

*January 9, 2025, The Season of Epiphany*



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

***Céad Mìle Fáilte! ~ Welcome!***

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



***Amber:*** *You are my hope, O LORD God, my confidence since I was young.  
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you. Amen. Psalm 71:5-6*

**Ann:** The Holy One is in our midst.

**(All)** O come, let us worship.

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

*Psalm 70:1, 4*

**(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!"

Let our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting  
up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141:2*

**(All)**

The Hymnal 1982 - #35 Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the  
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set-ting: mir - ror of  
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly  
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may  
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give  
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens  
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars \_\_\_\_\_ in the hea - vens.  
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.  
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.  
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now \_\_\_\_\_ and for ev - er.

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**Katherine:** It is good to sing praises to you, O LORD,  
and to thank you for all your blessings,  
to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness every night,  
with the music of my voice or the melody of my silence.  
For you let me delight in your world, LORD,  
you make my heart sing with joy.

**Bev:** How great is your goodness, O LORD,  
how unfathomable your justice!  
It can't be seen by our eyes and can't be grasped by our thinking;  
but every secret is told, every crime is punished,  
every good deed is rewarded, every wrong is redressed.  
Though chaos rules on the surface,  
in the depths all becomes law.

**Meg:** And the wise flourish like palm trees;  
they grow like the cedars of Lebanon,  
They are planted in the dark soil of God,  
and their leaves keep turning to his light.  
Even in old age they bear fruit;  
they are green and supple and strong:  
living proof that the LORD is just, and his way is perfect. **Amen.**

*Psalm 92, A Book of Psalms, Stephen Mitchell*



*Pause in silent examen:*

- *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.**

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.**

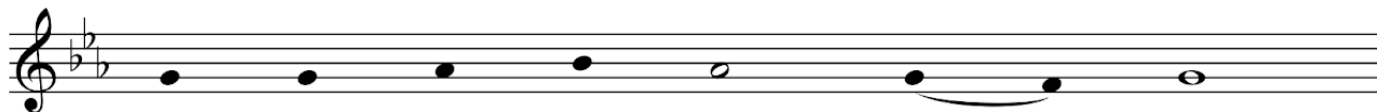
*A Celtic Primer*

**(All) Jesus, Light of Joy**

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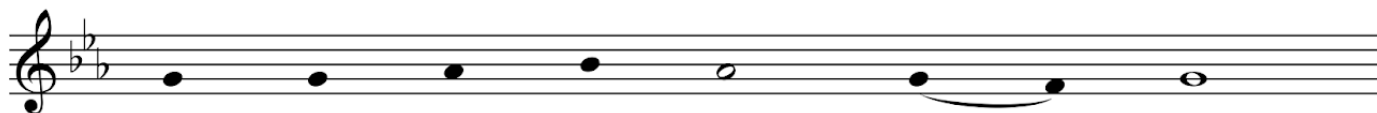
1. Je - sus, light of joy, sur - - round us,  
2. When the shad - ows fall a - - round us,  
3. With the saints we lift our \_\_\_\_\_ voic - es,



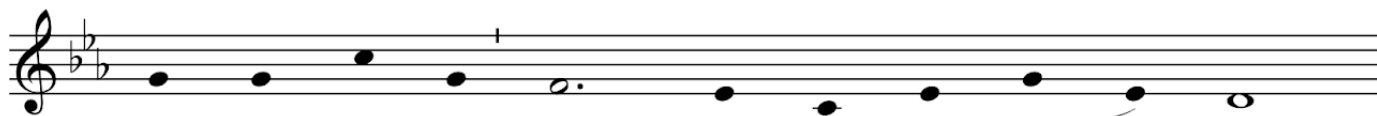
let your splen - did glo - - ry \_\_\_\_\_ shine:  
when the dark - ness has be - - gun,  
God of pow - er, God of \_\_\_\_\_ might.



