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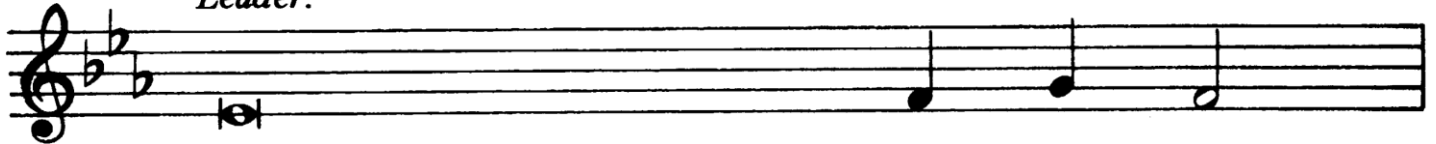
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## Wednesday Advent Worship from Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen

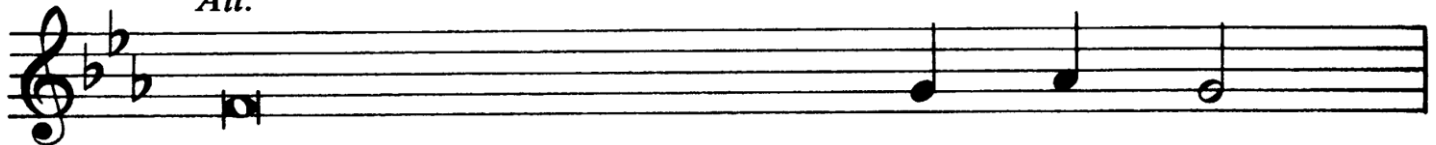
\*Opening Litany

*Leader:*



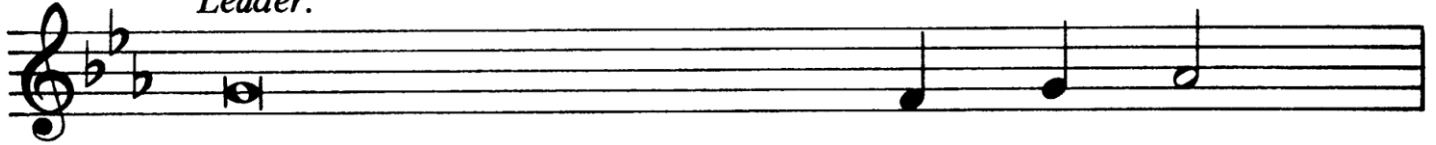
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



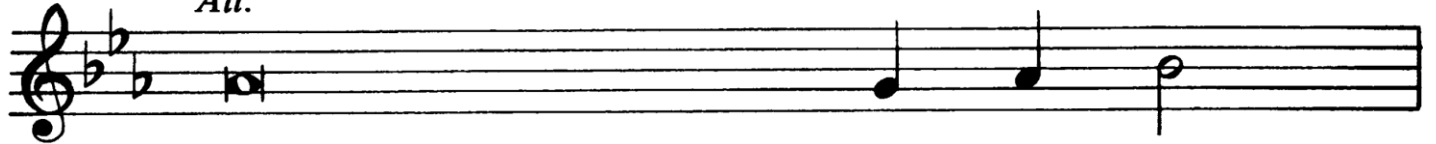
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



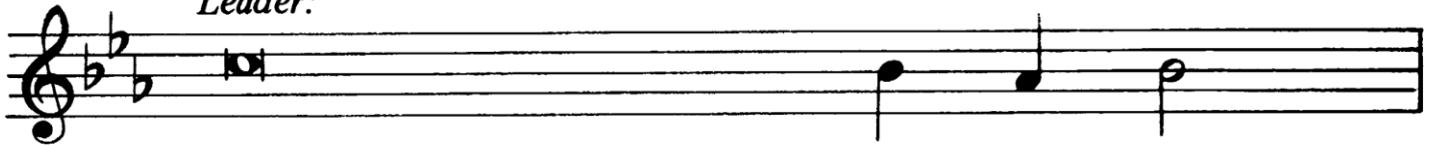
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*



