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We acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional and ancestral land of the Semiahmoo First Nation.



EVENSONG

Proper 32
Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, November 8, 2026 – 5:00 PM

In Christ we are a caring community
seeking and welcoming others to join us on our faith journey.

CONCERNING EVENSONG

PERHAPS nothing is more peculiarly Anglican than the ORDER OF EVENSONG. It has been sung daily in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. Originating from the monastic hours, its beauty consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient office of Vespers and Compline as set forth by Thomas Cranmer in *The Book of Common Prayer* 1549. Today's ORDER OF EVENSONG is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1662 and the 1962 Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada.

There is a formality about the service which often seems far removed from the uncertain, large incoherent beliefs of many who attend; it is a choral service with little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part. Yet to some extent the formality is deceptive: the words used result from the long quest of generation after generation of Christians for ways to express their thanksgiving and their hope. The preface to the ORDER OF EVENSONG used in King's College Chapel offers a further explanation:

> *If you are prepared to join in this turning towards God, you will find this is a service in which you can join, though perhaps in ways that are unfamiliar. Here is a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which, without fretting too much about the words, you may gather the preoccupations and anxieties of your own life and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose acts we celebrate. But many have found that once they have quietly offered the preoccupations which are chattering in their minds they are free silently to go on to offer to God all that they are. The service becomes the medium for our self-offering. By that offering we become open to receive again the love and mercy of God. So we begin again in the Christian life, which is life lived in response to that love and mercy.*
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> [Michael Till, Dean of King's College, Cambridge 1970-1981]

The congregation is invited to attend carefully to the texts of the service and to boldly join in singing the designated portions.

EVENSONG
8 November 2026

OPENING VOLUNTARY

All shall stand at the tolling of the bell for the entrance of the ministers and choir.

The Officiant greets the community

AS WE begin our worship, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional and ancestral territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant shall say;

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Officiant shall say;

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:

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling, as able.

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 or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, 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*.

PRECES

The Officiant shall continue:

Officiant	O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir and People	And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant	O God, make speed to save us.
Choir and People	O Lord make haste to help us.
Officiant	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir and People	As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.
Officiant	Praise ye the Lord.
Choir and People	The Lord's name be praised.

All shall sit for the appointed PSALM.

PSALM 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

Sung by the precentor.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Ezra 10:1-17

A reading from Ezra, the 10th Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

WHILE EZRA PRAYED and made confession, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him out of Israel; the people also wept bitterly. Shecaniah son of Jehiel, of the descendants of Elam, addressed Ezra, saying, 'We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this. So now let us make a covenant with our God to send away all these wives and their children, according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the

commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Take action, for it is your duty, and we are with you; be strong, and do it.' Then Ezra stood up and made the leading priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear that they would do as had been said. So they swore.
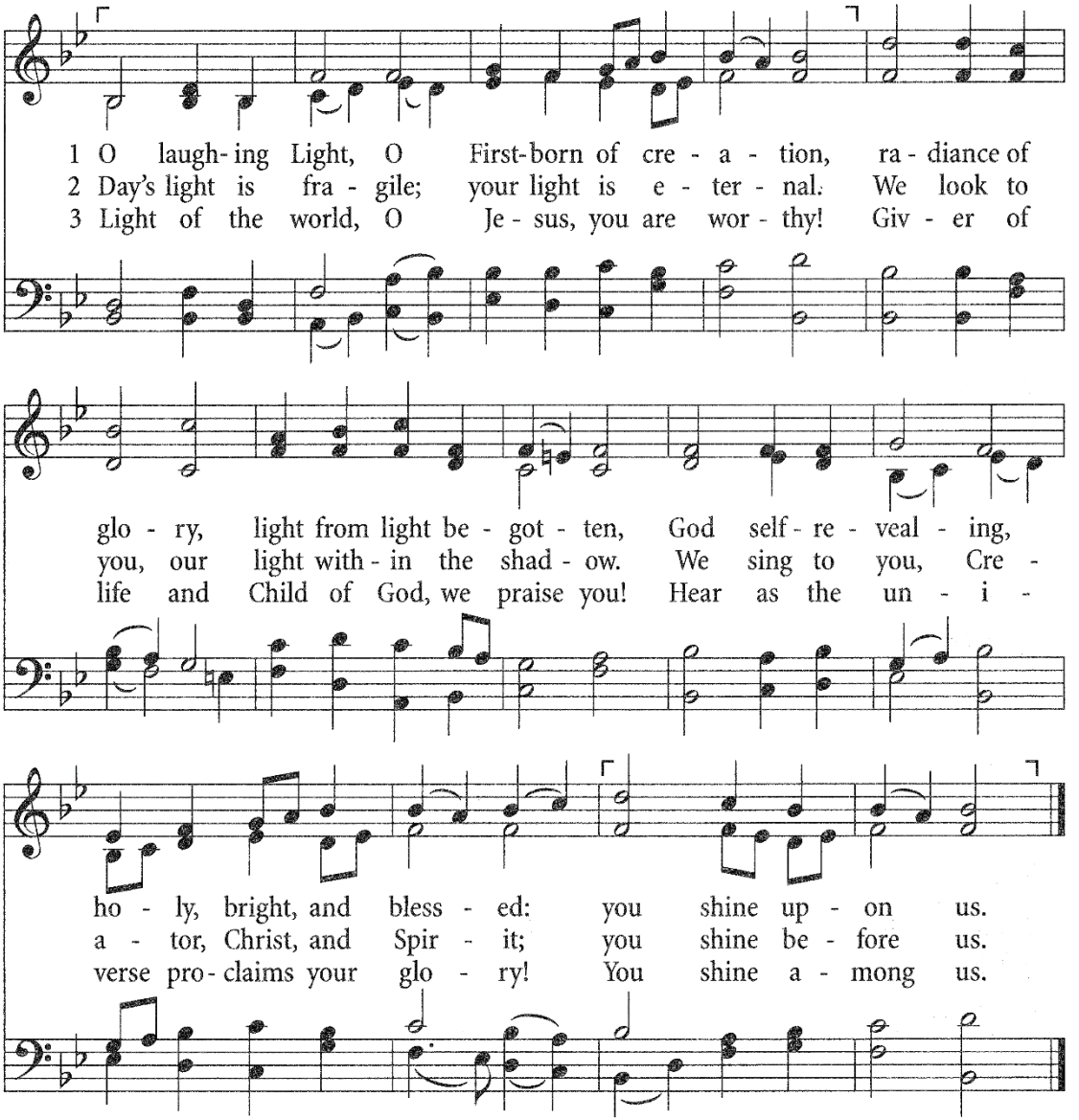
Then Ezra withdrew from before the house of God, and went to the chamber of Jehohanan son of Eliashib, where he spent the night. He did not eat bread or drink water, for he was mourning over the faithlessness of the exiles. They made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the returned exiles that they should assemble at Jerusalem, and that if any did not come within three days, by order of the officials and the elders all their property should be forfeited, and they themselves banned from the congregation of the exiles.

Then all the people of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month. All the people sat in the open square before the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain. Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, 'You have trespassed and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of Israel. Now make confession to the Lord the God of your ancestors, and do his will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives.' Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, 'It is so; we must do as you have said. But the people are many, and it is a time of heavy rain; we cannot stand in the open. Nor is this a task for one day or for two, for many of us have transgressed in this matter. Let our officials represent the whole assembly, and let all in our towns who have taken foreign wives come at appointed times, and with them the elders and judges of every town, until the fierce wrath of our God on this account is averted from us.' Only Jonathan son of Asahel and Jahzeiah son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levites supported them.

Then the returned exiles did so. Ezra the priest selected men, heads of families, according to their families, each of them designated by name. On the first day of the tenth month they sat down to examine the matter. By the first day of the first month they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women.

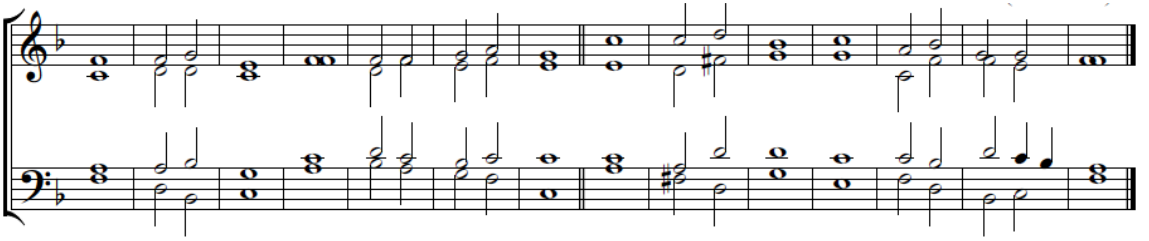
HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All stand, as able.