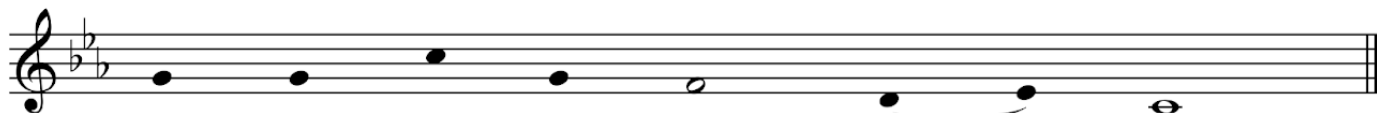
source of ev - 'ry earth - ly \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing,  
still your gra - cious light is \_\_\_\_\_ with us,  
All cre - a - tion shines with \_\_\_\_\_ glo - ry,



Heav - en's ev - er - last - - ing \_\_\_\_\_ sign.  
bright - er than the morn - ing \_\_\_\_\_ sun.  
sing - ing prais - es day and \_\_\_\_\_ night.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - - - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - - - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - - - ia,



we a - dore you, light di - - vine  
God of glo - ry, Three - in - - One.  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Light.

(All)

The Hymnal 1982 - #664 My Shepherd will supply my need



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23

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***Katherine:*** For love lifts time into eternity,  
Kisses each passing moment into life,  
Gives us a glimpse of your unfading glory.  
We fall away like every falling leaf  
But even as we fall we yearn to you.  
Our prayers are passing and our blessings brief,  
Yet each one reaches deeply into you  
For you yourself are reaching into us  
To breathe your life in us and make us new:  
The barren wasteland is made glorious  
With blossoms, breathing an eternal spring  
And even as this first world fades from us,  
We step into the true world and we sing  
A joyful song, for there at last we see  
Our heart's desire: our risen Lord and King. ***Amen.***

***Psalm 63: LXIII Deus, Deus meus, David's Crown, Malcolm Guite***



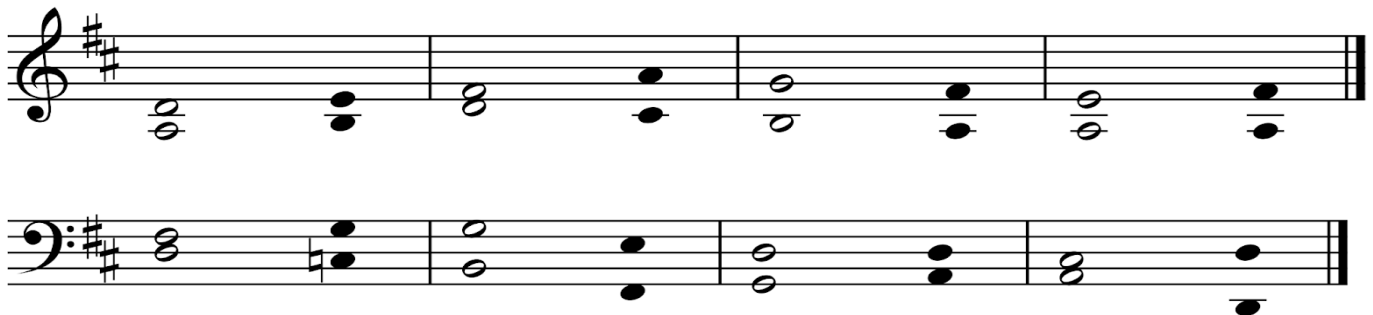
***Pause for meditation.***

**(All) Psalm 36:5-10** *Dixit injustus*



5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the / heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the / clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, →  
your justice like the great / deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O / LORD.



7 How priceless is your love, O / God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your / wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your / house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your de/lights.

9 For with you is the well of / life, \*  
and in your light we see / light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who / know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of / heart.

