November 5, 2026

St. Columba's Evensong ~ Candle Light Evening Prayer Circle



Céad Mìle Fàilte! Welcome!

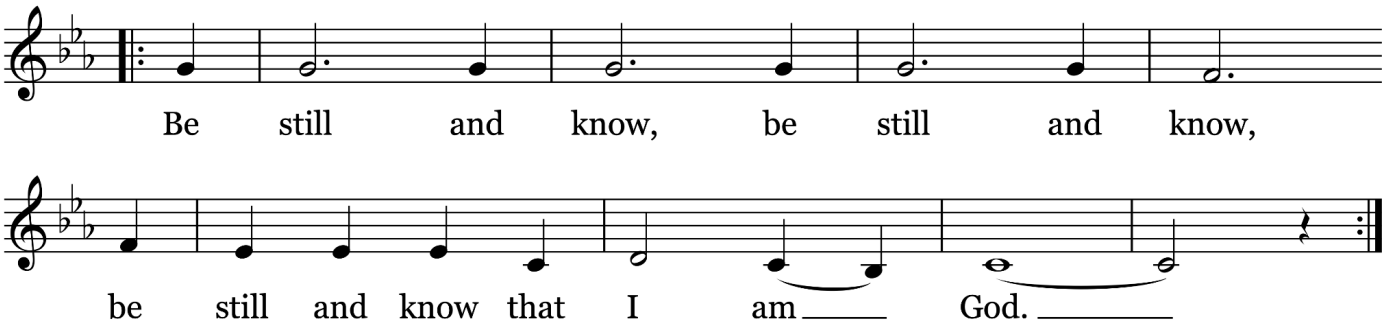
You are invited to light a candle and join in all of the songs,
but please remain muted except when you are reading or voicing a prayer.



Amber: *O God of Peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence; where we may be still and know that you are God.* ***Amen.***

Invocations, Orthodox Order of the West

(All)



Words: Pamela Martin, Music: Craig Courtney. OneLicense #A-727808

Ann: The Holy One is in our midst.

(All) O come, let us worship.

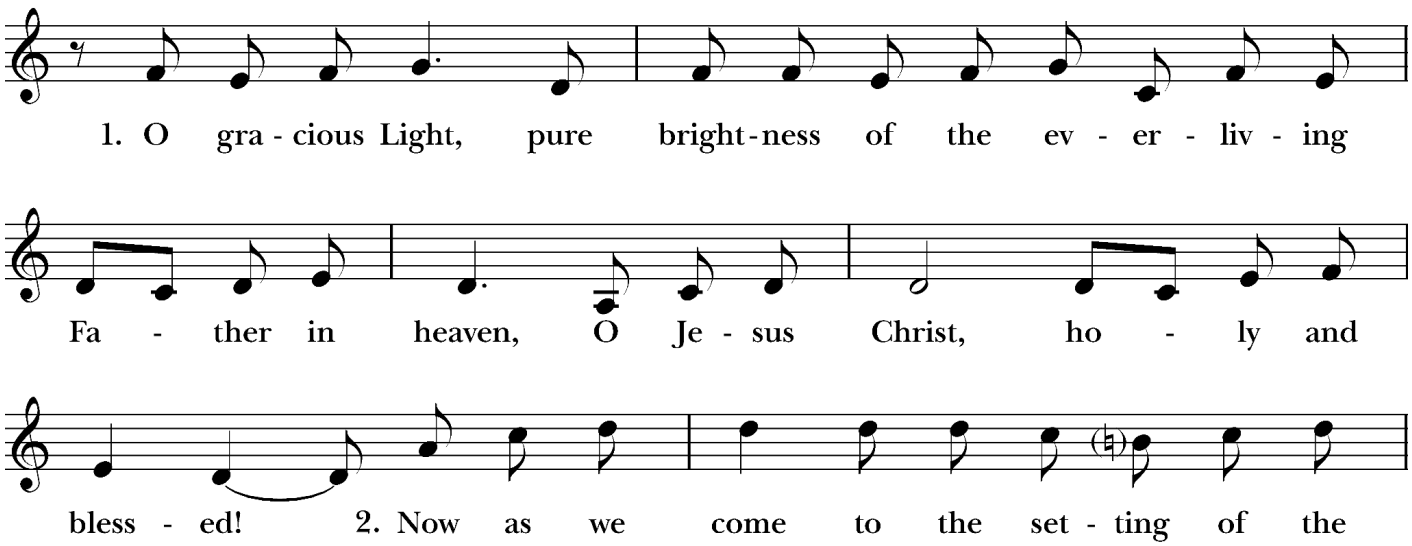
Ann: Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

