

# Blessed Are You

Advent Vespers 2020



O God, come to our assistance,

O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP US.

Awaken, our hearts, God's realm is near;

THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM IS IN OUR HANDS.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER.

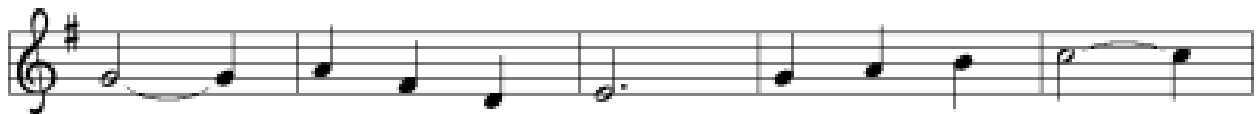
AMEN.

**O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving God in heaven, O Christ, holy and blessed! We come now to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light. Make us worthy for all time to praise you in joyful voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, for which all the world gives glory.**

# CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



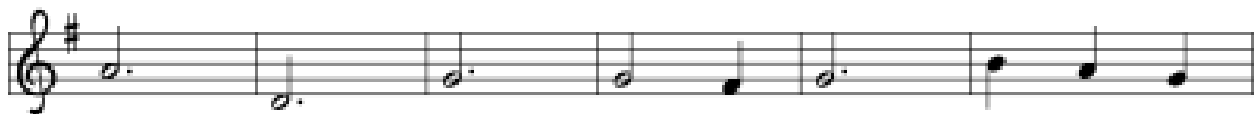
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

*Antiphons and Psalm refrains will be selected from the following:*

Let your face shine upon us, O God  
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid?**

PSALM 27

In the wilderness prepare the way  
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.

**Come, O Lord, and set us free. Come and set us free.**

PSALM 85

The people who walked in darkness  
HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT.

**For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.**

PSALM 95

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
AND JUSTICE LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

**I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

PSALM 95

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled." *Luke 1:39-45*

GOSPEL CANTICLE: Luke 1:46-55

**MAGNIFICAT**  
(tune: *TALLIS CANON*)

My soul gives glory to my God, who reaches out with loving grace  
to lift me from my low estate and set me in a blessed place.

God's mercy comforts all who fear, embracing with a steadfast arm  
that casts the mighty from their thrones, but keeps the humble safe from  
harm.

The rich God leaves with empty hands and fills the hungry with good things.  
Each faithful soul now fills with joy and joins the praise that Mary sings:

Magnificat! Magnificat! With all my heart I answer: Yes!  
God's promise sounds from age to age, the needy of the world are blest.

**Magnificat**

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1. My soul pro - claims the Lord my God. My spir - it  
2. All na - tions now will share my joy; For gifts God  
3. For those who fear the Ho - ly One, God's mer - cy  
4. God fills the hun - gry with good things, And sends the

1. sings God's praise, Who looks on me, and  
2. has out - poured. This low - ly one has  
3. will not die. Whose strong right arm puts  
4. rich a - way; The prom - ise made to

1. lifts me up, That glad - ness fills my days.  
2. been made great. I mag - ni - fy the Lord.  
3. down the proud, And lifts the low - ly high.  
4. A - bra - ham Is filled to end - less day.

INTERCESSIONS and LORD'S PRAYER

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