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Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy



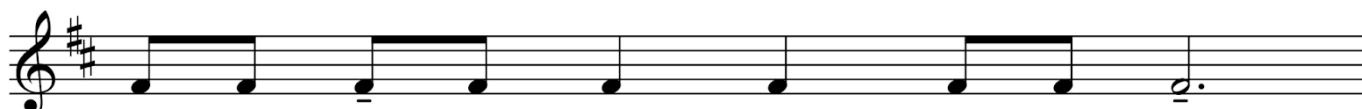
**(All) Let Me Hear Your Loving Kindness**

*Psalm 143:8*

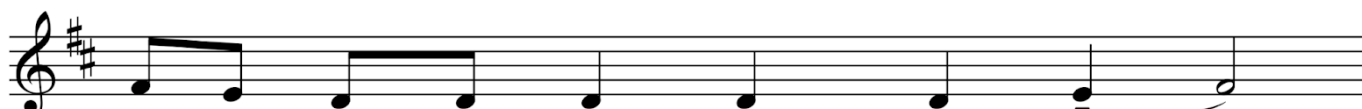
First part twice



Let me hear your loving kindness in the morn - ing,



Let me feel your loving kindness in the night.



Let me know your loving kindness every hour, \_\_\_\_\_

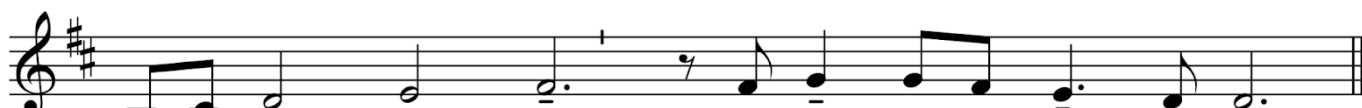
D.C.



Let it flow from me in - to the world.



For I trust in you; show me the road that I must walk.



For I trust in you; I lift up my soul to you.

Setting by Ann McChesney-Young



**Bev:** *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke. ( 3:15-17, 21-22 )*

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

**Bev:** As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

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



*Time for silent contemplative prayer ~ 9 minutes  
in memory of George Floyd  
and all who cry out for mercy, justice, and peace;  
for healing in our lives, in the earth, in our nation  
and the world, in this new year.*



