

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Wednesday - Lent 4

HIS FINAL STEPS

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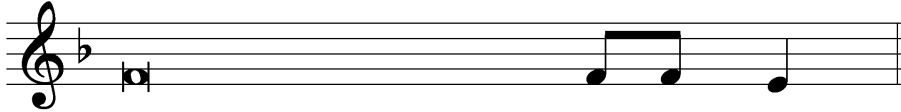
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Opening Sentences

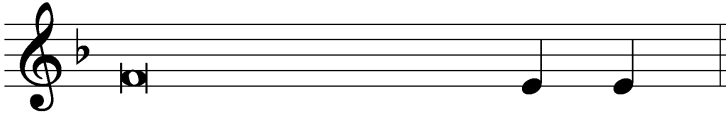
CW 215

M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



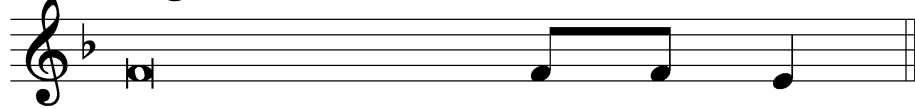
C: **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



C: **and the day is almost o - ver.**

M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

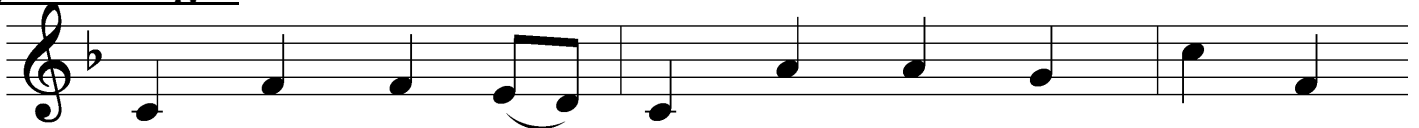


C: **and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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Hymn of Light

CW 216



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

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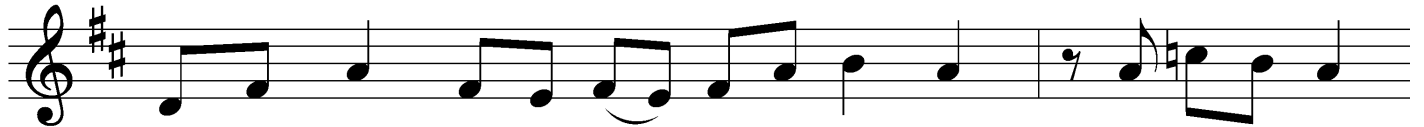
M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us, and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. By your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

Psalm 141

CW 217



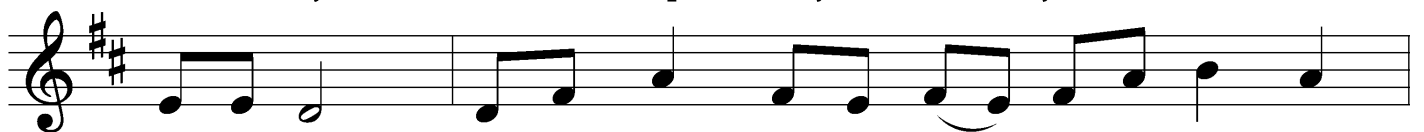
Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up



of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

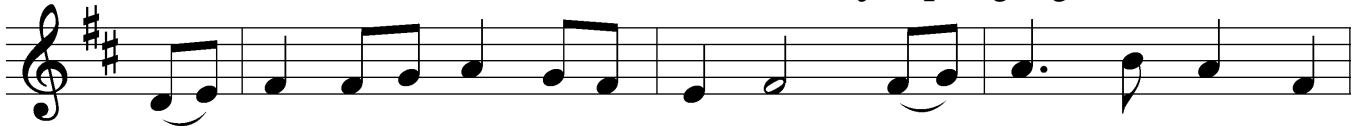
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M: Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm 121A

I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains



Refrain I lift up my eyes to the moun-tains, from where shall come my



help? My help shall come from the One who has made the



heav - ens and the earth, the mak - er of heav-en and earth.



M: I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
where does my help / come from?
My help comes / from the LORD,
the maker of / heaven and earth.

**C: He will not let your / foot slip—
he who watches over you will not / slumber;
indeed, he who watches over / Israel
will neither / slumber nor sleep. Refrain**

M: The LORD watches / over you—
the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.

**C: The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
he will watch / over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
both now and for- / evermore.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Psalm Prayer

M: Lord God, give me confidence that whether I'm awake or sleeping, working or traveling, eating or relaxing, you are watching over me. Every breath I draw, every beat of my heart happens only under your watchful eye and with the strength you provide. So let me face each day with the calm assurance that no real harm can come my way; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

C: Amen.