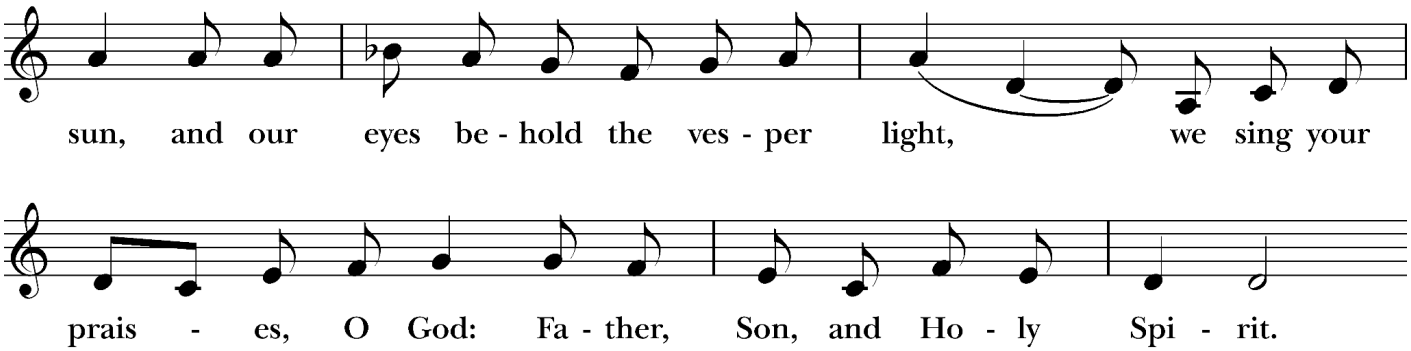
(All) O God, make haste to help me!