and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

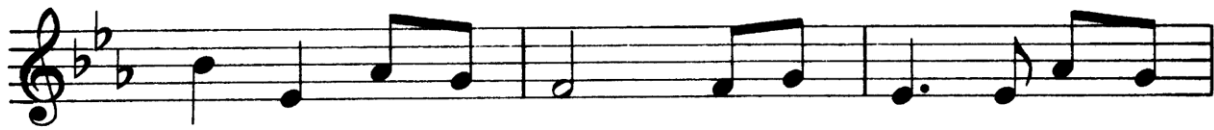
*All:*



and shine within your peo-ple here. —



1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



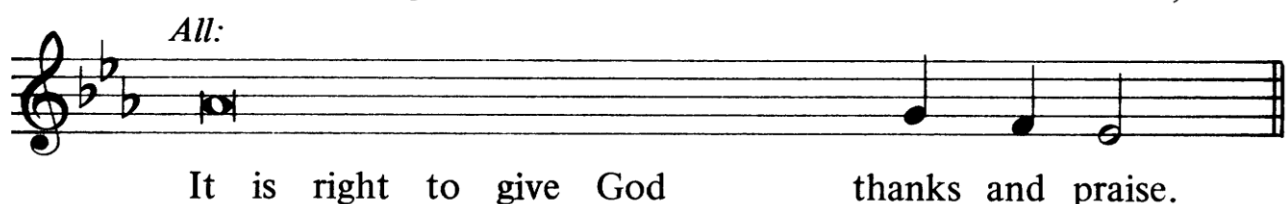
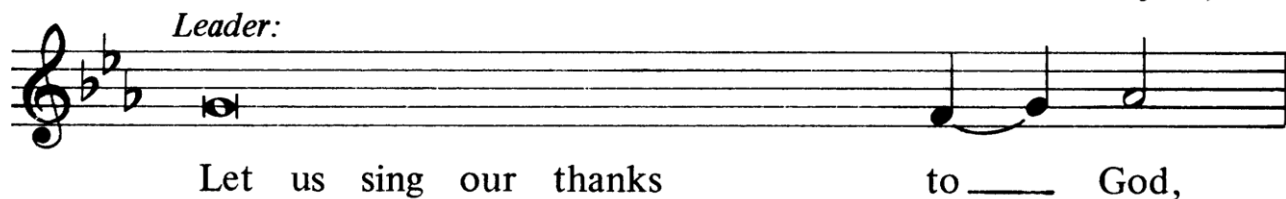
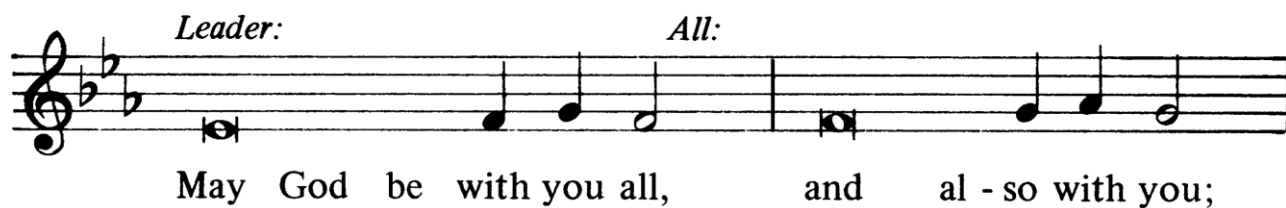
eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. \_\_\_\_\_  
free and make us whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
on to end - less day. \_\_\_\_\_



*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.