Hymn #406

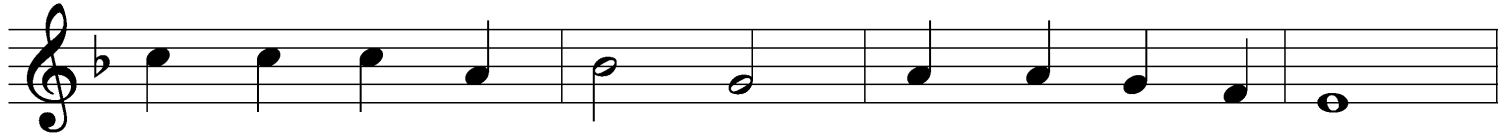
In the Hour of Trial



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm
 3 Should your mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,
 4 When my life is end - ing, though in grief or pain,



lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.
 or its tempt - ing trea - sures spread to work me harm,
 or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,
 when my bod - y chang - es back to dust a - gain,



When you see me wa - ver, with a look re - call,
 bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne
 grant that I may nev - er fail your cross to view;
 on your truth re - ly - ing, through that mor - tal strife,



nor for fear or fa - vor ev - er let me fall.
 or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
 grant that I may ev - er cast my care on you.
 Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, to e - ter - nal life.

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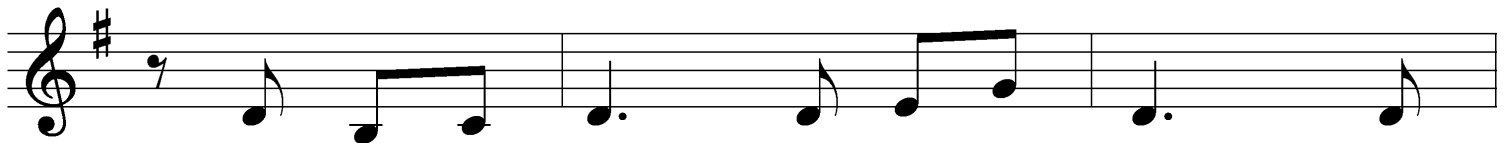
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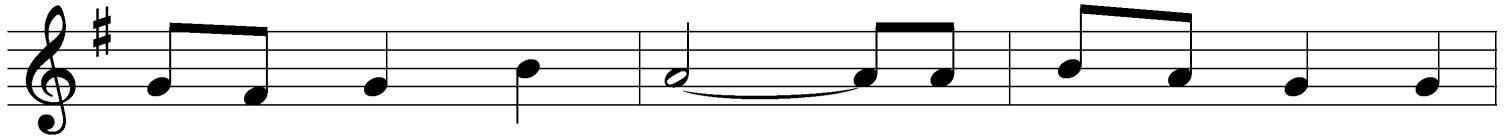
St. Mark 11:12-14,20-25

Sermon

His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree



1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, for
 2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words nor
 3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, your
 4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; on



God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is
 pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God
 anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -
 God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.
 un - der - stands the hun - ger of your heart.
 fore you ask and works for what is best.
 rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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Please stand.

Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

M: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:

C: to you, O Lord.

M: Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus

M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

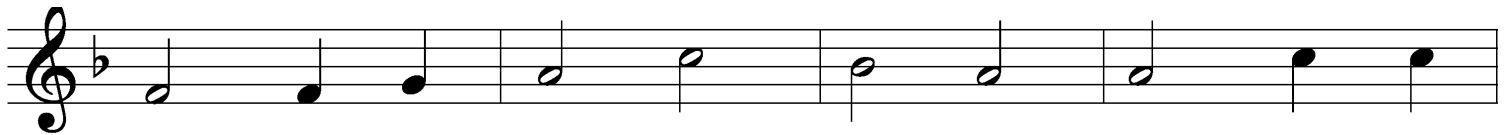
Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

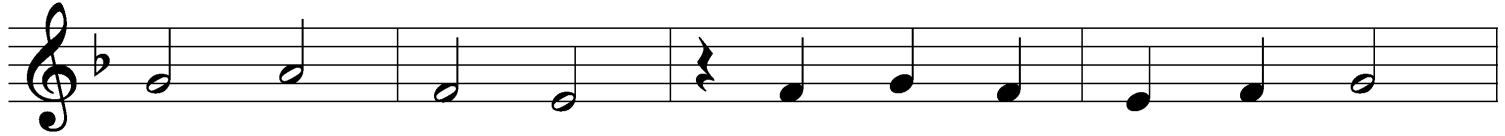


C: A - men.

Be seated.



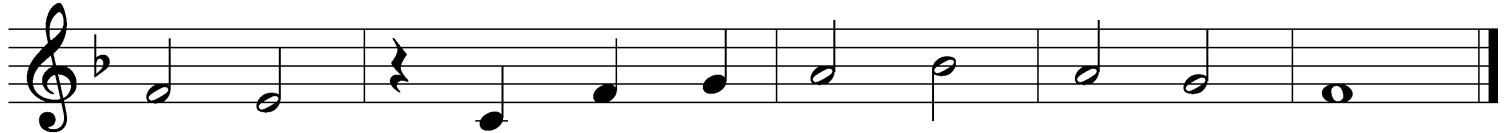
1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow the wood - land,
 2 The rule of day is o - ver and shin - ing
 3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your
 4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, for God this



field, and mead - ow; the world in slum - ber lies.
 jew - els cov - er the heav - en's bound - less blue.
 wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.
 night will sure - ly from per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - en, with prayer and song be
 Thus I shall shine in heav - en, where crowns of gold are
 Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not
 Sweet slum - bers may he send you and bid his hosts at -



tak - en; let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
 giv - en to all who faith - ful prove and true.
 fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.
 tend you and through the night watch o'er your beds.

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