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" ***Amen.***

(All) *O Gracious Light ~ Phos hilaron*





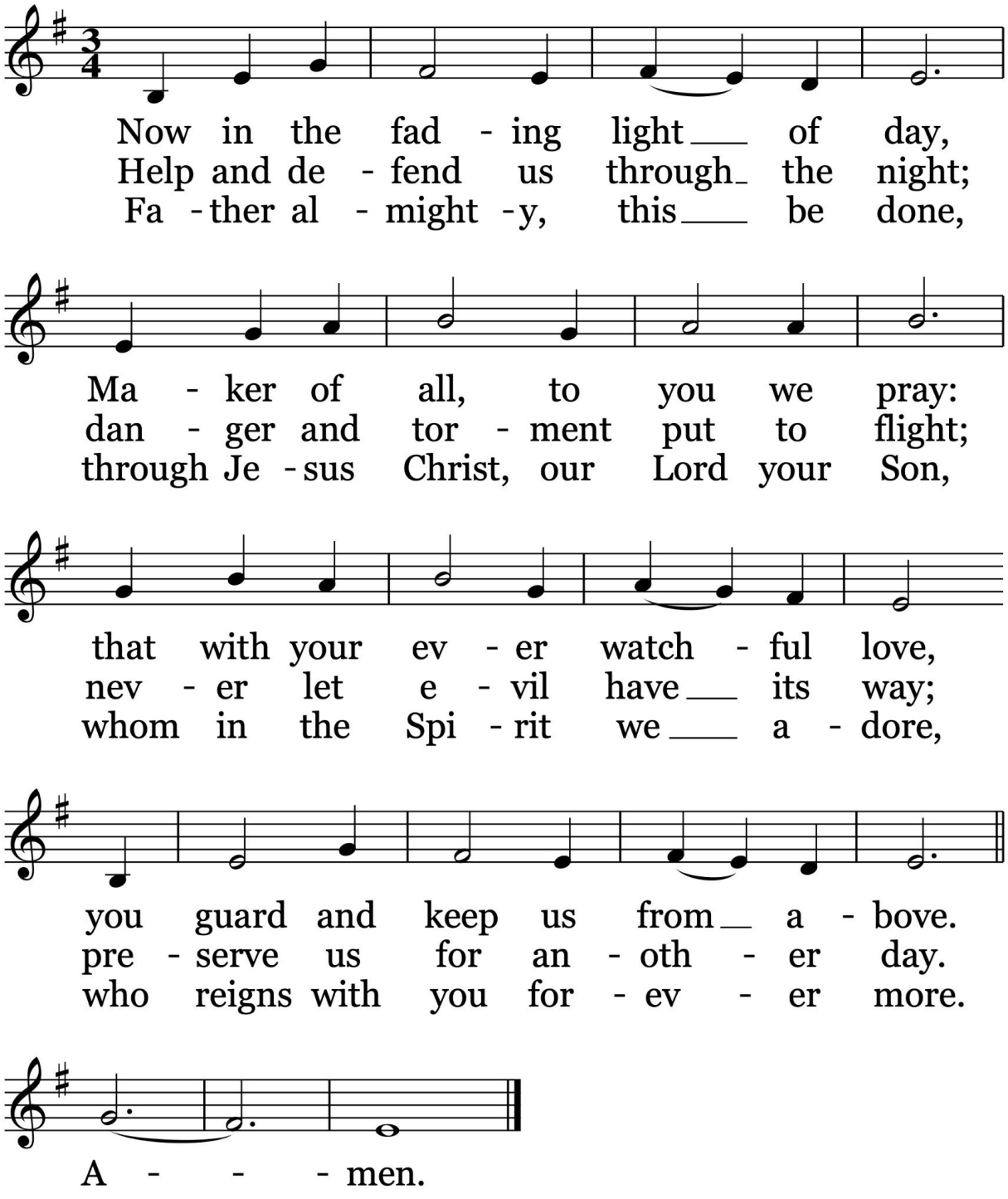
Music setting: McNeil Robinson II, *The Hymnal 1982*

Bev: Have mercy on us, O God, Almighty,
God of hosts, noble God, LORD of the world, unutterable God,
Creator of the elements, invisible God,
Heavenly One who abides in the heavens,
Have mercy on us. ***Amen.***

Meg: Have mercy on us, O God, Almighty,
God of earth, God of fire, God of the waters of wonder,
God of the gusting and blustering air,
God of the many languages found throughout the world,
Heavenly One who abides in the heavens,
Have mercy on us. ***Amen.***

Celtic Primer

(All) *Now in the Fading Light of Day*



- *1 Give thanks. Spend a few moments in gratitude for the gifts and blessings of the day.*
- *2 Ask for light. …*
- *3 Examine the day. …*
- *4 Seek forgiveness. …*
- *5 Resolve to change.*

Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola

John: LORD God, we thank you for showing us your mercy today;
may that mercy extend to all those whom you entrust to our prayer;
and may it bring your peace to all people,
through Jesus Christ, our LORD. ***Amen.***

John: LORD Jesus, support the sick, the dying,
and all for whom this coming night will be a trial.
Lead us with all our brothers and sisters
from darkness into your own wonderful light,
which shines for ever and ever. ***Amen.*** *A Celtic Primer*



Pause in silence.

(All) *In the Silence of My Heart*

Song by Barbara Williams, in loving memory of Tom Williams



Amber: O God, O sovereign over all, transcendent source of everything, your Name above all else, you have stamped creation with the image of your face. For everyone and everything are held by you in close embrace, your loving care encompasses the world.

