

PRESIDER'S TEXT

**CLOSING OF THE
YEAR OF ST. PAUL**

SOLEMN VESPERS

**SOLEMNITY OF
SS. PETER AND PAUL**

JUNE 29, 2009

SERVICE OF THE LIGHT/LUCERNARIUM

The presider carries the lighted paschal candle into the darkened church. He is accompanied by the cantor and book bearer (and other servers). The ministers enter the church in silence. They pause in the middle aisle of the nave and the presider chants:

Introductory Verse

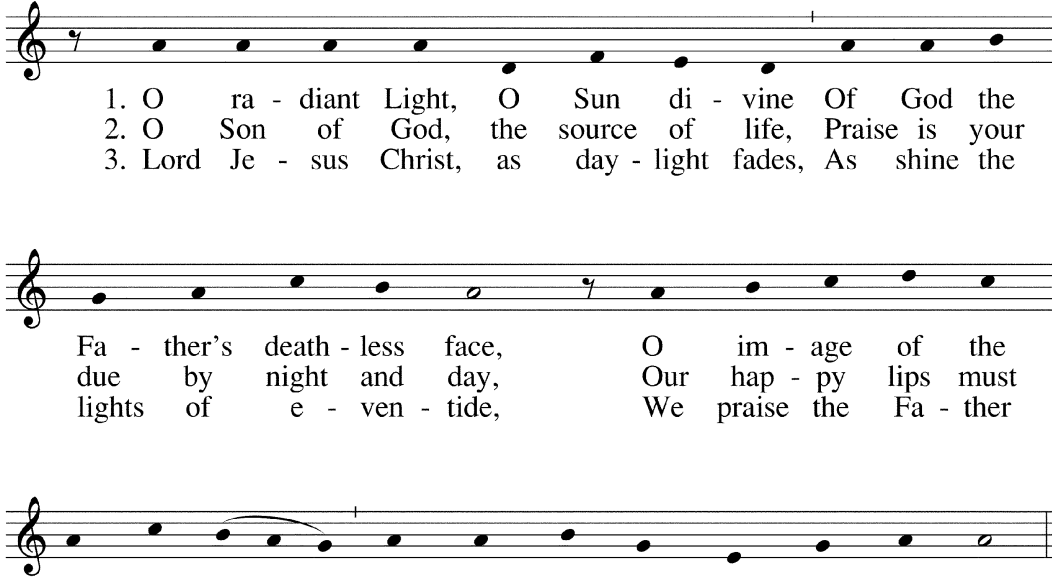
Presider: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The paschal candle is lowered and from it, the ministers begin lighting the tapers of the assembly. Meanwhile the Phos Hilaron is sung:

Hymn

O Radiant Light



1. O ra - diant Light, O Sun di - vine Of God the
2. O Son of God, the source of life, Praise is your
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, as day - light fades, As shine the

Fa - ther's death - less face, O im - age of the
due by night and day, Our hap - py lips must
lights of e - ven - tide, We praise the Fa - ther

Light sub - lime That fills the heav'n - ly dwell - ing place.
raise the strain Of your es - teemed and splen - did name.
with the Son, The Spir - it blest, and with them one.

Text: *Phos Hilaron*, Greek, c.200; tr. by William G. Storey, ©
Music: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA, LM; Mode I; acc. by Richard Proulx

Tapers remain lit during the chanting of the Evening Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving for the Light

Presider: Let us give thanks to God the Father always and for everything.

All: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Presider: We praise and thank you, O God,
or cantor through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom you have enlightened us
by revealing the light that never fades.
Joy to all creatures, honor, feasting and delight,
Night is falling and day's allotted span draws to a close.
We have enjoyed your gift of daylight;
brighten now our evening hours.
We praise and glorify you, Father,
through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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There are a variety of texts and settings for the Dialogue and the Evening Thanksgiving, Please see

- Christian Daily Prayer: O Joyful Light by Michael Joncas (North American Liturgy Resources, # 9477)
- Praise God in Song by Rev. John Allyn Melloh, SM and William Storey, © GIA, 1979
- See Ritual Song, nos. 11-12.
- See Gather Comprehensive, nos. 11
- Paul Inwood's setting in Breaking Bread 852-853

PSALMODY

The ministers move to the sanctuary. Tapers are extinguished. All are seated.

