

# MOUNTAIN VESPERS



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A New Setting of the Evening Prayer

*Dedicated to Holden Village, for planting the  
seeds of good courage in all of us.*

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## PROCESSION



**L:** Je-sus Christ is the light of the world,      The light no dark-ness can ov er come.



Stay with us now for it is e - v'ning      **C:** And the day is al-most o - ver.



**L:** Let your light scat-ter the dark-ness      **C:** And shine on us your peo - ple.



**C:** Joy ous light of glor-ious God, heav-en ly ho - ly Je - sus



Christ, We have come to the set ting of the sun and we



look to the e - v'ning light. We sing to Fa - ther, Son, and



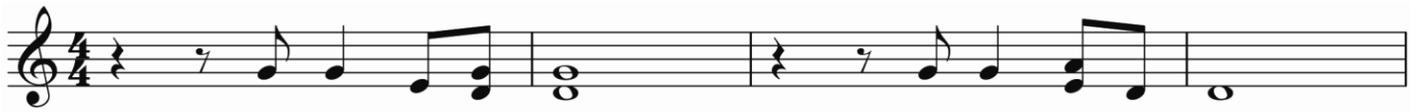
Ho - ly Spi - rit, Our voic-es pure to -



geth - er. O prec-ious God giv - er of life, we sing your



prais - es for - e - ver.



**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And al - so with you.

5



**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

7



**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Bles - sed are you O Lord our God, rul - er of all that you can see,

5



Who led your peo - ple by day and night. May our dark - ness find light in Christ.

9



May his word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, For

13



you are mer - ci - ful and you love your whole cre - a - tion. We

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glo - ri - fy You, O God. A - - - men.

## PSALM 141: LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

## CHORUS:

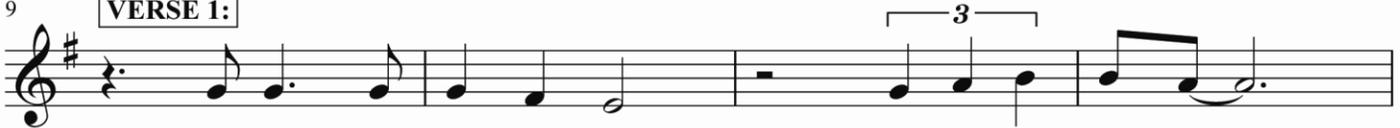


**C:** Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense.



The lift - ing up of my hands as the ev'ning sac ri - fice. *(to verses)*

## VERSE 1:



**L:** O God I call to you, come to me quick ly.

*Fine*



Hear my voice when I cry to you. *(to chorus)*

## VERSE 2:



**C:** Set a watch be - fore my mouth and guard the door of my lips.

*D.C.*



Let not my heart incline to an y evil thing, never oc cu - pied in wick ed ness. *(to chorus)*

## VERSE 3



**C:** My eyes are turned to you, O God. In you I take ref uge. My

*D.C. al Fine*



eyes are turned to You, O God. Strip me not of my life. *(to chorus)*

PSALM 36: YOUR LOVE REACHES TO HEAVEN 7

CHORUS



C: Your love reaches to heaven, Your truth beyond our

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minds, Your justice like a mountain our shadowed valley finds. (to verses)

VERSE ONE



Protect us Lord with precious love and grant us light to



see the feast with which you give to us, the

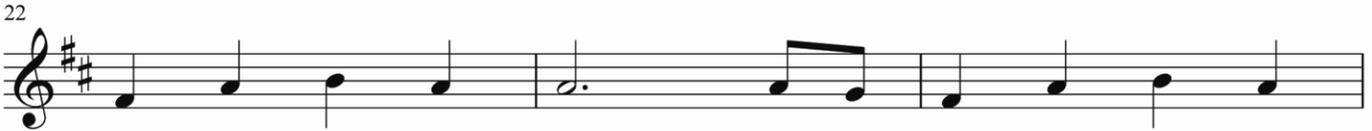


water of eternity. (to chorus)

VERSE TWO



Keep loving us who know you, Let the



proud not crush our hearts, nor the wicked bend and



break us, For with you all justice starts. (to chorus)

*First and second lessons are read.*

**L.** Let us reflect Your light, O God, as the moon reflects the light of the sun.

**C.** Carry us through this night into the promise of morning.

## MAGNIFICAT



**CHORUS:** My soul pro-claims the great ness of the Lord. My



spir - it re - joi - ces in God my Sav - ior. For



You have looked with fa - vor on your low - ly ser - vant; from



this day all gen - er - a - tions will call me blessed. *(to verses)*

**VERSE 1:**



You O God have done great things and ho - ly is your name.



You have mer - cy on those who fear you in e - v'ry gen - er - a - tion. *(to chorus)*

**VERSE 2:**



You have shown the strength of your arm, you have scat tered the proud in their con -



ceit. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones and lift ed up the low ly. *(to chorus)*

27 **VERSE 3:**

You have filled the hun - gry with good things, the rich you have sent aw - ay

31

emp - ty. You have come to the help of your

33

ser - vant Is - ra - el you've re - mem - bered your promise of mercy The

36

prom - ise you made to Sar - ah and Ab - ra - ham.

39

Glo - ry to you, O Lord our God, With Your love and pow er.

43

A - - - men.



**L:** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C:** Let us pray to the Lord.

5



**L:** For peace from above and for our sal va- tion.

8



**L:** For peace in the whole world and the uni-ty of all na tions.

11



**L:** For all of God's chil-dren who ga ther to-geth er in prayer.

14



**L:** For those who strengthen others, that they might find strength.

17



**L:** For those who work for peace and un - der-stand-ing.

20



**L:** For a-bun-dance and good wea-ther, qui-et, and cel e-bra-tion.

23



**L:** For de-liv er-ance from af flic tion, an-ger, dan-ger, and need.

26



**L:** For those who came be fore us, and are now at rest.

**Descant:**

Help save us com - fort and de - fend us.

**C:** \* Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
*Add descant 2nd time through*

5 Help save us gra - cious Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*\* Descant text may be used for all parts instead of 'Hallelujah' during the season of Lent.*

## PRAYER OF PRAISE

**C:** Let us give our-selves and one a - no - ther Com -

3 *Fine*

mend-ing our whole lives to love in God. Praise be to

6 *D.C. al Fine*

you, O God, Praise be to you, O God.

**L.** Let us pray together the words Jesus taught us:

**C.** *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*

*And 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.*

## PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

first time through **L:**  
second time through **C:** O God, You have called us to ventures where we can not see the

4 end, By paths ne-ver yet tak en, Through per ils un known.

9 Give us good cour-age Not know ing where we go, To

13 know that your hand is lead-ing us Wher ever we might go.

17 A - - - men.

**L.** Creator God, source of wisdom and wonder,  
Wrap us in your blanket of love, and give us  
the strength and courage to carry on with our journey.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**C.** Amen

**L.** Go in peace, with the hope, courage and love of God's new creation.

**C.** Thanks be to God.

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