We raise our voice to you in praise for all that is. We bless the name of One who permeates the world, whose Presence fills it till the end of time. ***Amen.***

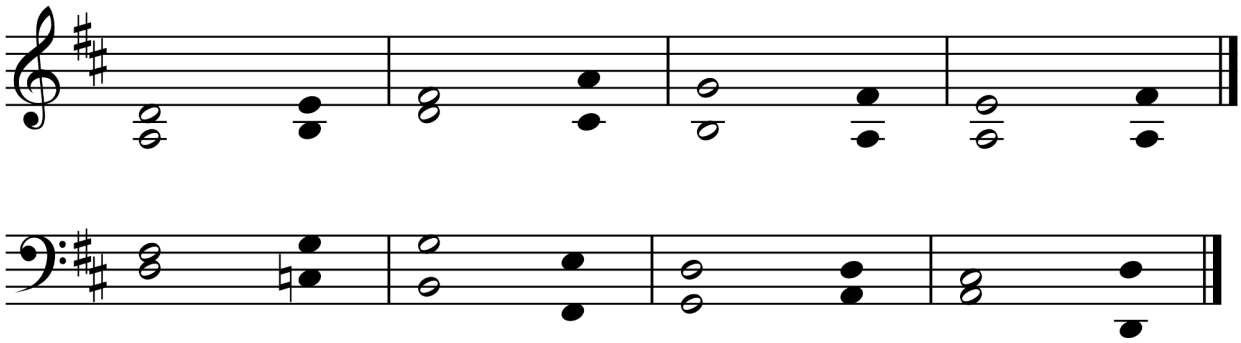
Invocations, Orthodox Order of the West

(All) **PSALM 91** *Qui habitat*



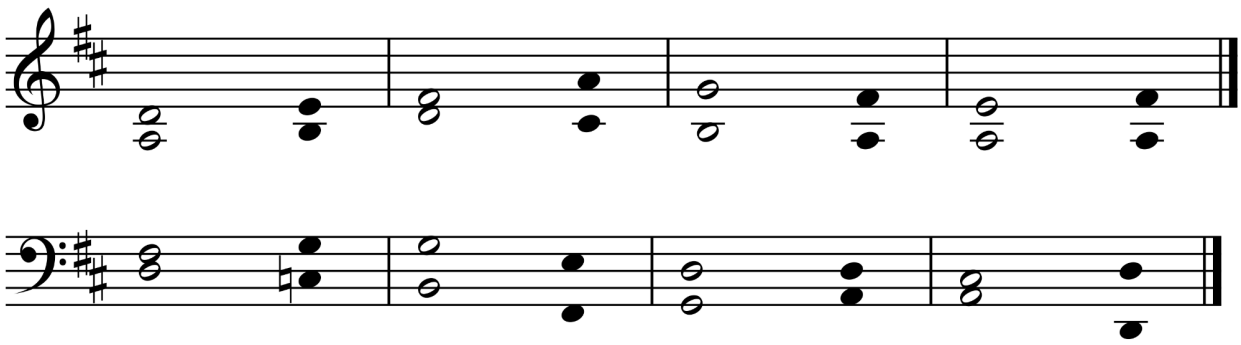
1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Most / High, *
abide under the shadow of the Al/mighty.

2 You shall say to the LORD, —
"You are my refuge and my / stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my / trust."



3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the / hunter *
and from the deadly / pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,—
and you shall find refuge under his / wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and / buckler.



5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by / night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by / day;
6 Of the plague that stalks in the / darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-/day.

---

9 Because you have made the LORD your / refuge, *
and the Most High your habi/tation,
10 There shall no evil happen / to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your / dwelling.

---

11 For God shall give his angels charge / over you, *
to keep you in all your / ways.
12 They shall bear you in their / hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a / stone.