*P: Pulpit side*

*L: Lectern Side*

Pastor Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.  
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,  
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you healing, pardon,  
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen

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and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned by my own fault  
in thought, word, and deed.  
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forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you healing, pardon,  
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen

## Let my Prayer Rise Up

After the first three lines in unison, we will sing "Let my prayer" in two parts. Pastor John will lead the first group, while our song leader will lead the second group.

### Psalm 141

*All:*

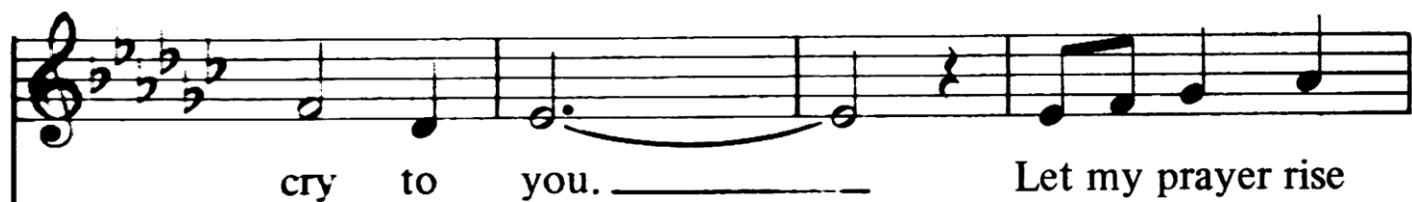
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my  
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

*Leader or Group One:*

O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two:*

O God, I  
now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O



cry to you. Let my prayer rise



hear my voice when I cry to you.



up like incense before you, the



Let my prayer rise up like incense be -



lifting up of my hands as an offering to



before you, the lifting up of my hands as an



you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



offering to you.

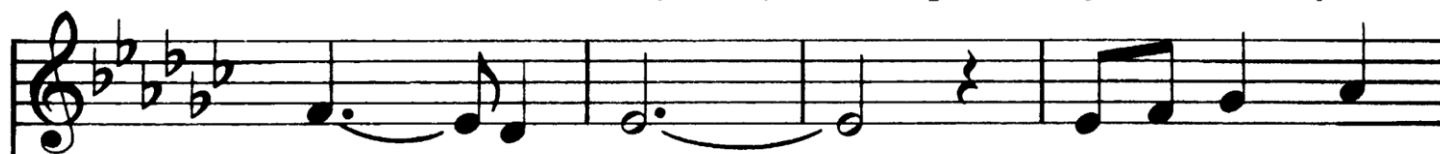
Keep



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the



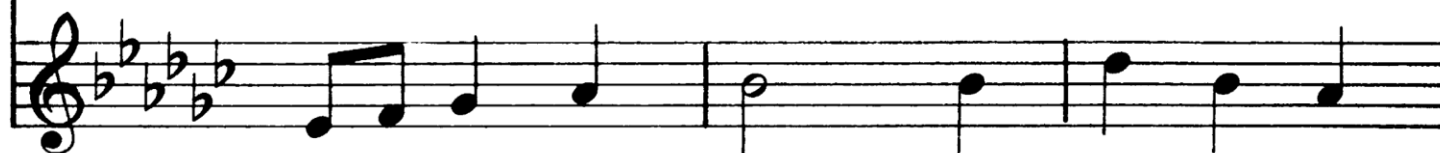
burn - ing bright. \_\_\_\_\_ Let my prayer rise



light of your love be burn - ing bright.



