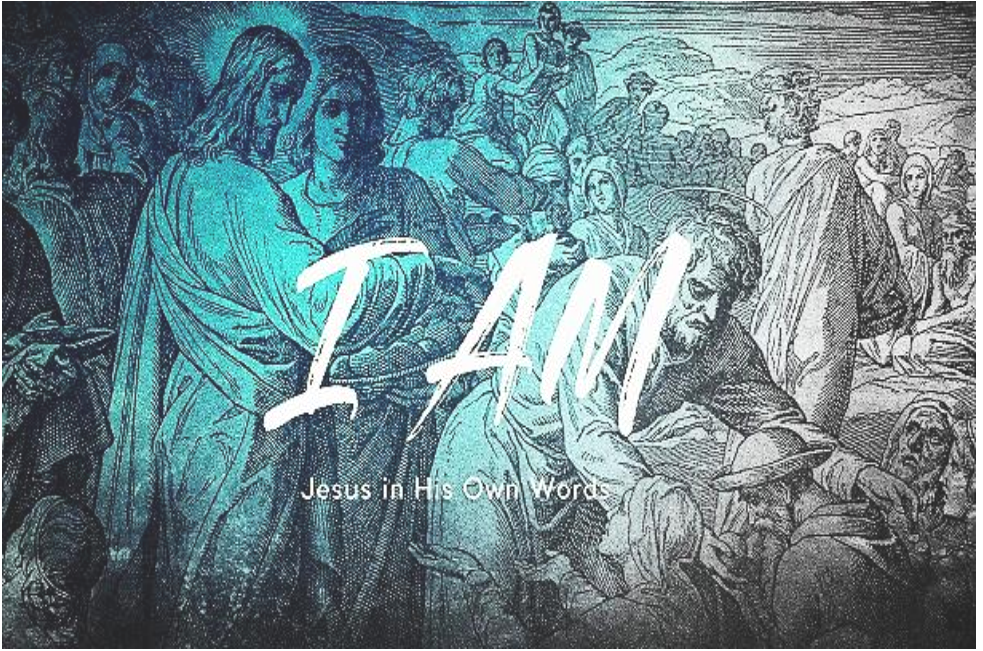


# Week 2

## I AM the Light of the World



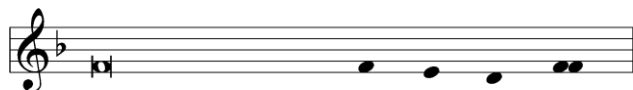
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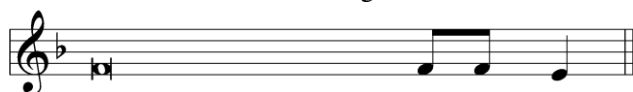
# Evening Prayer

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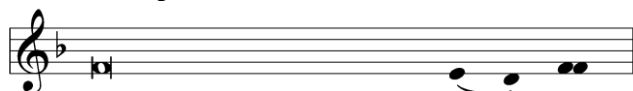
## Service of Light



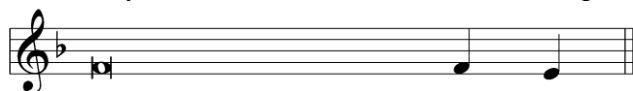
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



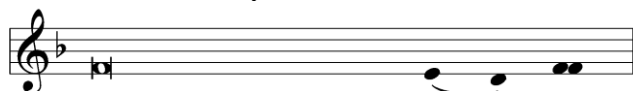
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

## Phos Hilaron

*Hymn of Light*



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

### Thanksgiving For Light

☐ Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,

who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of

fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;

may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion

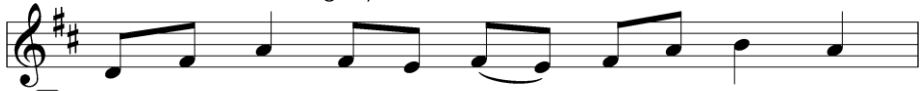


and we, Your creatures, glo-ri-fy You, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** A - men.

**Psalm 141** **I** & **II** sung by cantor



**C** Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick-ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be-fore You as in-cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.



**II** Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in-cline to an-y e-vil thing;



let me not be oc-cu-pied in wick-ed-ness with e-vil-do-ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-u-ge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

- L** Let us pray.  
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord,  
and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds,  
we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole  
heavenly host and may glorify You forever.
- C** Amen.

### Psalm 27:1-14

- L** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**C** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**  
**L** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
**C** **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**  
**L** Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
**C** **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**  
**L** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
**C** **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**  
**to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his**  
**temple.**  
**L** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**C** **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high**  
**upon a rock.**  
**L** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
**C** **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**  
**L** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**C** **be gracious to me and answer me!**  
**L** You have said, "Seek my face."  
**My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

- L** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,  
**C** **O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**
- L** For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
**C** **but the LORD will take me in.**
- L** Teach me your way, O LORD,  
**C** **and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**
- L** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
**C** **for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.**
- L** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
**C** **in the land of the living!**
- L** Wait for the LORD;  
**C** **be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

## Hymn

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

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- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
 Lord and Son of Abraham;  
 Christ, the radiance of the Father,  
 Perfect God, the great I AM;  
 Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,  
 Light and life You bring to all;  
 Light our path with Your own presence,  
 Grant us grace to heed Your call.
- △6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church’s glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.

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## Reading

**Exodus 13:17-22, 14:10, 19-25**

- L** A reading from Exodus, chapters 13 & 14

<sup>17</sup>When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” <sup>18</sup>But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. <sup>19</sup>Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.” <sup>20</sup>And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the

way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people....<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD....<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

**A** ○ Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

**John 8:12-20**

**L** A reading from John, chapter 8

<sup>12</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup>So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." <sup>14</sup>Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup>Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup>In your Law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. <sup>18</sup>I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." <sup>19</sup>They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup>These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

**A** ○ Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

# Canticle

## Magnificat

*Song of Mary*

*Refrain*



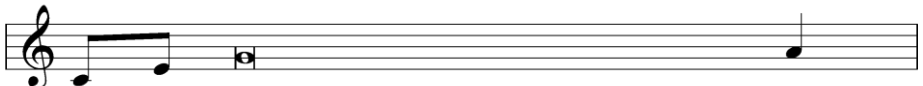
My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



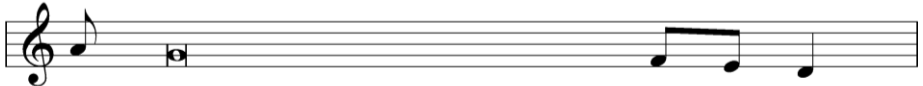
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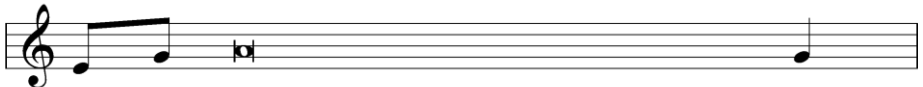
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - - - - - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son

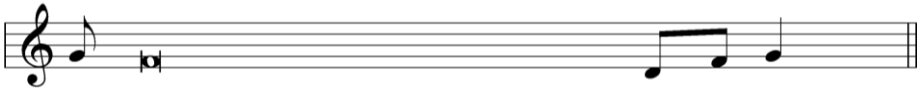


- 1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.
- 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;
- 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



- 1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day
- 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him
- 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones
- 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
- 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,





1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessèd.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - men. *Refrain*

## Offering

## Prayer

*Stand*

### Litany



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** 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.

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

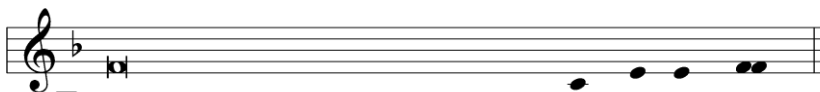
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

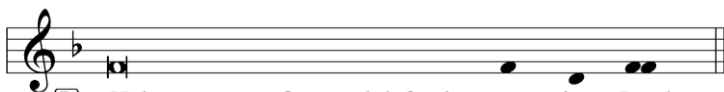
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

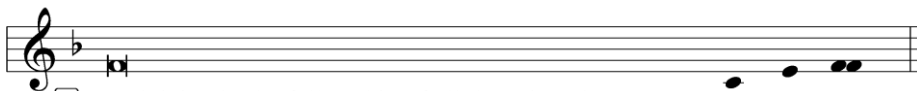


**C** Thanks be to God.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

## Collect For Peace

**P** Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**C** A - men.

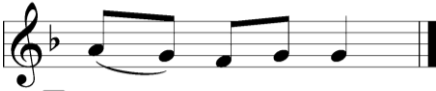
## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Benedicamus

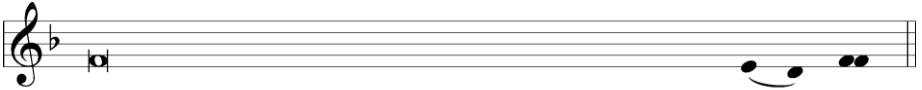


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 "Behold, I freely give  
 The living water; thirsty one,  
 Stoop down and drink and live."  
 I came to Jesus, and I drank  
 Of that life-giving stream;  
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
 And now I live in Him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
 "I am this dark world's light.  
 Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
 And all thy day be bright."  
 I looked to Jesus, and I found  
 In Him my star, my sun;  
 And in that light of life I'll walk  
 Till trav'ling days are done.

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