



# **LENT EVENING PRAYER**

**MARCH 19, 2025**

**7:00 P.M.**

**OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

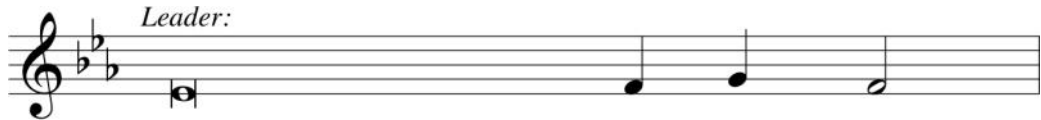
## Our Mission Statement

*To Put the Love of Jesus into Action,  
As We Welcome, Serve and Love All People.*

### PRELUDE

### SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Leader:*



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



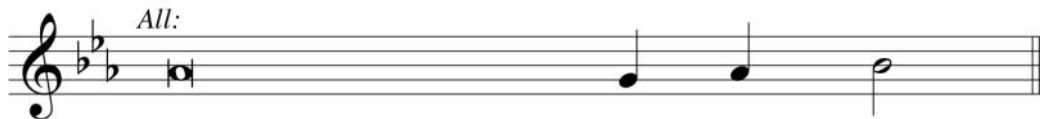
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*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. —

# EVENING HYMN

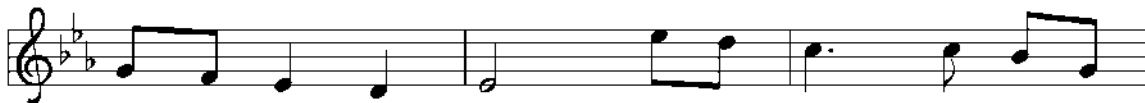
## *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory*



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own  
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of  
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,  
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all  
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Blessed are you, creator of the universe, from of 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. **Amen.**

**PSALMODY**

*Let My Prayer Rise Up*

Psalm 141

*Sing either part:*

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 now; oh, hear my  
 voice when I cry to you.

All or Group Two

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

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.

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. Keep watch with - in me, God;  
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing  
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

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

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

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of  
of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.  
God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the  
Spir-it of love. 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 you.

**PRAYER**

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 hearts.

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**     Mark 13:32-37

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**MESSAGE**

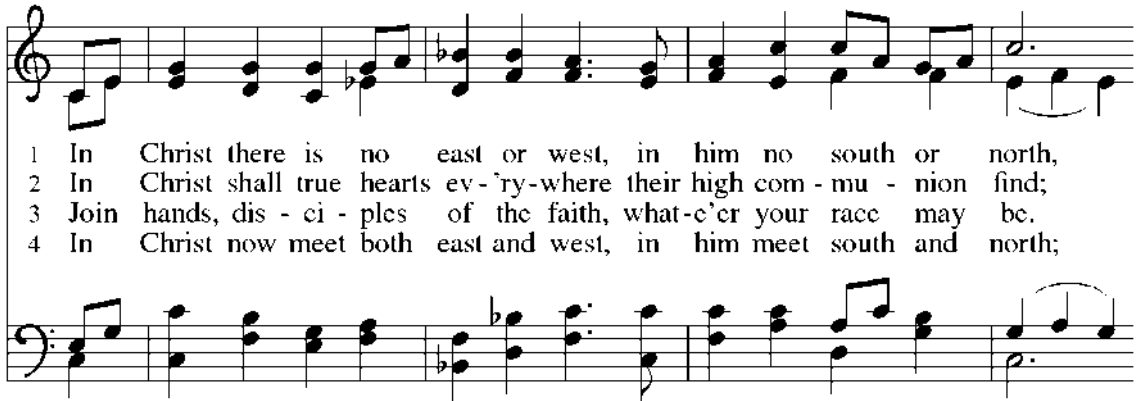
*Was Jesus ‘Woke’?*



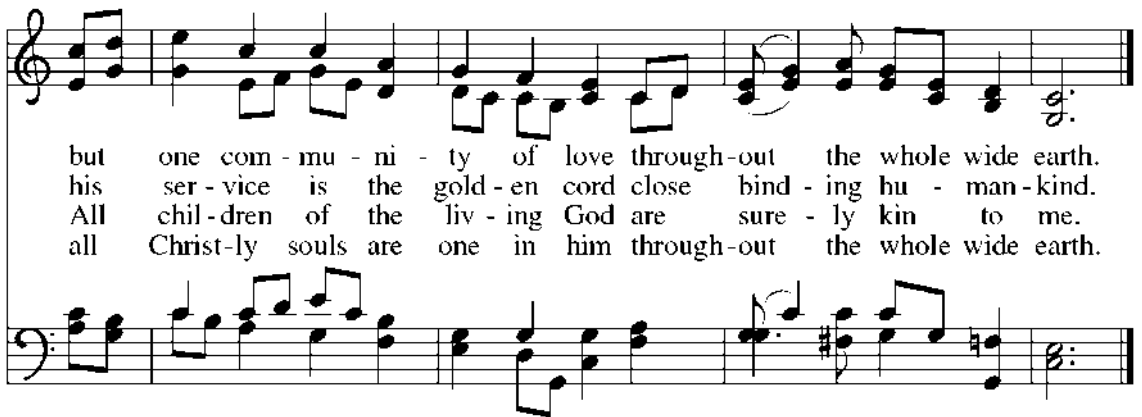
**HYMN**

*In Christ There is No East or West*

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.  
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

**OFFERING**

# GOSPEL CANTICLE

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

*fine last time*

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.

# LITANY

**A** *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

**B**

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

*Leader:* **A** **B**

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

*Leader:* **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

*Leader:* **A** **B**

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:

*Leader:*

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

*All:*

Keep— us, hold— us, gra - cious God.

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

**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.**

## **PRAYER**

*from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

**Lord, it is night.**

**The night is for stillness.**

**Let us be still in the presence of God.**

**It is night after a long day.**

**What has been done has been done;**

**what has not been done has not been done; let it be.**

**The night is dark.**

**Let our fears of the darkness of the world**

**and of our own lives rest in you.**

**The night is quiet.**

**Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us,**

**and all who have no peace.**

**The night heralds the dawn.**

**Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.**

**In your name we pray. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

**Amen.**

# CLOSING SONG

## Watch, O Lord

A Prayer by St. Augustine, adapted by Marty Haugen

### Refrain

All

Watch, O Lord, with all those a -  
wake this night. Watch, O Lord, with all those who  
weep. Give your an - gels and saints  
charge o - ver all who sleep.

### Verses

Assisting Minister

All

Assisting Minister

in your love, Lord.  
in your love, Lord.  
in your love, O Lord of all.

# POSTLUDE

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