up like in - cense be - fore you, the



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



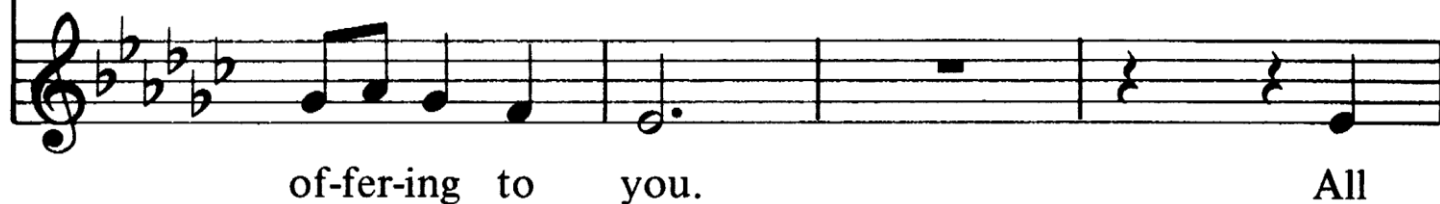
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



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



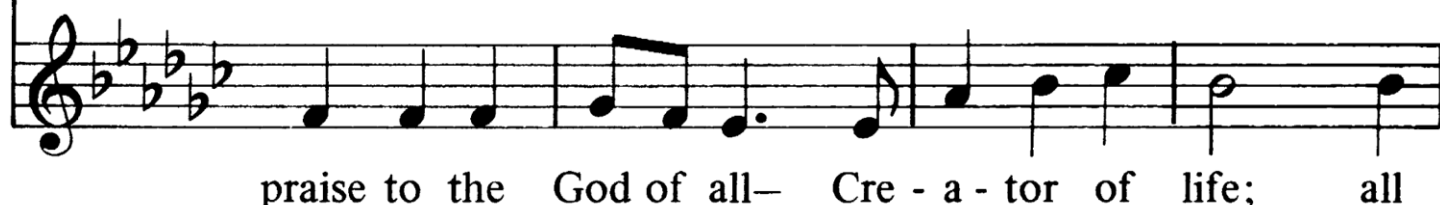
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



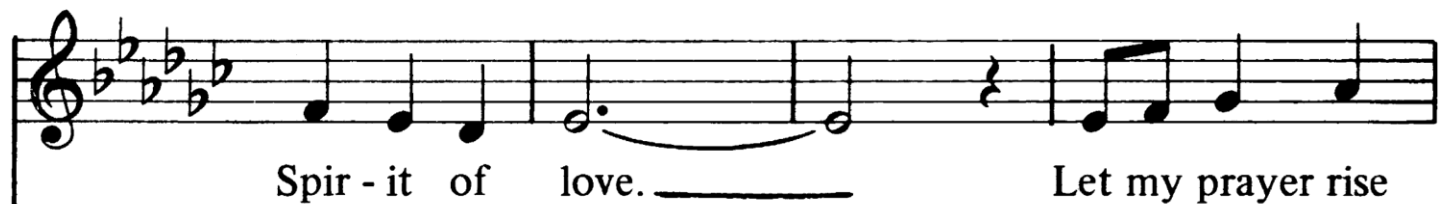
of-fer-ing to you. All



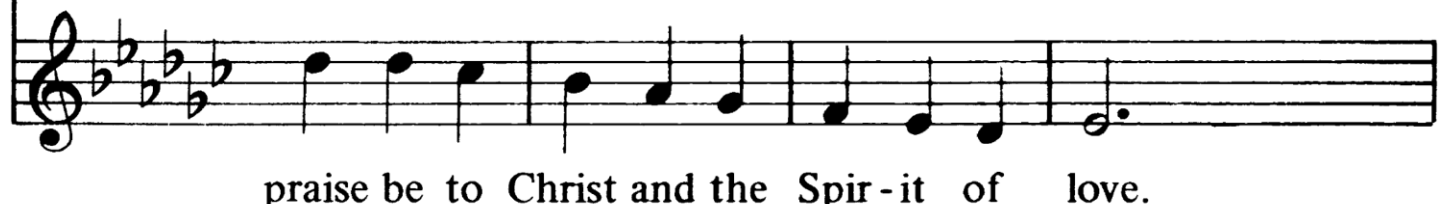
a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.



up like in - cense be - fore you, the



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

Let us pray: 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.

