

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
**Lenten Evening Prayer**  
**April 2, 2025**

# Pre-Service Music With All My Being, I Wait: Psalm 130

## Refrain

*All (melody)*



*(harmony)*

With all my be - ing, I wait for

you, O God, and in your word I place my

*unis.* *To Verses Last time*

hope, and in your word I place my hope.

## Verses

*Leader or Assistant*



1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O God: O  
 2. If you, O God, should mark our sins, O  
 3. I wait for God, with all my heart I wait. In God's

God, hear my voice. Let your ears be o - pen to the  
 God, who could stand? But in you is for-give-ness, so that  
 word is my hope. My soul is wait - ing more than

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sound of my cries for mer - cy.  
 we can, with rev - 'rence, serve you.  
 those who watch for morn - ing.

*Silence for meditation*

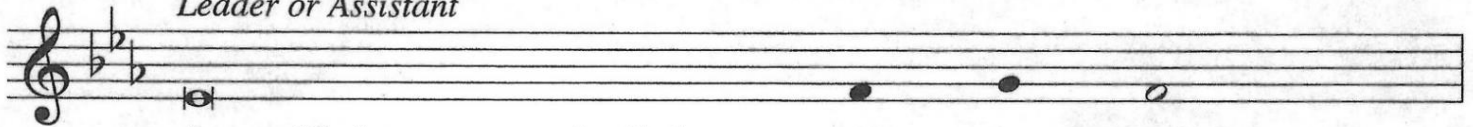
*Leader* Patient and ever-present God,  
 you are loving and forgiving to all.  
 Hear our voices  
 amidst the darkness,  
 in the silence,  
 from the depths of our hearts.  
 As we wait and watch  
 for the dawning of your light in us,  
 show us your mercy and compassion.  
 Show us Jesus, your Son, our Savior.

*All* Amen.

Welcome

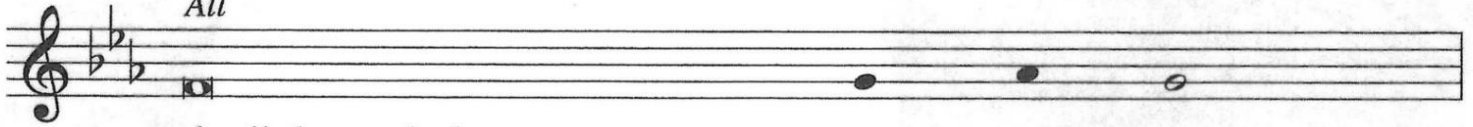
# Service of Light

*Leader or Assistant*



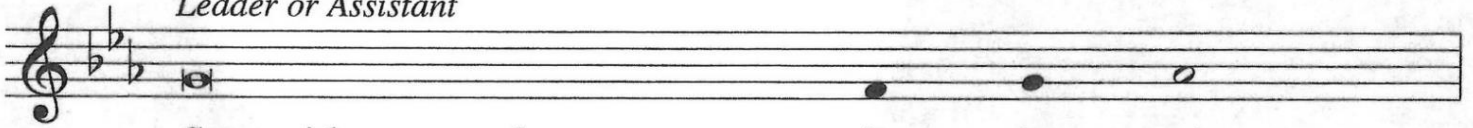
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