1 O laugh-ing Light, O First-born of cre - a - tion, ra - diance of
2 Day's light is fra - gile; your light is e - ter - nal. We look to
3 Light of the world, O Je - sus, you are wor - thy! Giv - er of
glo - ry, light from light be - got - ten, God self - re - veal - ing,
you, our light with - in the shad - ow. We sing to you, Cre -
life and Child of God, we praise you! Hear as the un - i -
ho - ly, bright, and bless - ed: you shine up - on us.
a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it; you shine be - fore us.
verse pro - claims your glo - ry! You shine a - mong us.

All shall remain standing for the MAGNIFICAT (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

MAGNIFICAT *James Turle (1802-1882)*



MY SOUL doth | magnify · the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re | joiced · in | God my | Saviour.
For | he hath · re | garded :
the | lowli · ness | of his | handmaiden.
For be | hold, from | henceforth :
all gene | rations · shall | call me | blessèd.
For he that is mighty hath | magni · fied | me :
and | holy | is his | Name.
And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
throughout | **all** | gene | rations.
He hath showed | strength · with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin | ation | of their | hearts.
He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex | alted · the | humble · and | meek.
He hath filled the | hungry · with | good things :
and the rich he | hath sent | empty · a | way.
He re | membering · his | mercy
hath | holpen · his | servant | Israel :
As he promised | to our | forefathers,
Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and| to the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :
world without | **end.** |**A** | men.

All shall sit.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 20:1-16
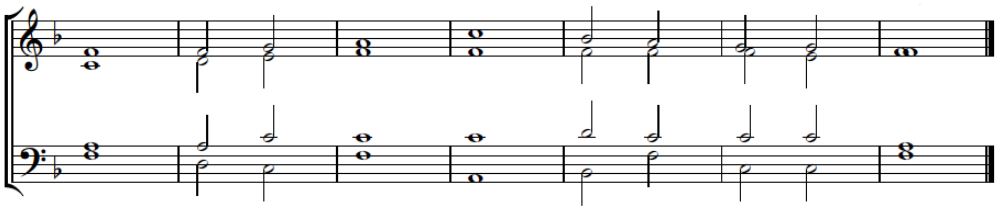
A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

JESUS SAID, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All shall stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS (The Song of Simeon).

NUNC DIMITTIS *R. Farrant (1530-1580)*



LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de | part in | peace :
ac | cording | to thy | word.
For mine eyes have | seen thy · sal | vation,
Which thou hast prepared be | fore the | face · of all | people;
To be a light to | lighten · the | Gentiles :
and to be the | glory · of thy | people | Israel.
GLORY BE TO THE FÁTHER, and | to the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :
world without | **end.** |**A** | men.

All shall remain standing, taking up the APOSTLES' CREED, *following the officiant;*

APOSTLES' CREED MONOTONE

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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body. And the Life everlasting. Amen.

LESSER LITANY

T*hen shall the people stand or kneel as able.*

Officiant	The Lord be with you.
Choir and People	And with thy spirit.
Officiant	Let us pray.
Choir and People	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The people continue after the officiant.

LORD'S PRAYER MONOTONE

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. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

Officiant	O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir and People	And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant	O Lord, save the King
Choir and People	And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant	Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir and People	And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant	O Lord, save thy people.
Choir and People	And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant	Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir and People	Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant	O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir and People	And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

The officiant continues.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALmighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servants; and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive them more and more into thy joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, they may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

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 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. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST 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. *Amen.*

All shall be seated for the anthem

ANTHEM: This is My Song

Text: Lloyd Stone (1934-1993)
Composer: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957),
Georgia Harkness (1891-1974)

The congregation is invited to sing along with the third verse.