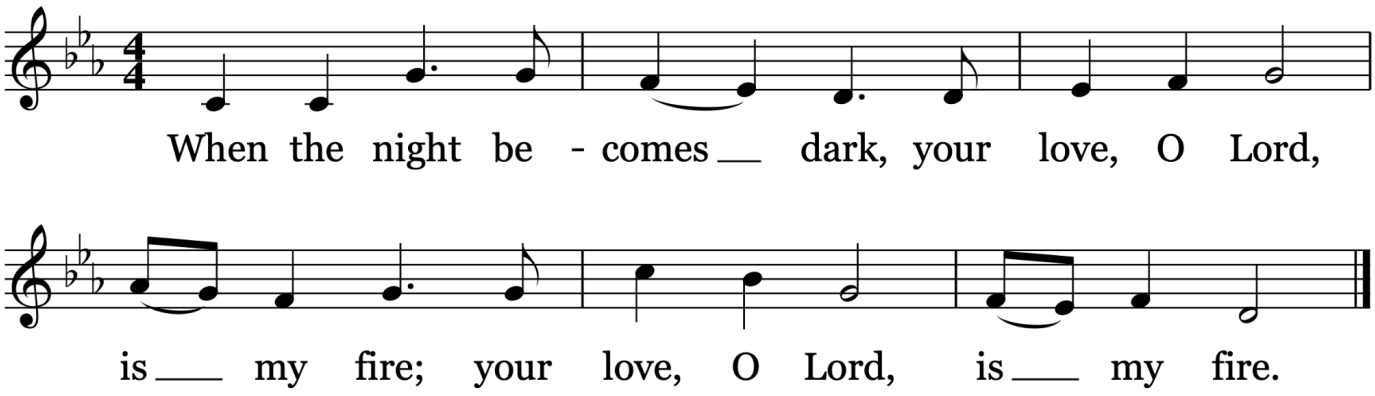
15 You shall call upon me, and I will / answer you; *
I am with you in trouble; —
I will rescue you and bring you to / honor.
16 With long life will I / satisfy you, *
and show you my sal/vation.

Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

Katherine: You are generous to me, dear Lord;
you have taught my soul to trust you.
I have crept beside you and found
shelter in the shadow of your wings.
My great joy, Lord, is to praise you;
I will sing and awaken the dawn.
Wake up, my soul, wake up,
music in the depths of my heart.
I will praise you, Lord, to all people
and inspire them with my joy.
For your light is higher than the heavens,
deeper than the mind can plunge.
You are truth itself, and your grandeur
is spread over all the earth. ***Amen.***

Psalm 57, Stephen Mitchell, *A Book of Psalms*

(All) *When the night becomes dark* Jacques Berthier, Taizé



Bill: ***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*** *(6:20-31)*

(All) ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Bill:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Meredith: "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

Bill: "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Meredith: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

May the words of the Gospel be made flesh in us.

(All) Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes

in memory of George Floyd,

and all who cry out for mercy, truth, justice, and peace;

for light and healing in our lives and for the earth.

Let us pray for our nation and for the nations of the world:

for wisdom and peace among all people,

for cooperation, understanding, compassion;

for an end to hatred, war, and genocide.



Ann: Let us share our own prayers and thanksgivings,
and pray for the needs of the world.

All are invited to voice your own prayers (unmuted).

Our response: O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Ann: Now let us pray together:

Meg: ***(All):*** Eternal Spirit,

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God in whom is heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo throughout the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by all the people of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the harm we cause one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and stress, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love,

now and forever. ***Amen.***

New Zealand Lord's Prayer, paraphrase by Jim Cotter

(All) *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*



Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé Community

Amber: Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Meg: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Bev: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Bill: If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

Meredith: The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

John: Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in. ***Amen.***

Isaiah 58

Hear what the Spirit is saying. All: Thanks be to God!

(All) *In the Shadow of Your Wings* *AMCY*



Bev: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ***Amen.***

Philippians 4:4-8

(All) *Jesus, Your Spirit in Us* *Taizé Community*



Cantor: O God, you are my God, for you I long, my soul thirsts for you.
I wish to gaze upon you, Lord, in your dwelling,
beholding your power and your glory.