*All*



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

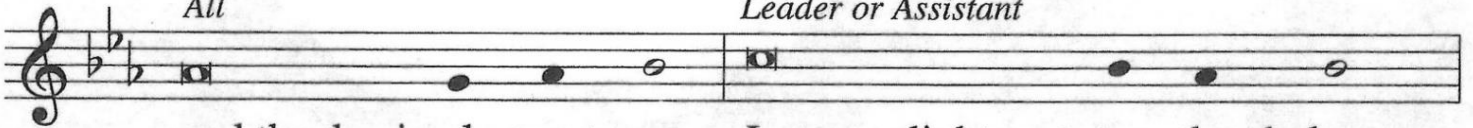
*Leader or Assistant*



Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All*

*Leader or Assistant*



and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

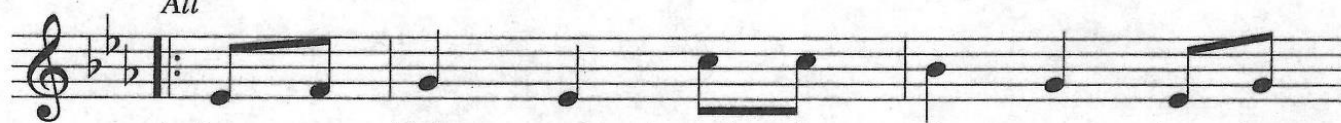
*All*



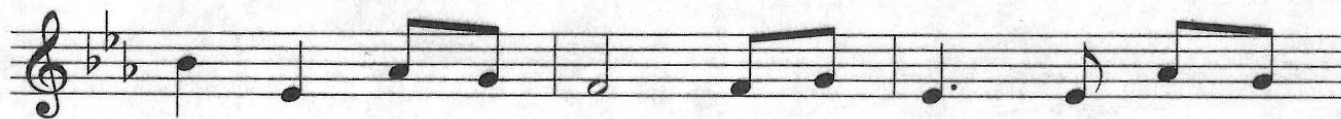
and shine within your peo-ple here.

# Evening Hymn

*All*



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly 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



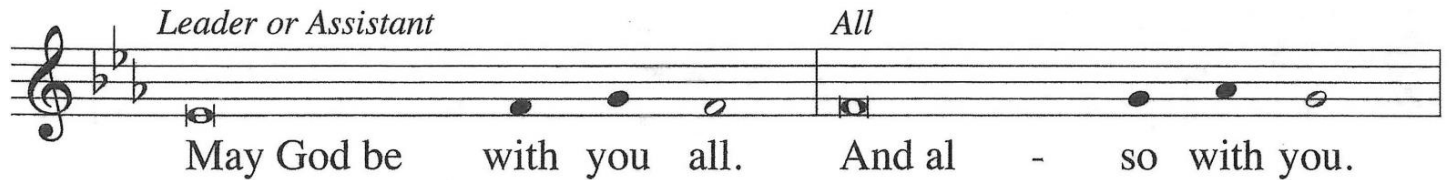
you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



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

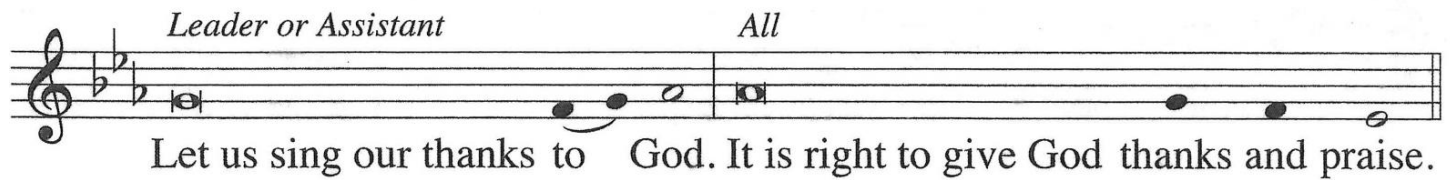
## Evening Thanksgiving

*Leader or Assistant* *All*



May God be with you all. And al - so with you.

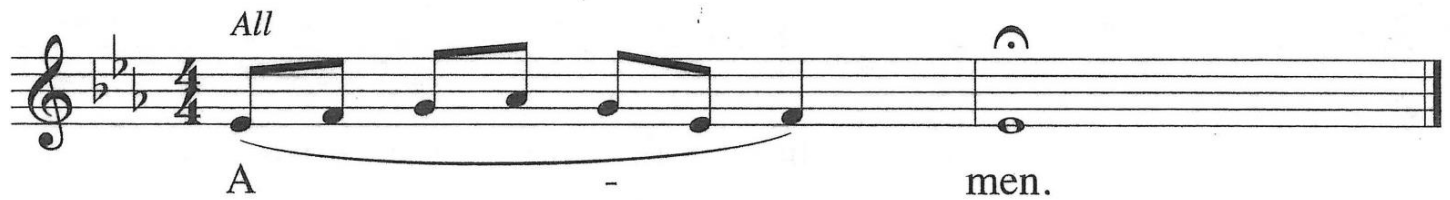
*Leader or Assistant* *All*



Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*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.

*All*



A - men.

# Psalm 141

## Refrain

*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.

## Verse 1

*Leader or Group One*

1. O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two*

1. O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I cry to

call to you, come to me now; O hear my

## Refrain

you. Let my prayer rise up like

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

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

up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

## Verse 2

of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -

hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.

heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

### Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

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

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

### Verse 3

3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of

you. 3. All praise to the



life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of  
God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to  
**Refrain**  
love. Let my prayer rise up like  
Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise  
in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an  
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my  
of-fer-ing to you.  
hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

*Silence for meditation*

*Leader* 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.

*All* Amen.

