



**BIBLE SONGS**  
*of* **CHRISTMAS**

*Midweek Advent Service*  
*December 17, 2025*

# Evening Prayer

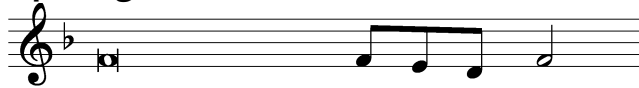
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## Welcome

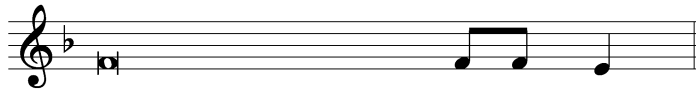
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## Opening Sentences

CW 215



Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



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



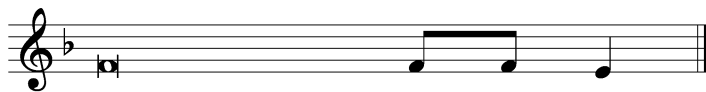
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



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



Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,

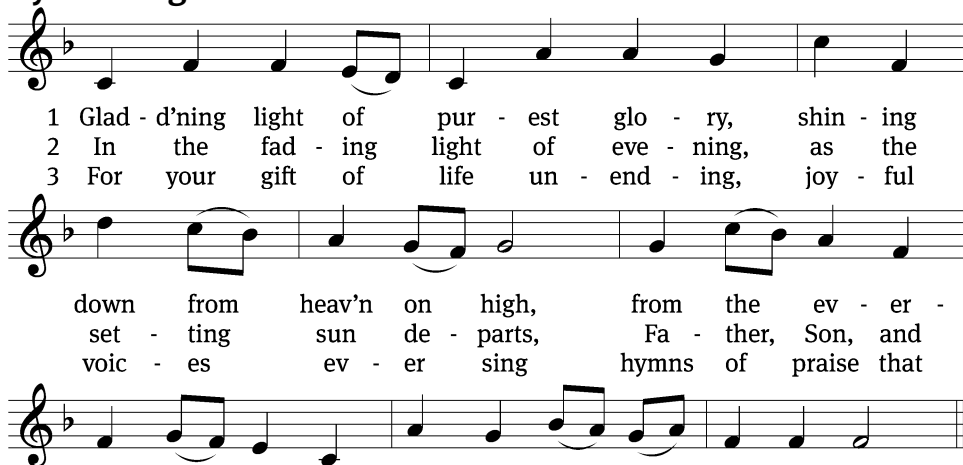


**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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## Hymn of Light

CW 216



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing  
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the  
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful

down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -  
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and  
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that

liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!  
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.  
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

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Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Psalm

57A Be Exalted, O God

The Church sings Psalm 57 when relieved from the threat of fierce enemies.

*Refrain*



Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the heav - ens;  
let your glo - ry be o - ver all the earth!

*Tone*



I will take refuge in the shadow / of your wings  
until the disaster / has passed.  
I cry out to / God Most High,  
to God, who vindi- / cates me.  
He sends from heaven and / saves me,  
God sends forth his love and his / faithfulness. *Refrain*

My heart, O God, is / steadfast,  
I will sing and make / music.  
Awake, my soul! Awake, / harp and lyre!  
I will awak- / en the dawn.  
I will praise you, Lord, among the / nations;  
I will sing of you among the / peoples.  
For great is your love, reaching to the / heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches / to the skies.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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## Reading

*Luke 2:8–14*

*The angels tell the shepherds about the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem.*

<sup>8</sup>There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



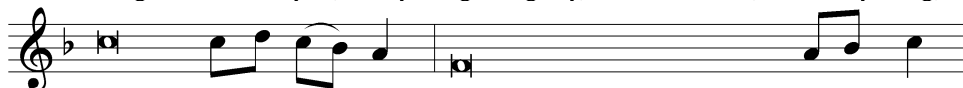
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



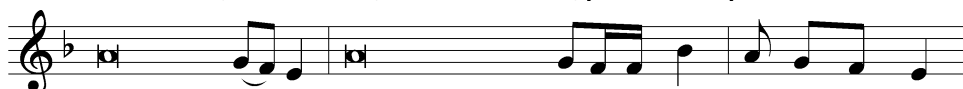
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



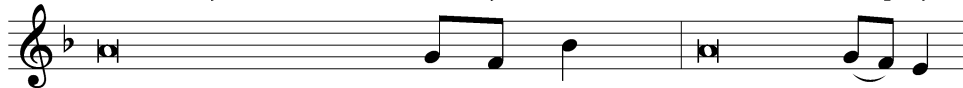
God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



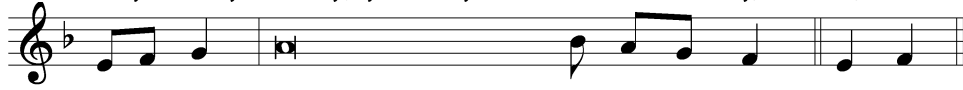
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

*Be seated*

## Connect Card and Offering

*Please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card. After a few moments, the ushers will come forward to collect the offering. You may place your Connect Card and any offering you brought in the plate as it is passed. Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



Stand

## Prayer

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

**Amen.**

## 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

### Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.




**A - men.**

*Be seated*

### Hymn

*350 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*





**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE**  
This Saturday, Dec. 20 at 4:00 pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
at 6:30 pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**  
at 9:00 am

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE**  
at 6:30 pm