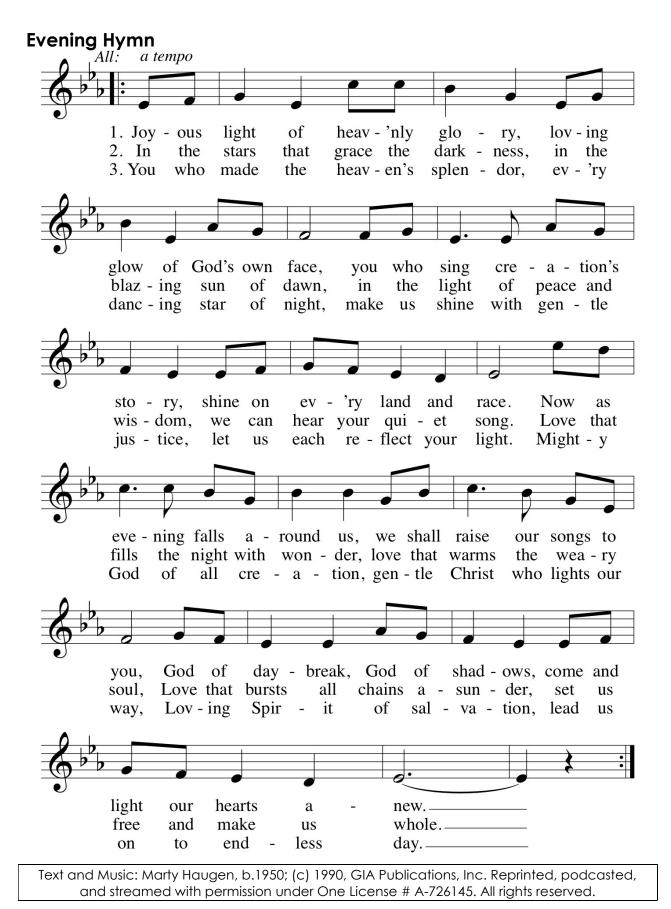
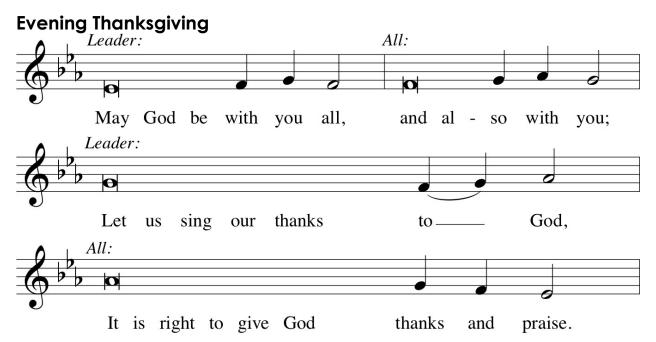
pening Dialogue		
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Jesus Christ, you are the	light of the	world;
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the light no darkness can	o - ver -	come;
Leader:		
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Stay with us now, for	it is	evening,
	• •	0
and the day is	al - most	over.
Leader:		
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• Let your light scat -	ter the	darkness,
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•) and shine within your peo-ple	here.	





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.

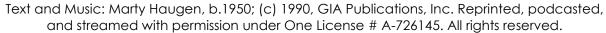






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# Silence for meditation

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presences surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. **Amen.** 

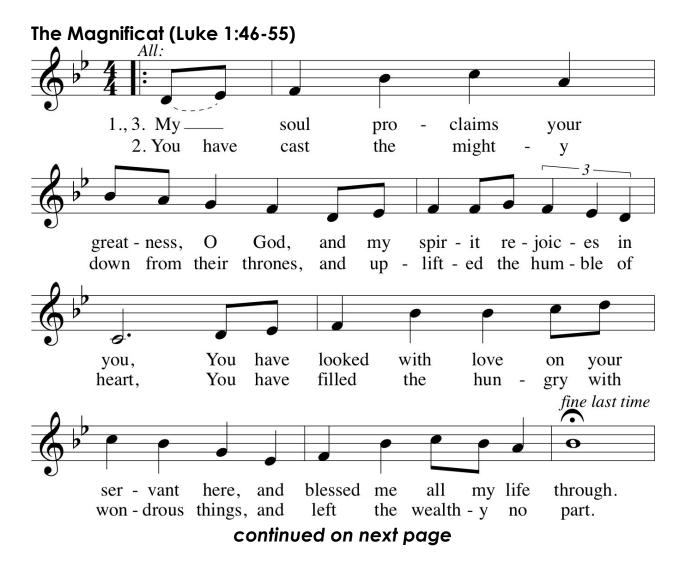
# **Scripture Reading**

The Light shines in the darkness **and the darkness has not** overcome it.

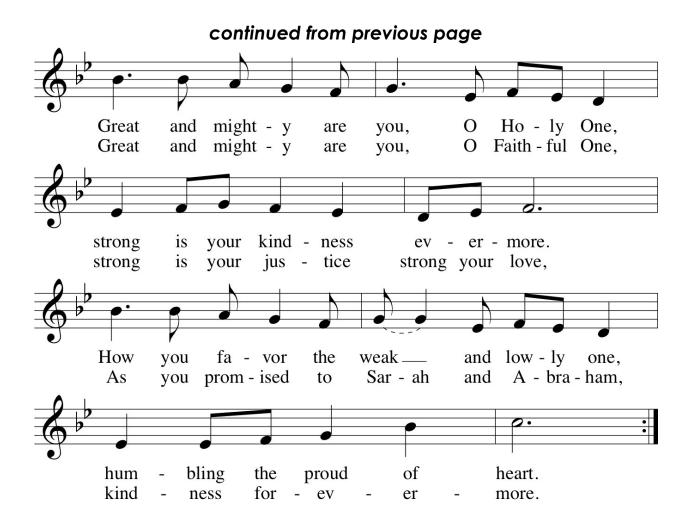
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# The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38)

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

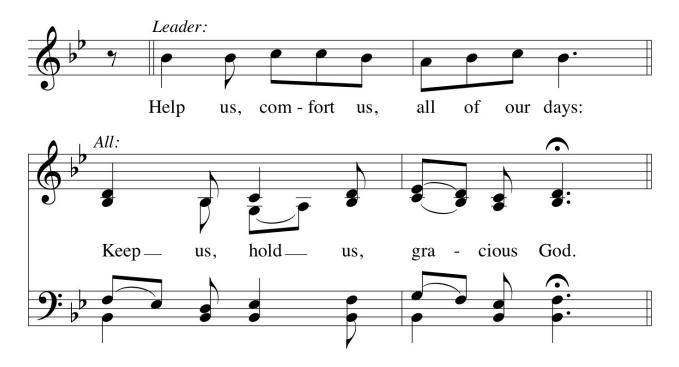


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Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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.

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