**C Amen.**

Advent Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-56

Hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Red Book # 294

Offering: Our gifts to God are a sign of our faith that he will provide all that we need each day. Please make your Advent gifts online using [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) on the church website or on your phone, or send a check in.

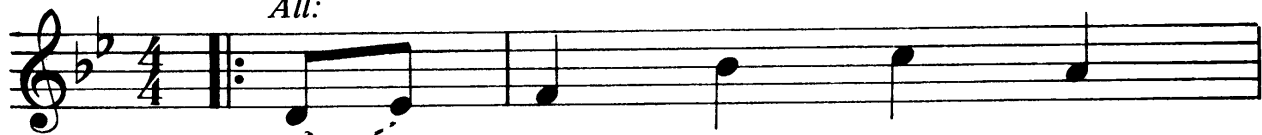
Pastor John will sing "The Anunciation", and the congregation will join in when we go right into "The Magnificat" below. The texts for these songs come from Luke chapter 1, our reading today.



# The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

*All:*



1.3. My — soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y



great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of



you,  
heart, You have looked with love on your  
You have filled the hun - gry with



ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.



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



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah — and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

\*Prayers: Our song leader will lead the congregational part as Pastor John sings the prayers. We will all sing the first two lines to start. As Pastor John begins with the prayers, we will hum the first line during each prayer, then respond with the second line.

**A** *All:*  
*Repeat continuously*



(Hmmm)

**B**



God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

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

(Final Petition) Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

*All:*



Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

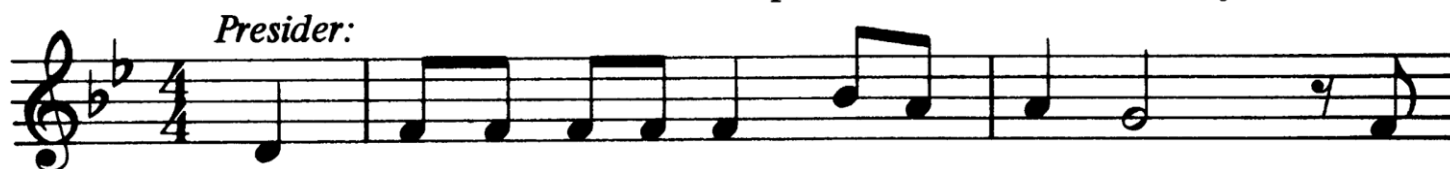
\*Let us pray the Lord's Prayer together.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

\*Blessing



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



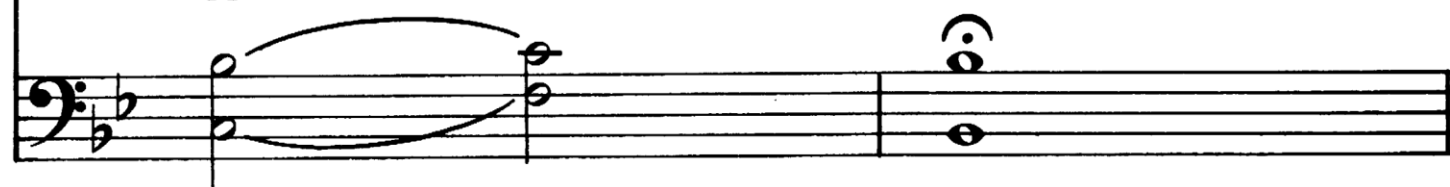
Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_



A - men.



Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City” Red Book # 269

**Thank you** for sharing this Wednesday Advent Service with us. We will not share a new one each week, but you may share in this recording each Wednesday at 7 p.m. during Advent. May God prepare our hearts as we await the coming of the Lord.

**Special Advent offerings this year** will support WHIP (our food pantry), Threads, Hope, and Love (a clothing shelf), and the Washington Ministerial Association Emergency Aid fund. We celebrate our blessings by caring for those who are hungry among us.

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