*(Alternate psalms are on pages 10–12. The leader will indicate  
if any of these will be used in the service.)*

*One or two lessons are read; silence for meditation follows each reading.*

*Leader* The light shines in the darkness...

*All* ... and the darkness has not overcome it.

## Prayer of the Day

God of grace, you compel your whole creation toward mercy. Help us embody your unconditional grace and love to all living things, participating in the coming of your reign, where all are supported, nourished, welcomed, and loved. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

## A reading from Luke (10:25-37)

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

**All: and the darkness has not overcome it.**

# Canticle

# The Magnificat



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. 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. How you fa - vor the  
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to



weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!  
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Reflection

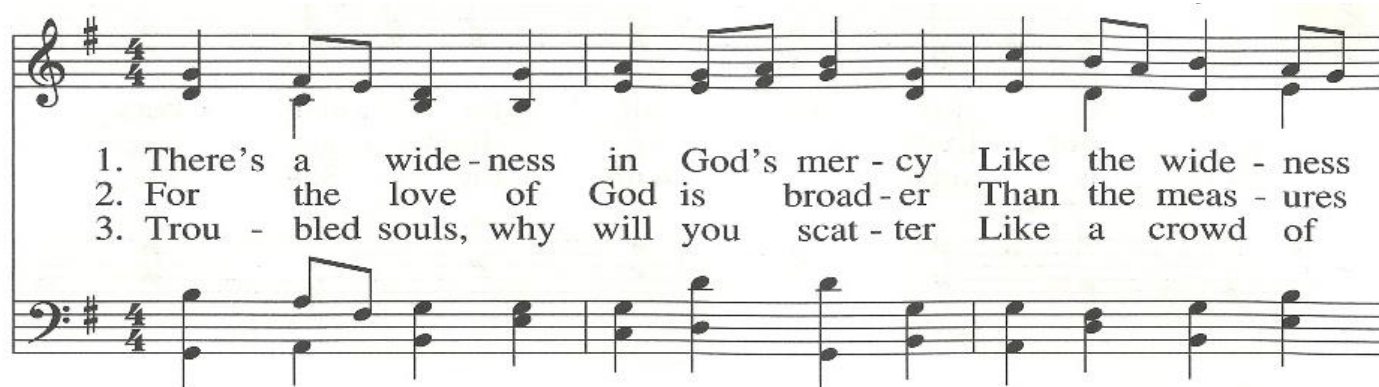
God Compels Creation Toward Mercy

Pastor Dave

# The Hymn GA 603

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

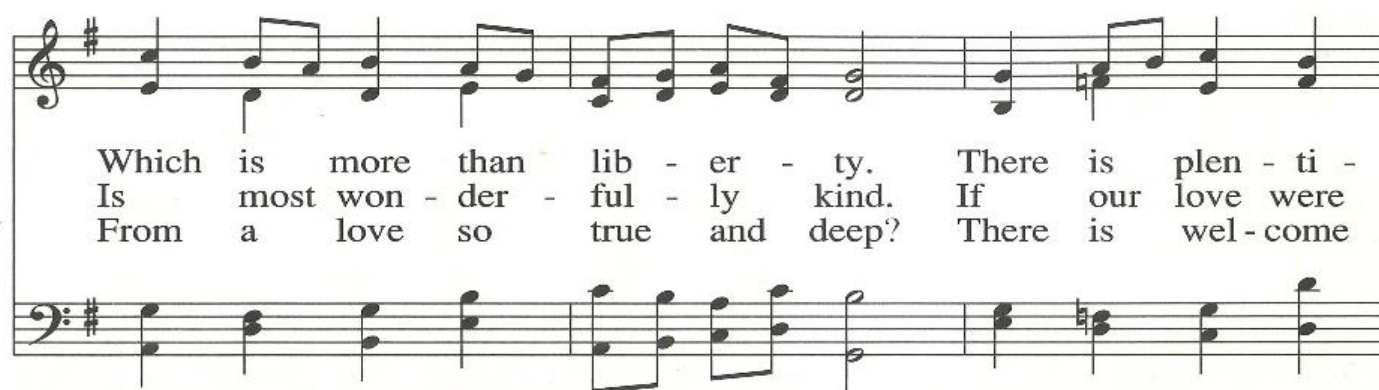
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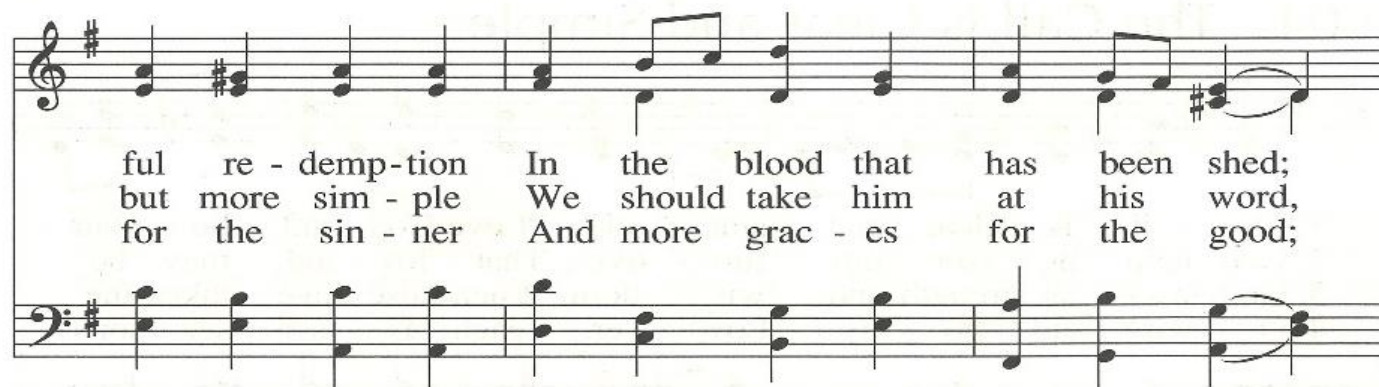
1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness  
2. For the love of God is broad - er Than the meas - ures  
3. Trou - bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of