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My countries skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3. May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The officiant may offer additional prayers or intercessions.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All shall say;
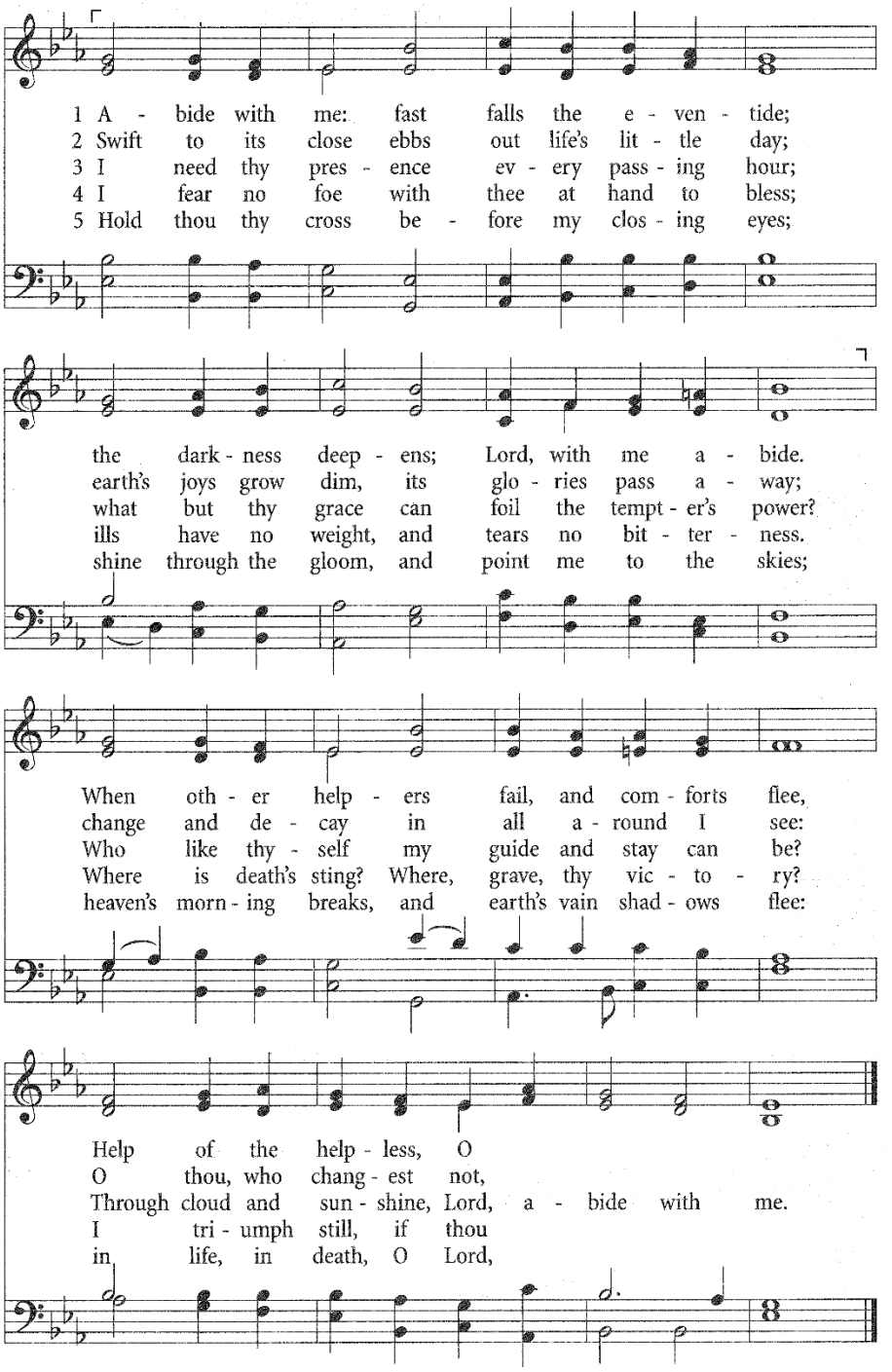
ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM

The prayer shall be pronounced by the Officiant alone;

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

All remain standing, as able, for the singing of the hymn.


1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;
the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see:
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:
Help of the help - less, O
O thou, who chang - est not,
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou
in life, in death, O Lord,

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

Then shall the Officiant continue;

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

All shall stand for the retiring procession.

VOLUNTARY

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
First Lesson	Linda Ingham
Second Lesson	Kaye Kerlande
Crucifer	Karyn Eisler
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Music Director	Maria Golas
Greeter	Sheila Johnston

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, 16, 23, 30 – Women's Group

November 10, 17, 24– Bible Study

November 19, Noon – Seniors' Lunch

November 21, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Christmas Market & Nativity Displays

November 29, 8 and 10 a.m. – First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, "strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being." Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here and, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at The Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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