

Lenten Wednesday
February 22 2026, 7:00 PM

Knowing Our Neighbors

Words of Welcome

ACS 967 God Welcomes All

God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains four measures of music: a dotted quarter note G4, an eighth note G4 tied to the next measure, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains four measures of music: a dotted quarter note G3, an eighth note G3 tied to the next measure, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The lyrics are written below the notes.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains eight measures of music: a dotted quarter note G4, an eighth note G4 tied to the next measure, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note C4. The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains eight measures of music: a dotted quarter note G3, an eighth note G3 tied to the next measure, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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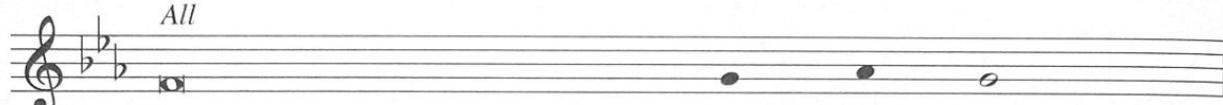
Leader or Assistant



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

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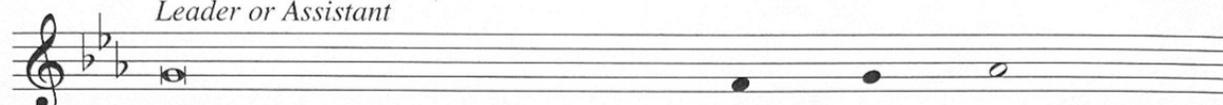
All



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

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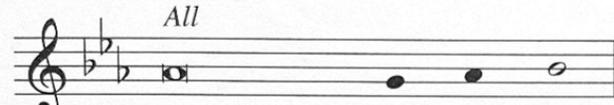
Leader or Assistant



Stay with us now, for it is evening,

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. It contains three measures of music: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, and a half note G4.

All



and the day is al - most over.

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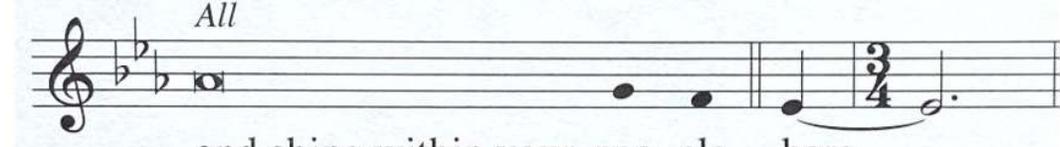
Leader or Assistant



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. It contains three measures of music: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, and a half note G4.

All



and shine within your peo - ple here.

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major and 4/4 time. It contains three measures of music: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, and a half note G4. The staff ends with a double bar line and a 3/4 time signature change.

All



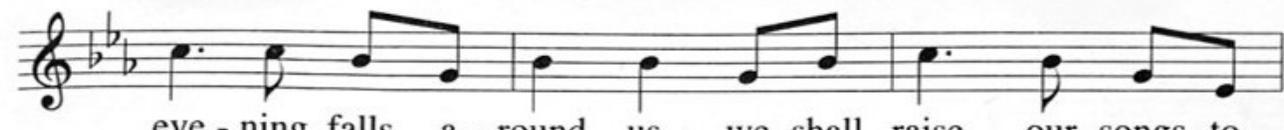
1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing



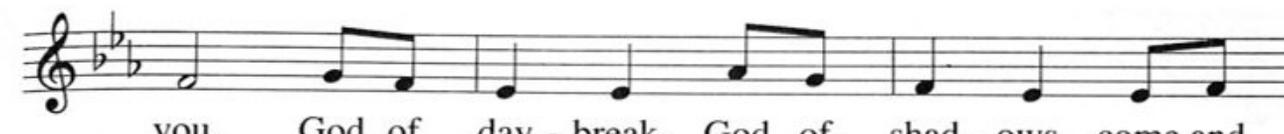
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's



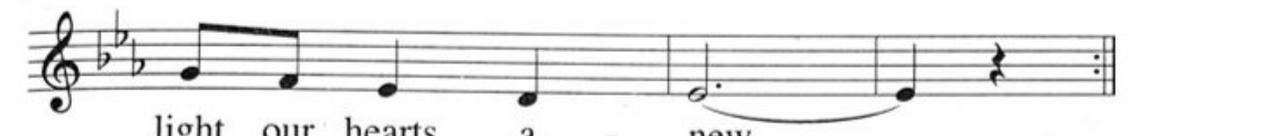
sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to



you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and



light our hearts a - new.

All



2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



blaz - ing sun of dawn, of the light of peace and



wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us



free and make us whole.

All



3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



on to end - less day.

Leader or Assistant *All*

May God be with you all. And al - so with you.

Leader or Assistant *All*

Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All

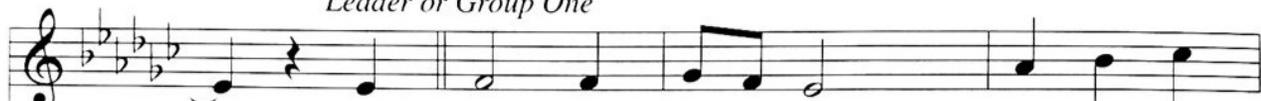
A - men.

Refrain

All

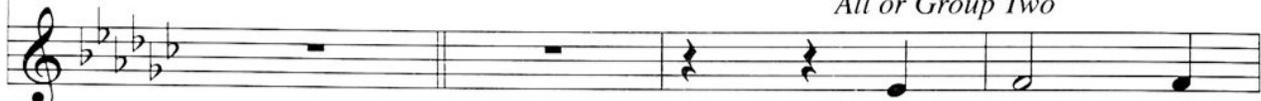
Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Leader or Group One

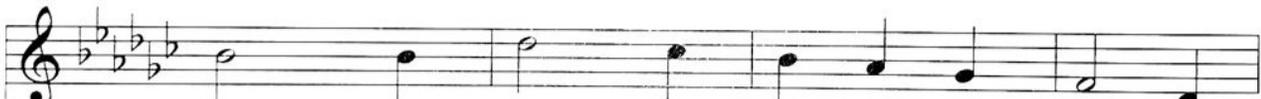


1. O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two



1. O God, I



now; O hear my voice when I cry to



call to you, come to me now; O hear my

Refrain



you. Let my prayer rise up like



voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise



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



up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

Verse 2

of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -
hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your
2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

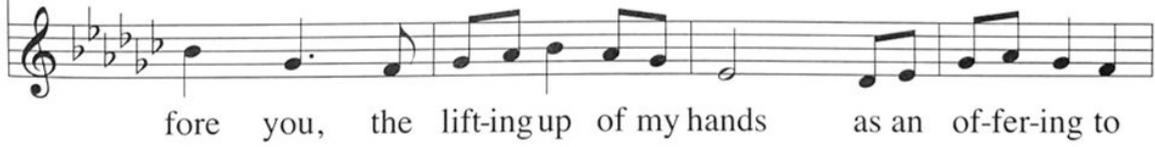
love be burn - ing bright.
heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

Refrain

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

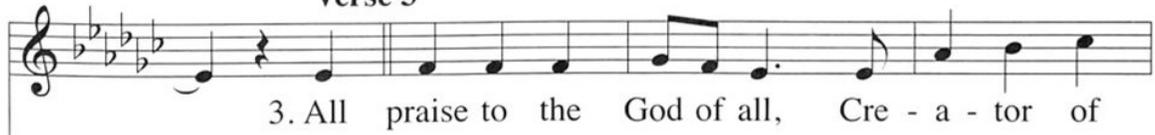


lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

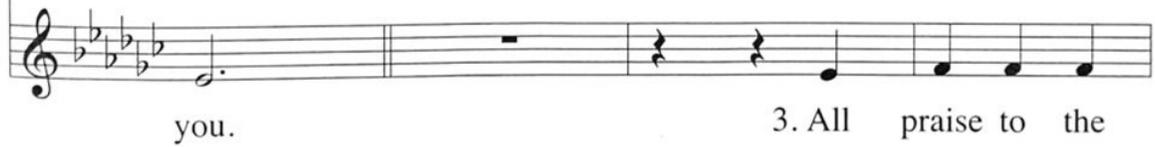


fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

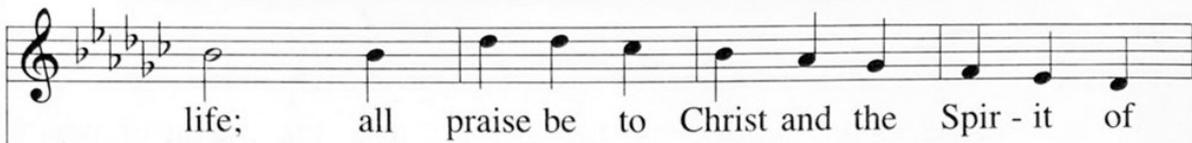
Verse 3



3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of



you. 3. All praise to the

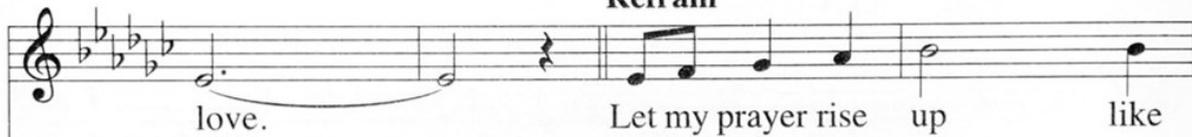


life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of

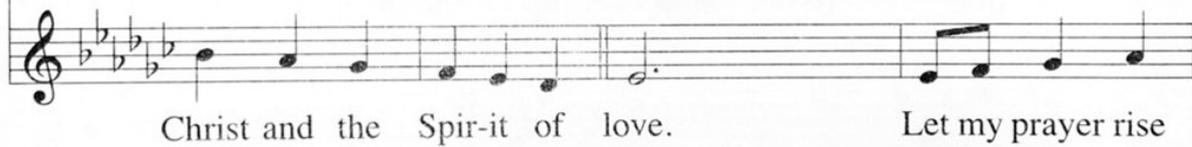


God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to

Refrain



love. Let my prayer rise up like



Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my
of - fer-ing to you.
hands as an of - fer-ing to you.

silence for meditation

Leader: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All: Amen.

Scripture Luke 10:25-37, NRSVUE

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. [a] “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Homily

Knowing Our Neighbors

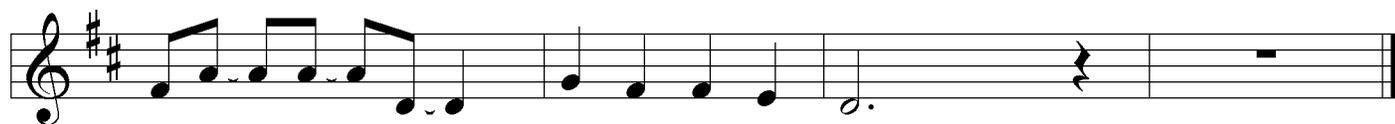
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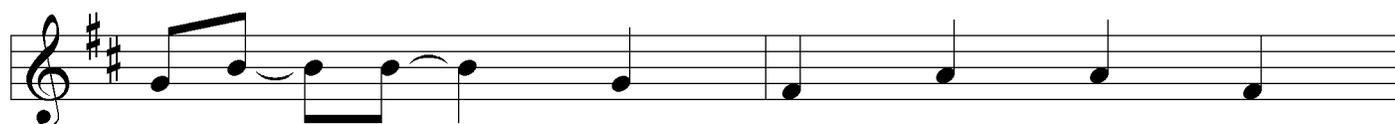
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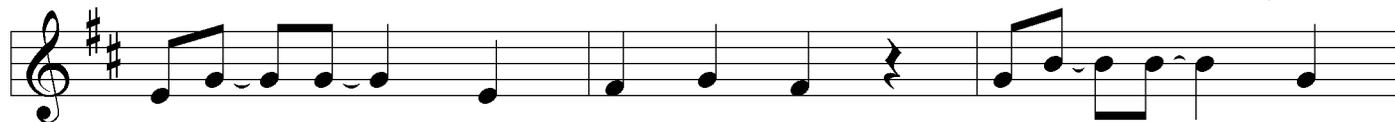
All are wel - come, friend and stran - ger at the ban - quet of the Sav - ior.



All are wel - come. All are wel - come here.



From the wo - man who comes cry - ing,
From the ones who feel for - got - ten,
Go in - to the streets and cit - ies,



leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet, to the man who
those who sense their and place is gone, to the ones who
to the farms and fam - i - lies, tell a - bout the



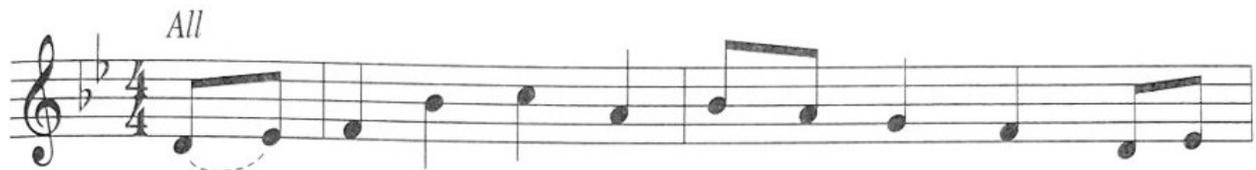
knows the right way but can - not see.
live in hun - ger, here you be - long.
splen - did ta - ble, God's mer - cy.

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One: The Light shines in the darkness

All: And the darkness has not overcome it

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."



1. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.



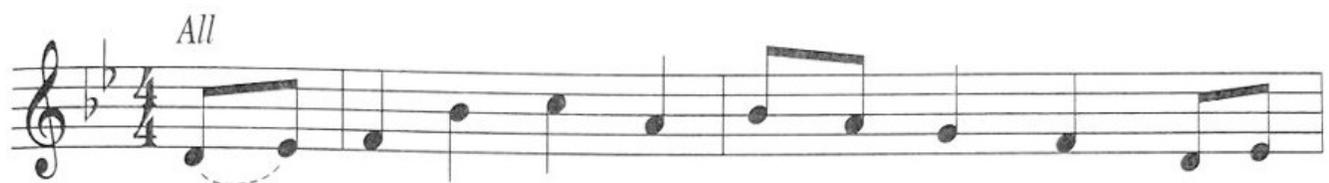
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,



strong is your kind-ness ev - er-more. How you fa - vor the



weak and low-ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!



2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



lift - ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with



won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.



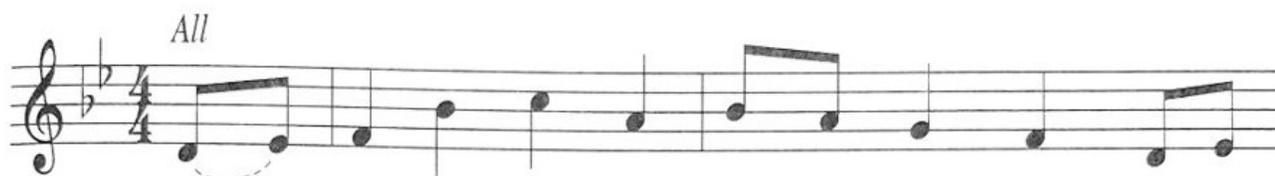
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to



Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.



3. My soul pro - claims your great - ness, O God, and my



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

Announcements

Litany and Prayers

Holden Evening Prayer pp. 10-11

All
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

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

All
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

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

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant

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

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

Leader: 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.

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

All: 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 forever. Amen.

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