of the sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice  
of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti -  
Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were  
From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come



ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;  
but more sim - ple We should take him at his word,  
for the sin - ner And more grac - es for the good;

# Offering Hymn      O Faithful God: Psalm 51

*Our Lenten offering will go to Lutheran World Relief Kits.*

*Offering plates can be found at the back of the Nave.*



1. O faith-ful God, have mer-cy on your ser-vant here;
2. I know my deeds, I know my faults and fail-ings well;
3. You long for truth, for wis-dom dwell-ing deep with-in;



in your love, re-mem-ber not my sins. In the  
I have sinned and bro-ken faith with you. For the  
teach my heart to long for wis-dom, too: Wash me



wa-ters of your grace, wash me clean of all dis-grace;  
wrong that I have done, my trans-gres-sions, ev-'ry one,  
clean and give me voice, so these bones you crushed re-joice;



raise me up to life from death and fear.  
God your judg-ment would be just and true.  
turn my heart from sin to life in you.



4. Cre-ate in me a clean and right-eous heart, O God, put a



will-ing spir-it in my soul. Let me sing with joy a-new the sal -



va-tion found in you, sing-ing praise to you who made me whole.



# Litany and Prayers

*All*

**A** *repeat continuously*

**B**

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

**A**

*Leader or Assistant*

**B**

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

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath - ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

**A**

*Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.



*Leader* Great and merciful God,  
source and ground of all goodness and life,  
give to your people the peace that passes all understanding,  
and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

*Leader* God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

*All* 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.  
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.


## Final Blessing

*Leader or Assistant* *All*

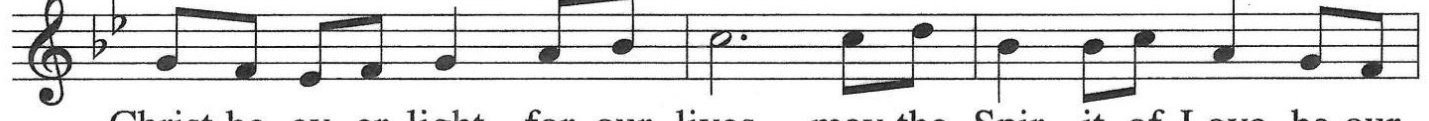


Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

*Leader or Assistant*




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

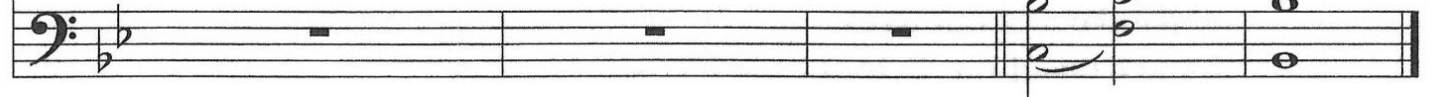


Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our

*All*



guide and path for all of our days. A - men.



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