones the Collect for the day. At the end:*

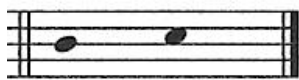
..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



**A - men.**

### *THE COLLECT FOR PEACE:*

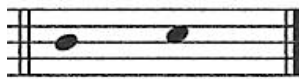
O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.



**A - men.**

### *THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS:*

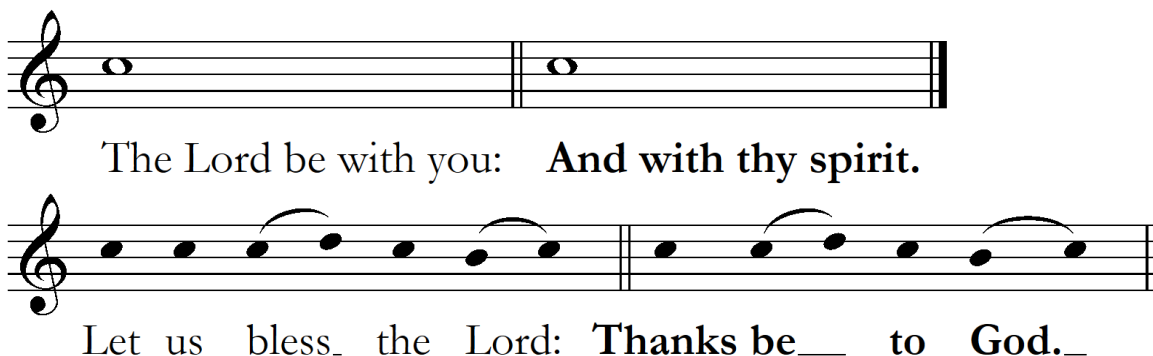
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.



**A - men.**

*Prayers of Intercession follow, and then any notices are announced.*

*The service ends with the Dismissal:*



The Lord be with you: **And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be\_\_ to God.\_\_**

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff contains a single half note on the first line of the treble clef, followed by a double bar line and another single half note on the first line. The second staff contains a sequence of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a double bar line and another sequence: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a double bar line.

*The clergy and people depart.*

There is no cash collection at this service; however, there are donation boxes and contactless devices by the north door, and we do encourage you to be as generous as possible. Alternatively, you can donate (and Gift Aid your donation) by using this QR code:

