

# Epiphany Evensong

January 6, 2023

7:00pm



*Epiphany Zentangle* - Abby O'Connell

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
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*We are so happy you are here today, in-person and online.*

*For those of you coming to church in-person, please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe during this pandemic:*

*INDOOR - Masking is now recommended at church services. For those who have vulnerable health issues, our 10:30am services always offer an option to worship from the safety of home. Please stay home if you feel sick.*

*When the priest celebrates communion, she will always thoroughly wash her hands. She will be unmasked while celebrating communion. The bread and wine will be covered with a linen/pall except during the epiclesis. She will re-mask to distribute communion, since she will come closer than six feet and want to make everyone as comfortable receiving.*

*Thank you for your continued patience as we try to provide the greatest level of safety for all of us!*

*OUTDOOR - Please be aware of those around you who may be vulnerable and try to maintain a distance. Our coffee hour will be on the Alpha-Omega patio.*

*For those attending remotely, you may connect in either of two ways:*

*1. by computer or smartphone (video and audio):*

*You may access our ZOOM meeting on the following link:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690025101>

*2. by telephone (audio only):*

*Dial +1 669 900 9128      Meeting ID: 826 9002 5101*

*When prompted for a participant number, touch the pound key (#).*

*Please follow the usual procedures for muting and unmuting (\*6) and raising a hand (\*9).*

*Note: For the sake of audio clarity, your mic will be muted on entry.*

*Thank you for joining us, and for observing our protocols.*

## Processional

*Silent procession of the star, followed by the three magi figures.*

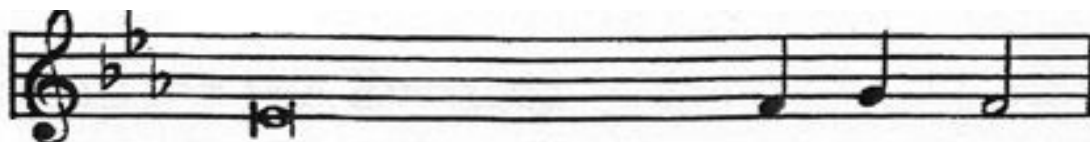
## Blessing of the Creche

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

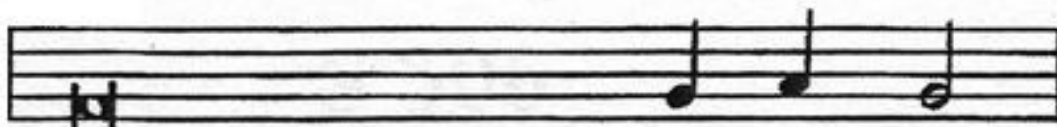
## Service of Light

Cantor: Jeremy Smith



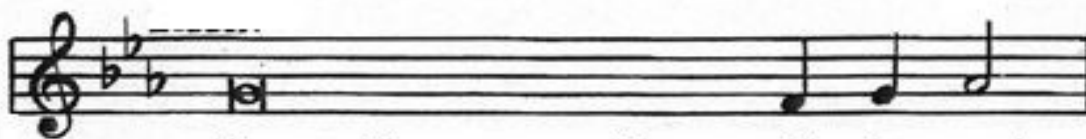
Officiant/Cantor:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



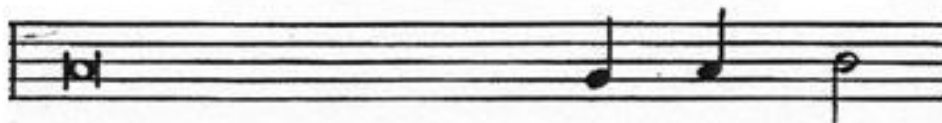
All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



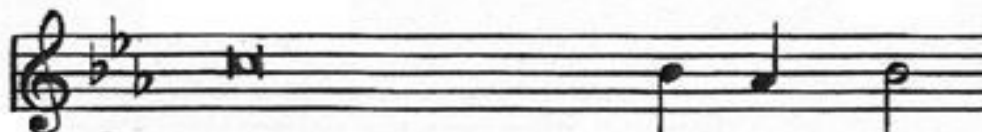
Officiant/Cantor:

Stay with us now, for it is evening.



All:

And the day is al - most over.



Officiant/Cantor:

Let your light scat-ter the darkness,

All:



, and shine within your peo-ple here. —

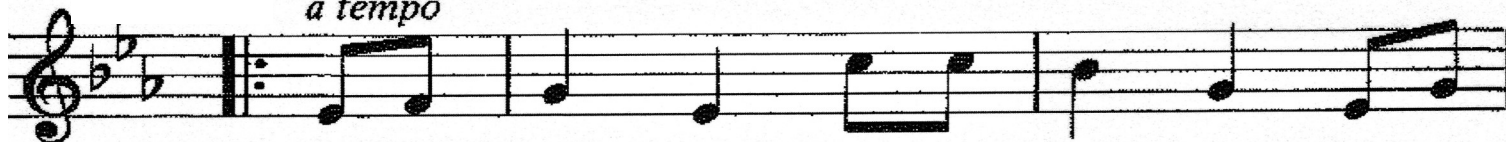
*The candles are lit.*

### Evening Hymn

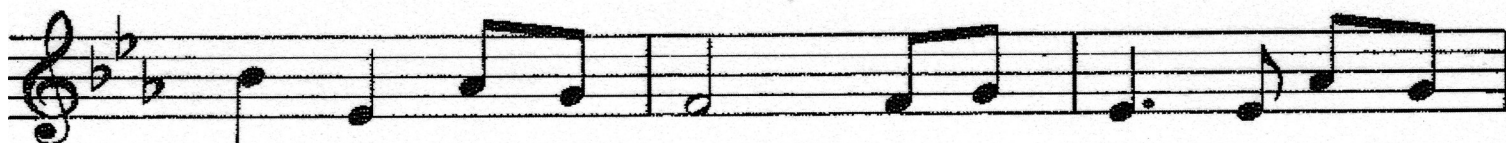
Haugen

— 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



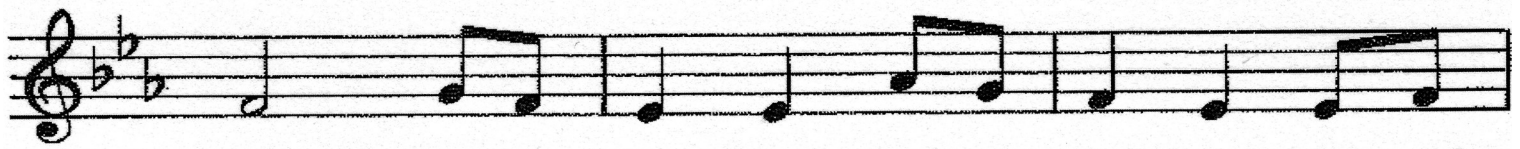
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



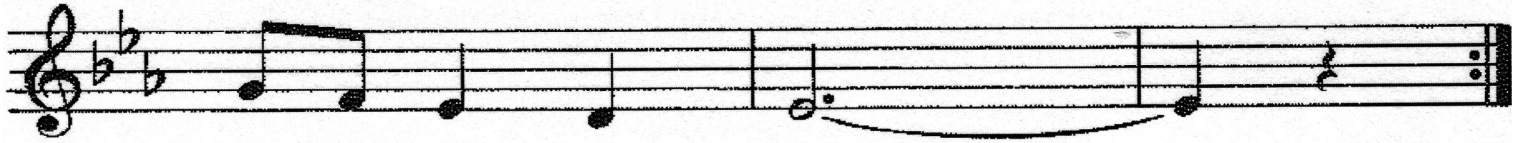
sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



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



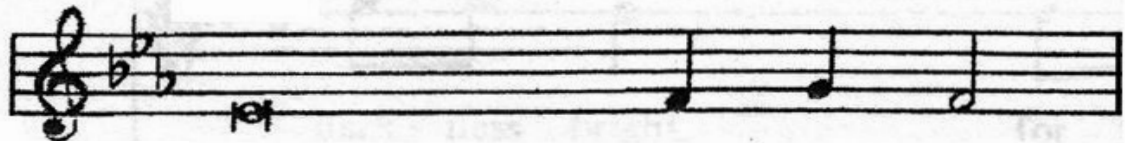
you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



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

### Evening Thanksgiving

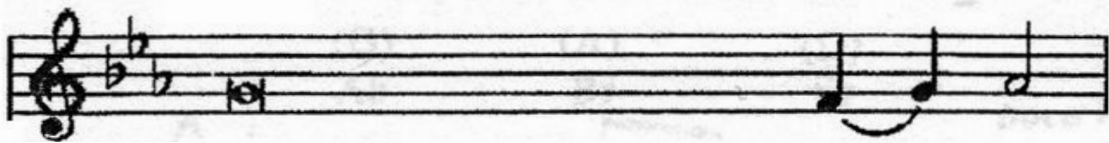
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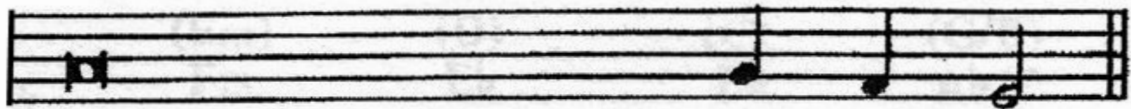
Officiant/Cantor: May God be with you all,



All: and al - so with you;

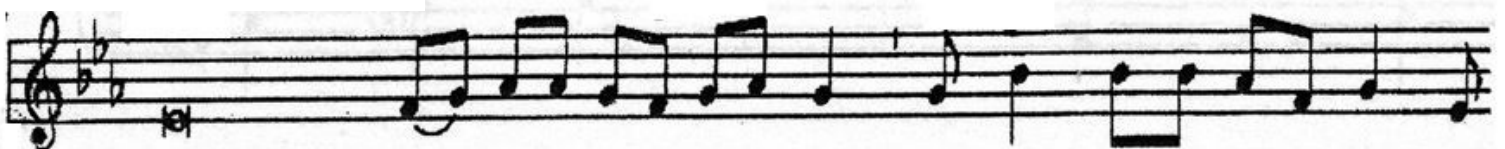


Officiant/Cantor: Let us sing our thanks to \_\_\_ God,

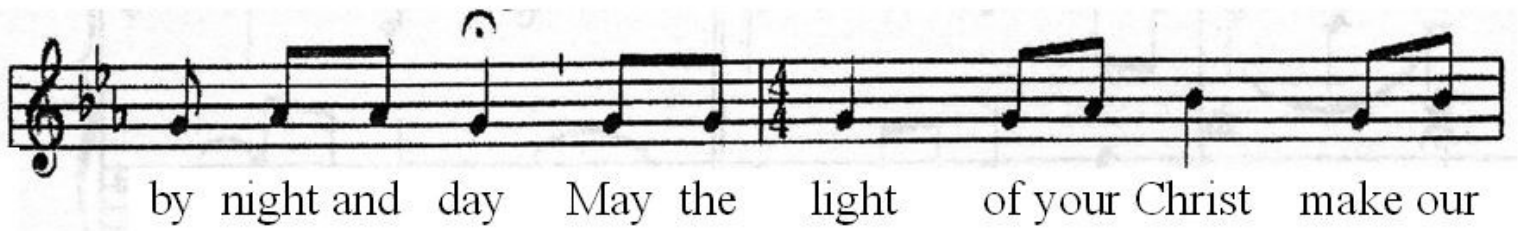


All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

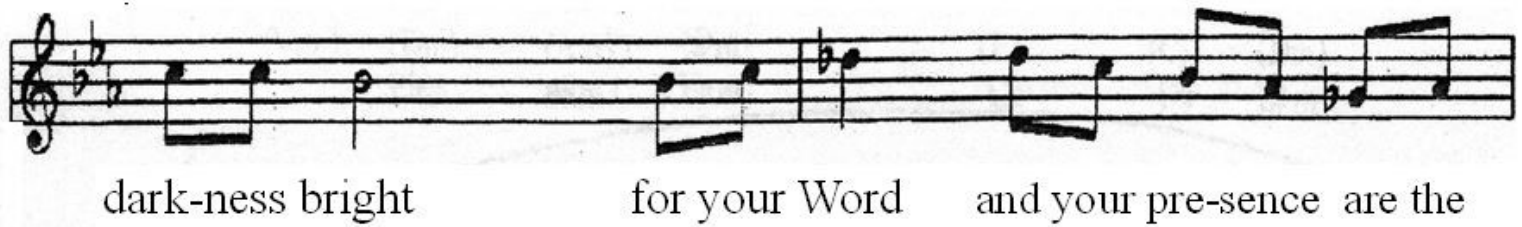
Officiant/Cantor:



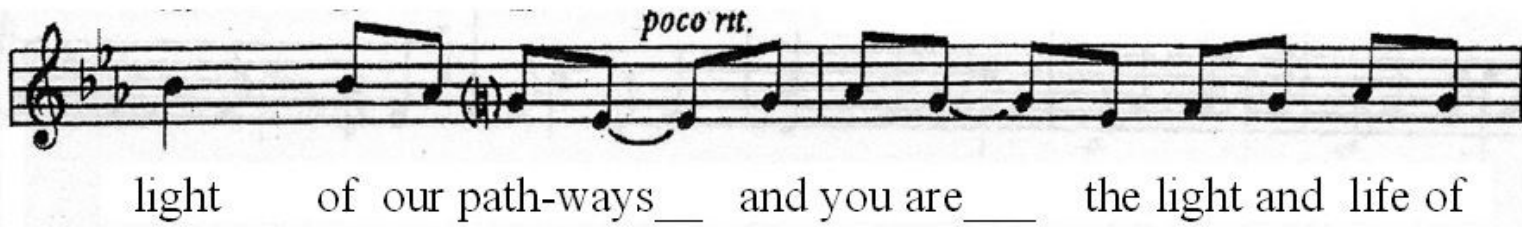
Blessed are you, Cre - a - tor of the un - i - verse, from old you have led your peo - ple



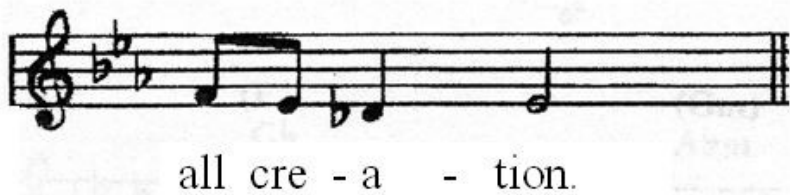
by night and day May the light of your Christ make our



dark-ness bright for your Word and your pre-sence are the



light of our path-ways and you are the light and life of



all cre - a - tion.



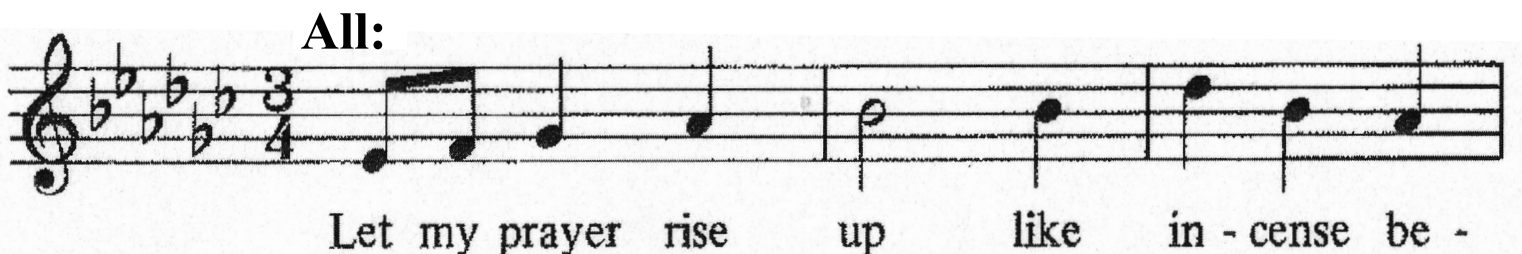
A - - - - men.

**All:** A - - - - men.

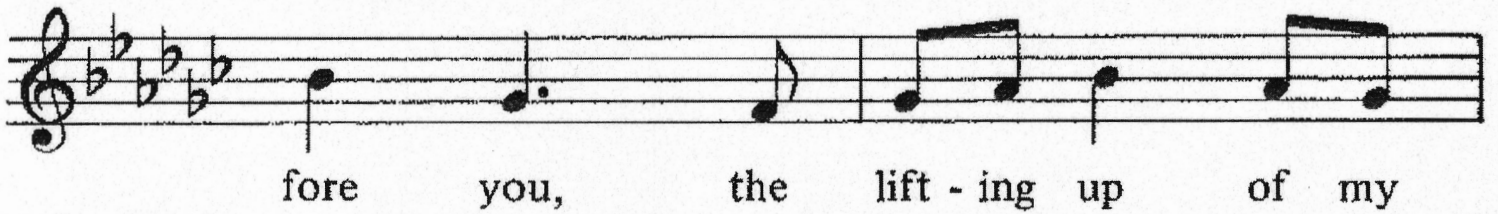
## The Invitatory

Psalm 141

Marty Haugen



**All:**  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

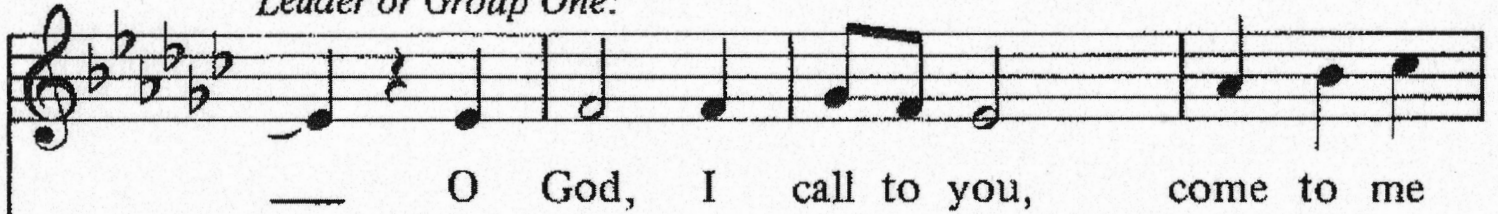


fore you, the lift - ing up of my



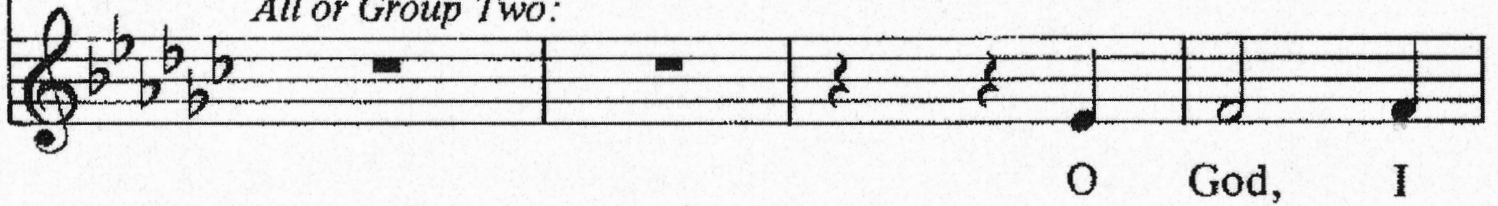
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

*Leader or Group One:*




O God, I call to you, come to me

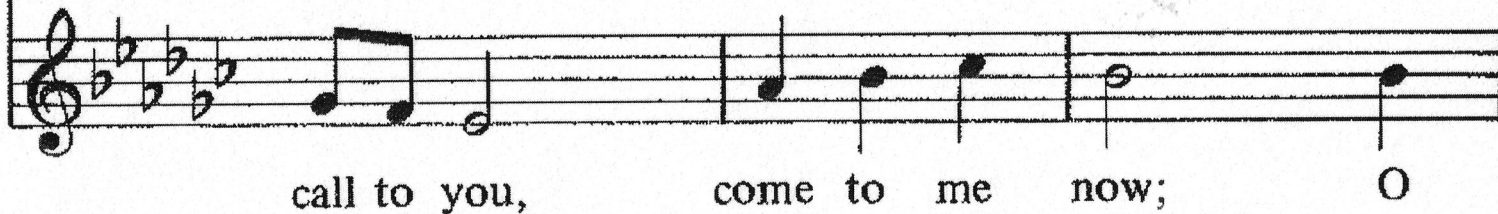
*All or Group Two:*



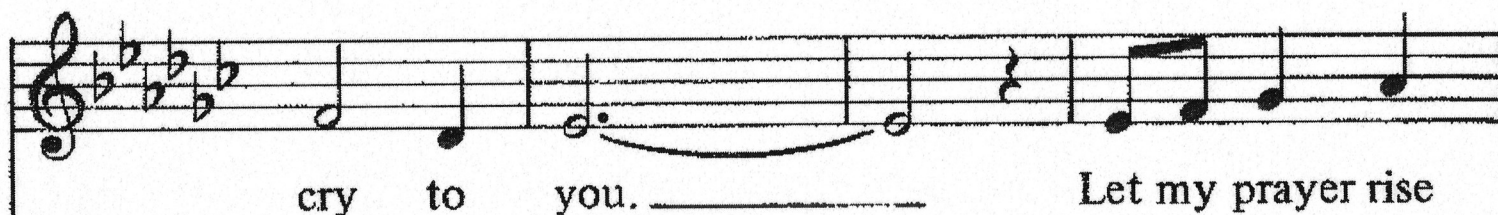
O God, I



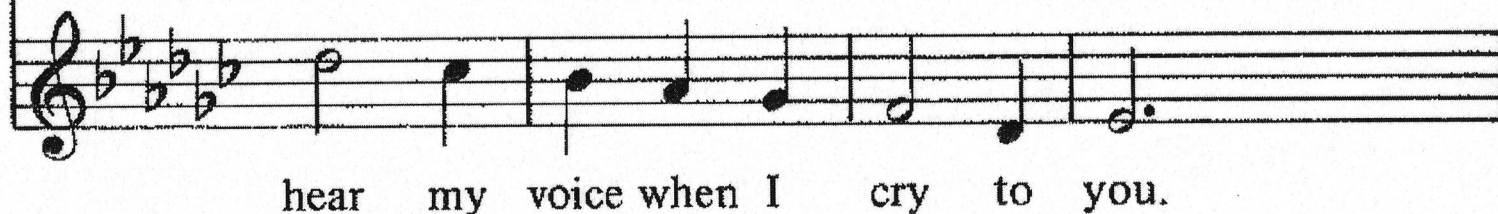
now; O hear my voice when I



call to you, come to me now; O



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of-fer-ing to you. Keep

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deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the



burn - ing bright. \_\_\_\_\_ Let my prayer rise  
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. \_\_\_\_\_ All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
of - fer - ing to you. All

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

praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise

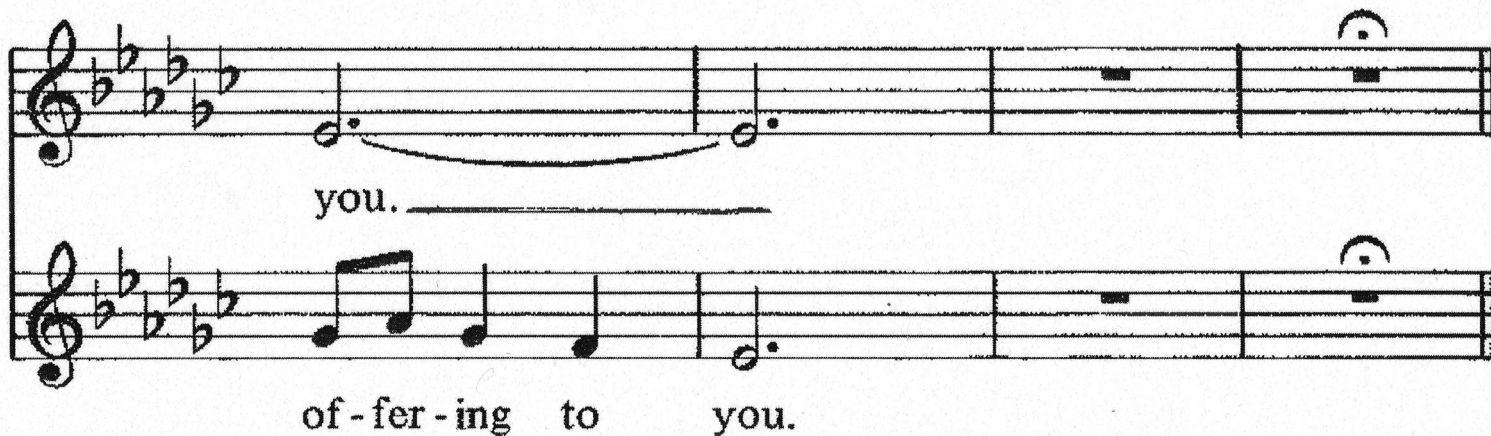
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an



## The First Lesson

## Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**

That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**

He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
**and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
**and all the nations do him service.**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
**and the oppressed who has no helper.**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
**he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
**and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

## The Epistle            Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**People: Thanks be to God**

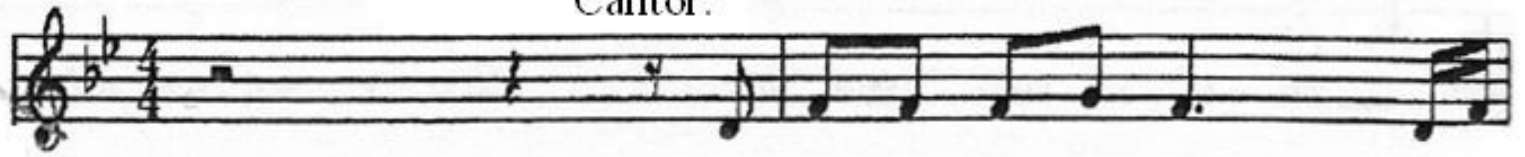
Officiant: The light shines in the darkness.

**People: And the darkness has not overcome it.**

# The Annunciation

Cantor: Abby O'Connell

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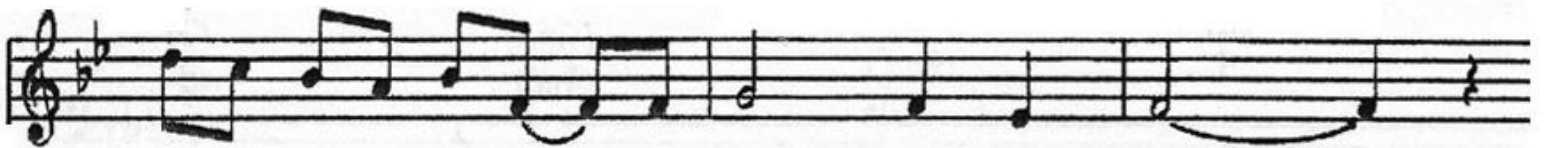
An an - gel went from God to a



town called Naz-a-reth to a wom-an\_ whose name\_ was



Ma - ry. The an - gel said to her "Re-



joice, O high-ly fa-vored\_ for God is with you.\_\_\_\_\_



You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Je - sus\_ the



Cho-sen One of God Most High" And

Ma - ry said: "I am the ser - vant of my God\_ I

live to do your will."

**Canticle 15**      *The Song of Mary*

**All:**

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

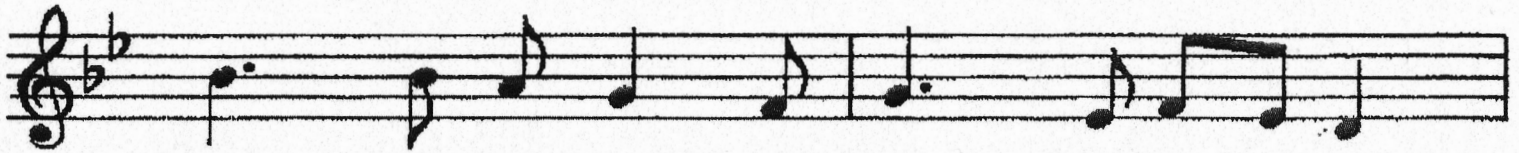
great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

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

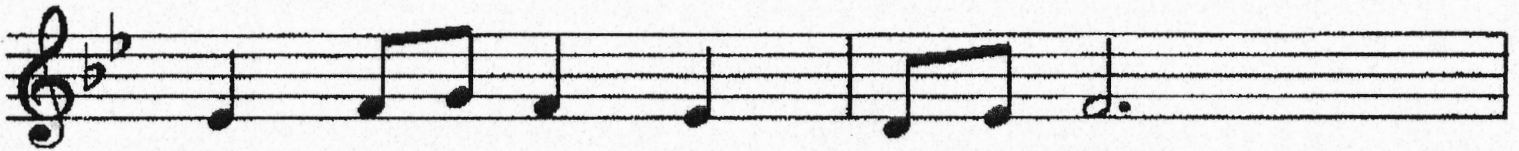
*fine last time*



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



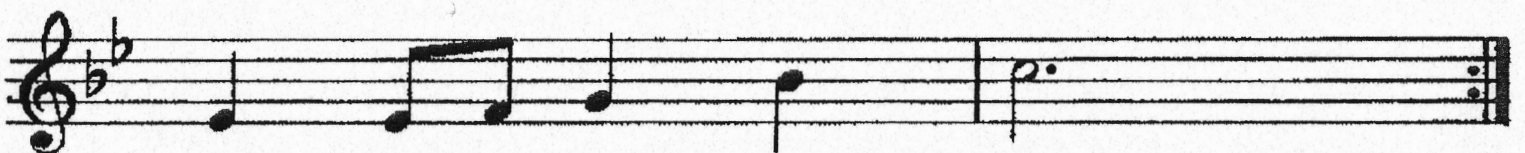
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



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.



## **The Gospel:**

## **Matthew 2:1-12**

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Reflections on Star Words**

## 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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Litany and Prayers

Cantor: Chris Schmidt

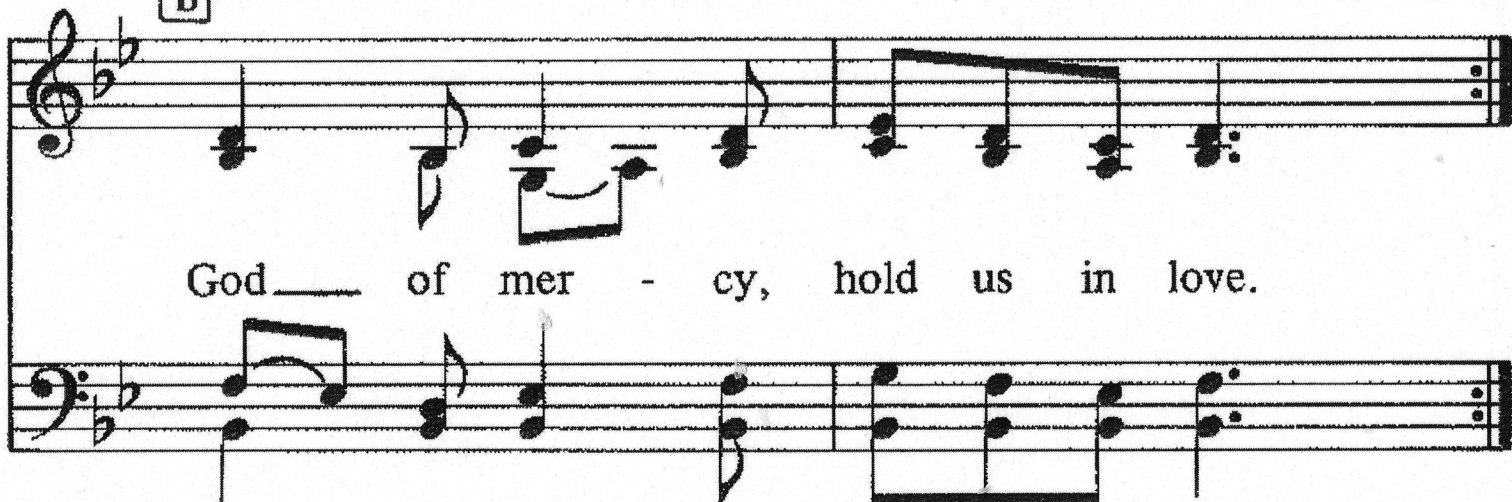
**All:** *repeat continuously (under Leader)*

**A**

(Hmmm)

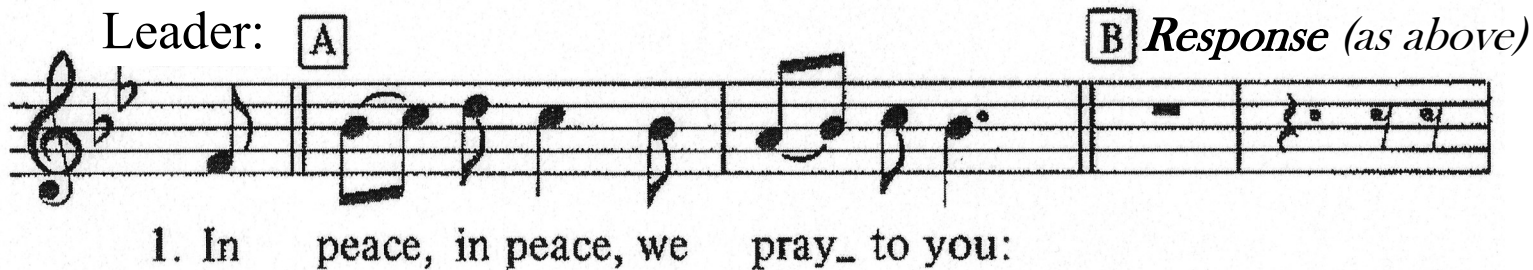
*Response*

All: **B**



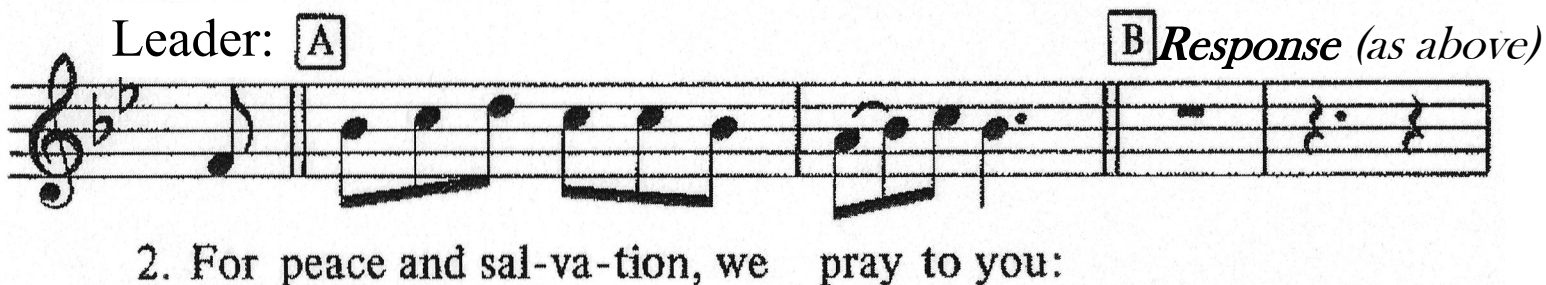
God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B** *Response (as above)*



1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B** *Response (as above)*



2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B** *Etc*



3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:
4. For us who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

Officiant: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Officiant: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.**

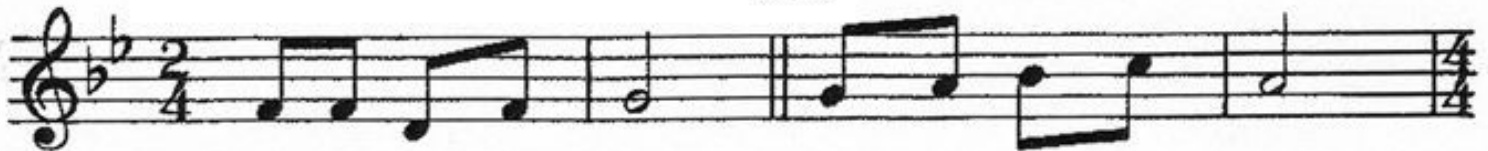
Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Cantor: Abby O'Connell

Officiant/Cantor:

All:



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you

Officiant/Cantor:



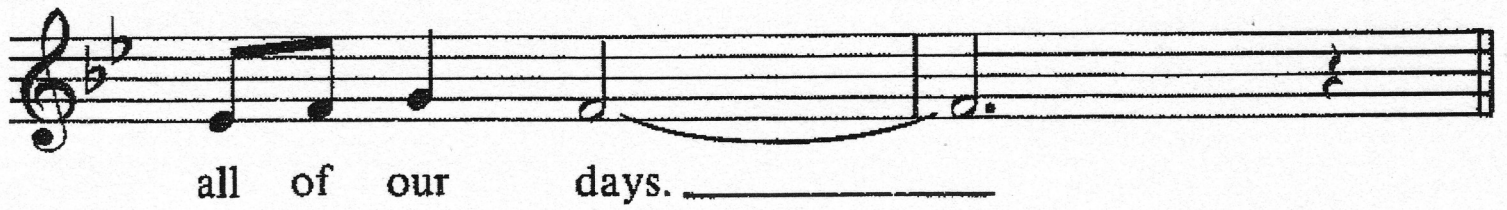
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



## The Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**





## **Serving us this evening**

### **The St. Thomas Altar Guild**

**Officiant:** The Rev. Salying Wong

**Deacon:** The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah (on Zoom)

**Lectors:** John McVey, Joe Gutierrez

**Cantors:** Jeremy Smith Abby O'Connell, Chris Schmidt

**Accompanist:** Benjamin Belew

**Zoom Host/Stream/Tech Team:** Andrew Yeh

## **Parish Mission Statement**

St. Thomas is joyfully on the way!

We are becoming whom Jesus calls us to be: a spiritually-centered community dedicated to creating connections with God, each other, and our neighbors, so that we might walk together with love toward justice, compassion, and hope.

# Welcome

*St. Thomas' Parish is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love, and service to welcome all people just as God created them. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical, or mental ability. God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we!*

**Rector:** The Rev. Salying Wong.....pastorsalying@stthomas-svale.us  
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## IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you or a loved one is in urgent need of pastoral care (hospitalization, death in the family, etc.), PLEASE CALL US.

(The hospital does not always automatically notify the parish)

The Rev. Salying Wong, Rector.....510-478-3554

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