Psalm 116



Verses

1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all God has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.
2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones;
and I am your servant, your chosen one, for you have set me free.
3. Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you.
In the presence of all who have called on your name,
in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-19; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Psalm Prayer

Please stand

Presider: Let us pray.

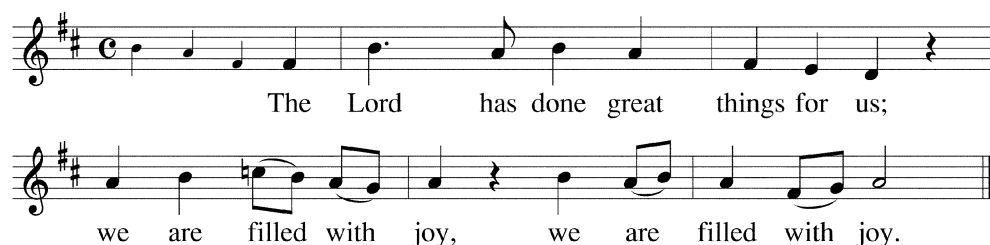
**Father, precious in your sight is the death of the saints,
but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us.
In this life we fill up in our own flesh
what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ;
accept this as our sacrifice of praise,
and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem.**

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Psalm 126

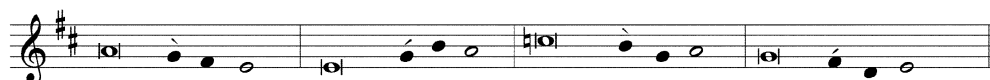
Please be seated



The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy, we are filled with joy.

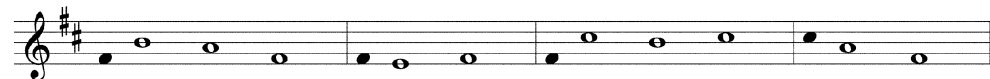
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Psalm Tone



Music: Joseph B. Smith, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

Gelineau Tone



¹ When the **Lord** delivered **Zion** from **bondage**,
it **seemed** like a **dream**.

² **Then** was our **mouth** filled with **laughter**,
on our **lips** there were **songs**.

The **heathens** themselves said: "What **marvels**
the **Lord** worked for **them**!"

³ What **marvels** the **Lord** worked for **us**!
Indeed we were **glad**.

⁴ Deliver us, O **Lord**, from our **bondage**
as **streams** in dry **land**.

⁵ **Those** who are **sowing** in **tears**
will **sing** when they **reap**.

⁶ They go **out**, they go **out**, full of **tears**,
carrying **seed** for the **sowing**;
they come **back**, they come **back**, full of **song**,
carrying their **sheaves**.

Praise the **Father**, the **Son** and Holy **Spirit**,
both **now** and for **ever**,
the God who **is**, who **was** and who **will be**,
world without **end**.

Text: Psalm 126; The Grail
Music: Joseph Gelineau, SJ
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Psalm Prayer

Please stand

Presider: Let us pray.

Lord, you have raised us from the earth;
may you let the seeds of justice,
which we have sown in tears,
grow and increase in your sight.
May we reap in joy the harvest we hope for patiently.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

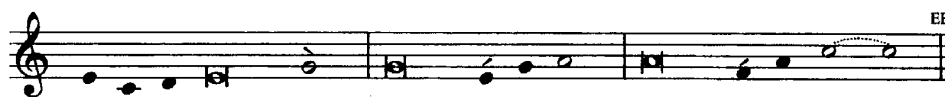
New Testament

Ephesians 1:3-10

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Benedictus Deus

1. Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.
2. God chose us in him
before the world began
to be holy and blameless in his sight.
3. He predestined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glorious favor
he has bestowed on us in his beloved.
4. In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us.
5. God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.
6. A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on the earth.
7. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:3-5, 8a

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

**I handed on to you first of all what I myself received,
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
that he was buried and, in accordance with the Scriptures,
rose on the third day;
that he was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve.
Last of all, he was seen by me**

The word of the Lord.

