

THE DAILY OFFICE
EVENING PRAYER RITE I for the FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT, March 25th, 2020
THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church

PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSORY (*intoned by Officiant on monotone and responded by the people on a monotone*)

Officiant The Lord is in his holy temple.
People *Let all the earth keep silence before him.*
Officiant The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in.
People *From this time forth for evermore.*
Officiant O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.
People Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCE (*said by the Officiant*)

Officiant If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

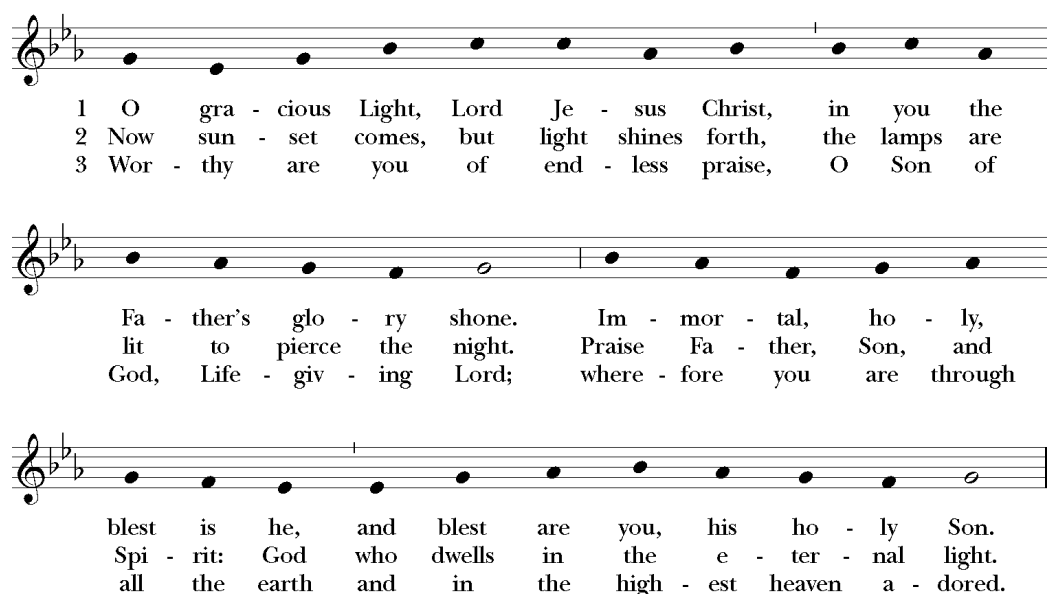
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER, p. 80

Officiant
O God, make speed to save us.

People
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT (PHOS HILARON) (sung by all) Hymn 25 in the Hymnal 1982



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of

Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This melody may be sung in rhythmic form: ♪♪♪♪

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THE PSALM(S) APPOINTED: PSALM 110: 1-5 (said by all in unison)

- 1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, *
 until I make your enemies your footstool."
- 2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, *
 saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you."
- 3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; *
 in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,
 like dew from the womb of the morning."
- 4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: *
 "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 The Lord who is at your right hand
 will smite kings in the day of his wrath; *
 he will rule over the nations

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Hebrews 2:5-10.


*N*ow God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*


THE MAGNIFICAT HYMN S185 IN THE HYMNAL 1982 (*sung by all*)

Antiphon

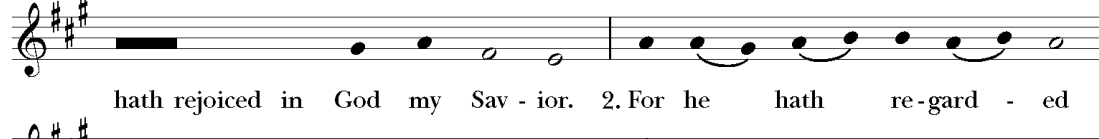


He that is might-y hath mag - ni-fied me: and ho - ly is his Name.

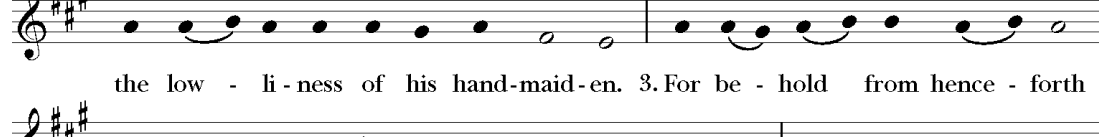
1. My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, and my spi - rit



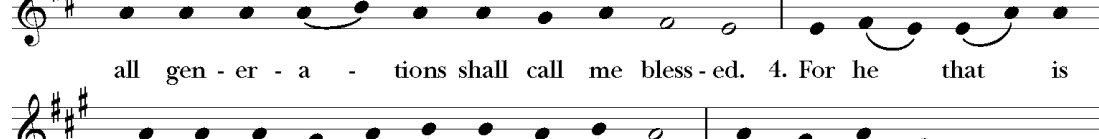
hath rejoiced in God my Sav - ior. 2. For he hath re-gard - ed




the low - li - ness of his hand-maid-en. 3. For be - hold from hence - forth



all gen - er - a - tions shall call me bless - ed. 4. For he that is



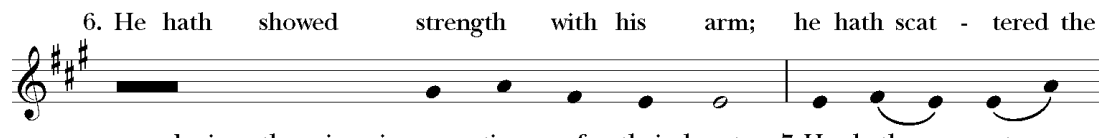
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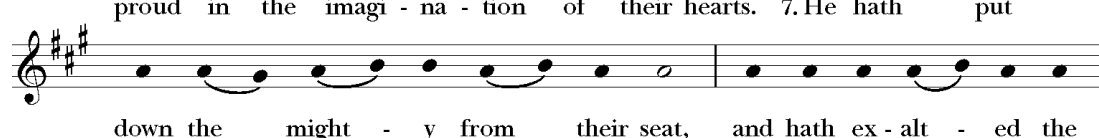
5. And his mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all gen-er-a-tions.



6. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scat - tered the



proud in the imagi - na - tion of their hearts. 7. He hath put



down the might - y from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed the



hum - ble and meek. 8. He hath filled the hun - gry with good things,

and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way. 9. He re -
 mem - ber-ing his mer-cy hath hol-pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
 as he prom - ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ev - er. [Ant.]
 (Gloria Patri may be omitted)
 10. Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:
 11. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. [Ant.]

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John 1:9-14.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON HYMN S196 IN THE HYMNAL 1982 *(sung by all)*

Antiphon

Mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion, which thou
hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple.

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace, ac - cord - ing
to thy word; 2. For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple,
3. To be a light to light - en the Gen - tiles,
and to be the glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

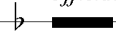
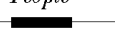
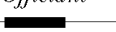
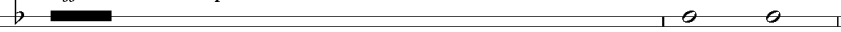
4. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
5. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(said by all)*

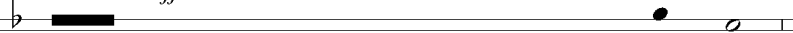




Officiant I believe in God, the Father almighty,
People creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

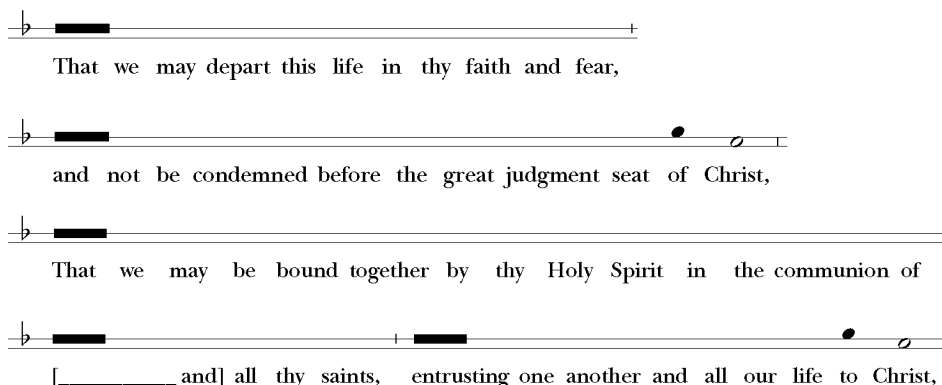
was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 the +resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>
		
The Lord be with you.	And with thy spirit.	Let us pray.
<i>Officiant and People</i>		
		
Our Father, who art for ever and ever. A - men.		

THE SUFFRAGES

<i>Cantor or Officiant</i>	
	
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,	
<i>People</i>	
	
We en - treat thee, O Lord.	
<i>(This response is sung after each of the following petitions)</i>	
	
That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,	
	
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,	
	
That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,	



THE COLLECTS (*prayed by the Officiant*)

The Collect of the Day: The Feast of the Annunciation, p. 188

*W*e beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

A Collect for Aid Against Perils, p. 70

*L*ighten 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 Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission, p. 71

*K*eepest watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

THE INTERCESSIONS, p. 101

Here we invite you to offer your own prayers, intercessions or thanksgivings, either spoken aloud or in the silence of your hearts. This evening we pray for, especially, all those affected by the Coronavirus.

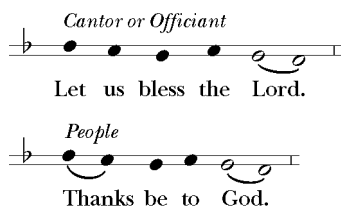
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, p. 71 (*said by all*)

Officiant Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
People *we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM, p. 72 (*prayed by the Officiant*)

*A*lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL



THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our +Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Cor. 13:14

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