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Prayer 101

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Today's Lay Reader: Naamah Leary

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: How good it is to live in unity

People: to join our hearts and minds in one accord.

Leader: How wonderful it is to gather as Christ's disciples

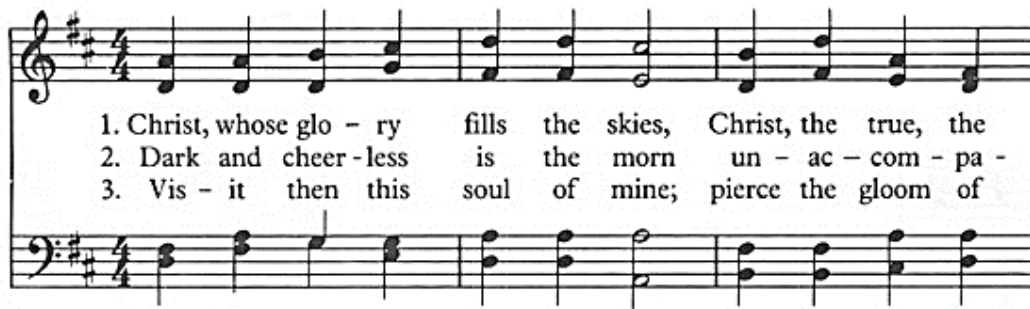
People: to be in the presence of God.

Leader: Before the rocks cry out,

People: let us sing God's praises and witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.

Hymn

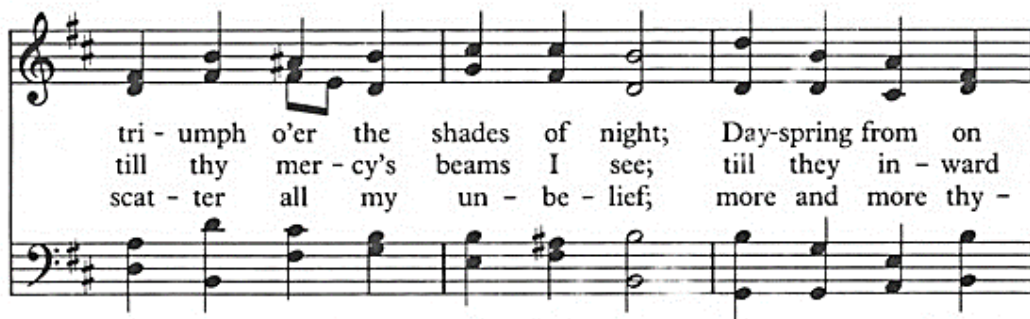
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



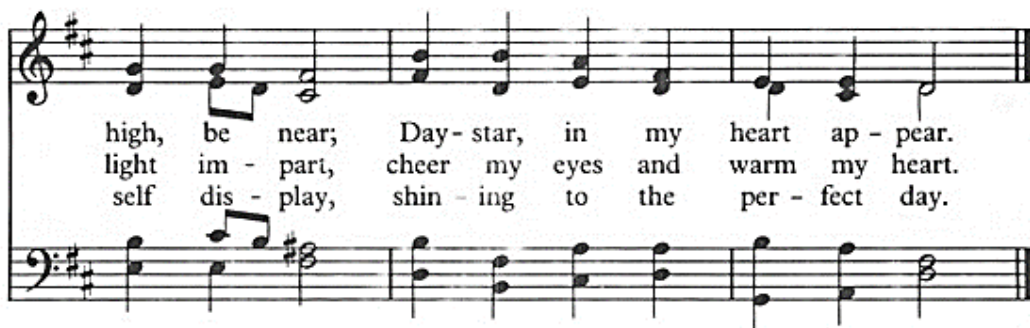
1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of



on - ly light, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise,
nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,
sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine,



tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on
till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward
scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -



high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you have called us here from different walks of life and knit us into a unified family of faith. As we open our hearts to you, show us the way to open our hearts to others. In your presence today, O God, may we worship together without exclusion and rejoice together without ceasing. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

O How He Loves You and Me

O how He loves you and me!
O how He loves you and me!
He gave His life; what more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go,
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:5-13

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.]

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Prayer 101

Barbara Sabath

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

As the Deer

Martin Nystrum

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul". It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of B-flat major (three flats) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is organized into four systems, each corresponding to a verse. Each system consists of four staves, one for each voice part. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the words "1.", "2.", "3.", and "4." indicating the start of each verse. The lyrics are: 1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain

well with my soul.
 blood for my soul.
 Lord, O my soul!
 well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

Benediction

Postlude

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

We are blessed to have a message from Barb Sabbath this morning while Reverend Dave is on vacation. Thank you, Barb!