***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.”***

**Amber (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!

May 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. **Amén.**

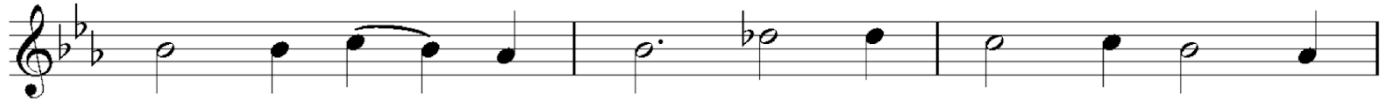
*New Zealand Lord's Prayer, Jim Cotter*

**(All)**

The Hymnal 1982 - #487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

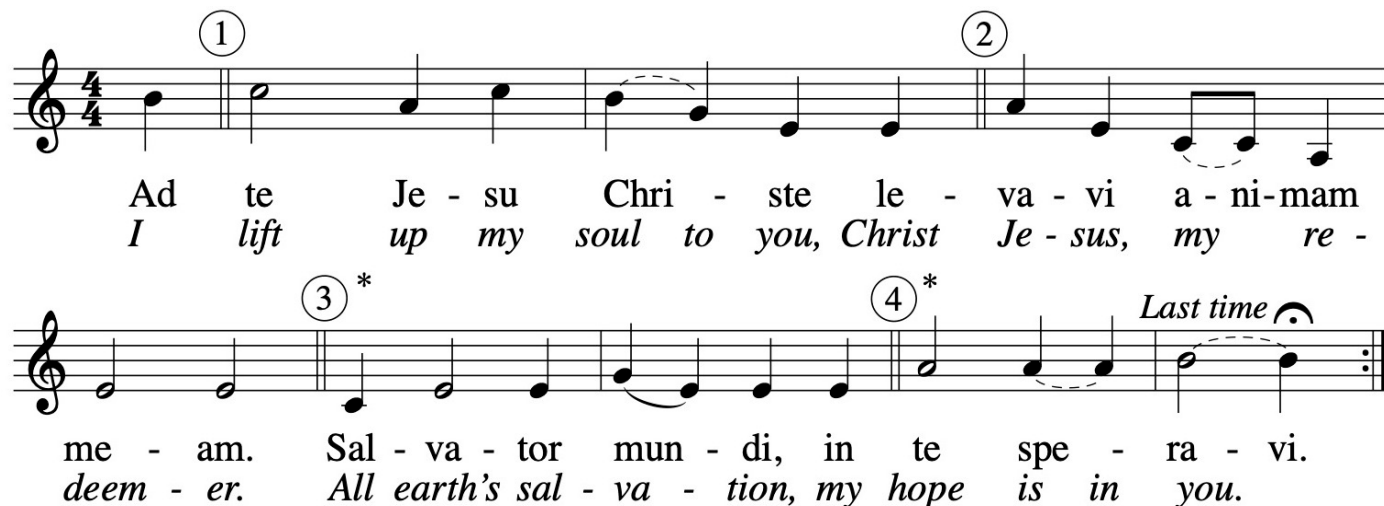
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**Katherine:** We sing to you, O LORD, a new song,  
for your miracles renew us each day,  
your justice is beyond comprehension, your beauty beyond all praise.  
You open the mind of the doubter and touch the fearful with your love.  
Light is sown for the righteous and joy for the pure of heart. **Amen.**

*Psalm 98, A Book of Psalms, Stephen Mitchell, ad.*

**(All) Ad te, Jesu Christe**

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Ad te Je - su Chri - ste le - va - vi a - ni - mam  
I lift up my soul to you, Christ Je - sus, my re -  
me - am. Sal - va - tor mun - di, in te spe - ra - vi.  
deem - er. All earth's sal - va - tion, my hope is in you.

**Meg:** May we do the will of God, sharing in the death of Christ,

**(All) and rise in the light of heaven.**

**Bev:** May we rest safely this night, sleep in perfect peace,

**(All) and rise with the morning light.**

**Meg:** May the Father watch over our beds, Christ fill our dreams,

**(All) and the angels guard our souls.**

**Bev:** May the peace of the Spirit be mine this night,

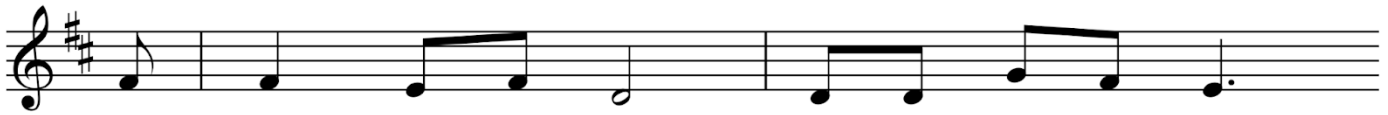
the peace of the Son be mine this night

and the peace of the Father be mine this night;

**(All) each morning and evening of my life. Amen.**

*Gaelic Prayer*

**(All)** *O God, Keep Me Safe*



O God, keep me safe, for I trust in you.



The path - way to life you teach me.



With you is peace and joy in all full - ness.

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**Meg:** Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,  
and to make you stand without blemish  
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,  
to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, power, and authority,  
before all time and now and for ever. **Amen.** *Jude 1:24-25*

**(All) Benediction**

Canticle 16, Benedictus: Luke 1:78-79



9 In the tender compassion of our /God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break up/on us,  
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of /death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of /peace.

**2nd half:**

11 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. A/men.

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Chant tone: Robert Knox Kennedy

**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

Now in peace, O God, let your ser - vant go.

Al - - le - - lu - - ia, Al - - le - - lu - - ia!

For my eyes have seen your sal - va - - tion;

Al - - le - - lu - - ia, Al - le - lu - - ia!

**(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!*



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*Thank you for coming together in prayer tonight!*

*We'll meet again next Thursday, February 6, 2025.*

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