Your steadfast love is better than life, my mouth will sing your praise.
I will bless you, O Lord, as long as I live, in your name, lift up my hands.

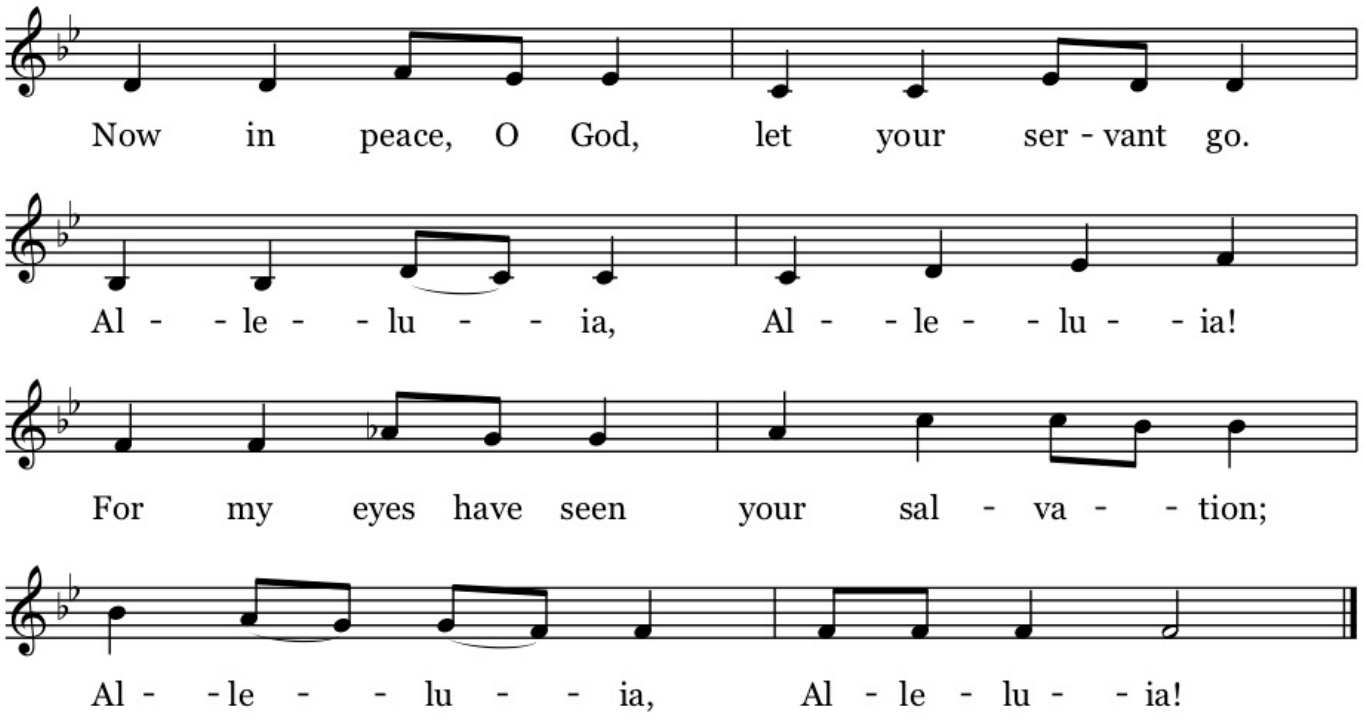
You have been my help, Lord; in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you; O God, your right hand holds me fast.

Amber:

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 your great mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last. ***Amen.***

Cardinal John Henry Newman

(All) *Nunc Dimittis*



Suzanne Toolan

(All) ***Dismissal ~***

And now, may God's deep blessing abide upon us,

as we go forth in the peace of Christ,

carrying Christ's light, love, and hope into the world.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Amen!



Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!

We will meet again next month on ***Thursday, December 3.***

Permission to print / podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONELICENSE with license #A-727808. All rights reserved.

Ann McChesney-Young ~ annmccy@gmail.com