Silence

Responsory

Presider: The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

All: The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

Presider: They testified to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All: And preached it faithfully.

Presider: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

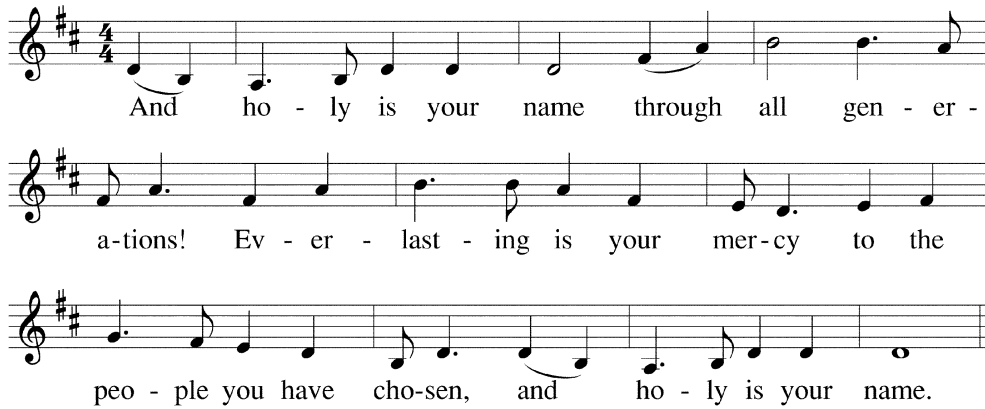
All: The apostles proclaimed the word of God and preached it faithfully.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Please stand. The assembly makes a sign of the cross during the first line of the Canticle.

Canticle of Mary

Luke 1: 46-55



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -
a-tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer-cy to the
peo - ple you have cho-sen, and ho - ly is your name.

Verses

1. My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my savior:
you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.
2. I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered, for all will call me blessed.
3. I proclaim the pow'r of God, you do marvels for your servants;
though you scatter the proud hearted, and destroy the might of princes.
4. To the hungry you give food, send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen.
5. In your love you now fulfill what you promised to your people.
I will praise you Lord, my savior, everlasting is your mercy.

Text: Luke 1:46-55, David Haas
Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irregular; Irish traditional; arr. by David Haas
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Invitation

Presider: **The Lord Jesus built his holy people on the foundation of the apostles
And prophets. In faith let us pray:**

All: **Lord, come to the aid of your people.**

Petitions

Presider: **You once called Simon, the fisherman, to catch men,**

All: **now summon new workers
who will bring the message of salvation for all peoples.**

Presider: **You calmed the waves so that your followers would not be drowned,**

All: **guide your Church, protect it from all dangers.**

Presider: **You gathered your scattered flock around Peter after the resurrection,**

All: **good Shepherd, bring all people together as one flock.**

Presider: **You sent Paul as apostle to preach the good news to the Gentiles,**

All: **let the word of salvation be proclaimed to all mankind.**

Presider: **You gave the keys of your kingdom into the hands of your holy people,**

All: **open the gates of that kingdom
to all who trusted in your mercy while on earth.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider: **Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray in the words our Savior gave us. Our Father, ...**

Collect

Presider: God our Father,
Today, you give us the joy
of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul.
Through them your Church first received the faith.
Keep us true to their teaching.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessing

If the presider is a lay person:

Presider: May almighty God bless ✕ us,
protect us from all evil,
and bring us to life everlasting.

If the presider is ordained:

Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son , ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

OR

Presider: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Lord has set you firm within his Church,
which he built upon the rock of Peter's faith.
May he bless you with a faith that never falters.

All: Amen.

Presider: The Lord has given you knowledge of the faith
through the labors and preaching of St. Paul.
May his example inspire you to lead others to Christ
by the manner of your life.

All: Amen.

Presider: May the keys of Peter, and the words of Paul,
their undying witness and their prayers,
lead you to the joy of that eternal home
which Peter gained by his cross, and Paul by the sword.

All: Amen.

Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Presider: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.