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Taken from the Book of Common Prayer, our worship today is an Easter liturgy. It celebrates the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We offer our prayers of thanksgiving to God for the lives of Sgt. Mark Renninger, Officer Ronald Owens, Officer Tina Griswold, and Officer Greg Richards. May they rest in peace.

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# **Requiem Evensong**

The Service of Light

Voluntary: Chant de Paix ...... Langlais

#### **Light Proclamation**

Please stand



In Lent and in Easter Season, the Opening Acclamations S 78-S 83 are used instead.

**Officiant**: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew* 5:14-16

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11* 

#### The Collects

# **Officiant:** Let us pray

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of

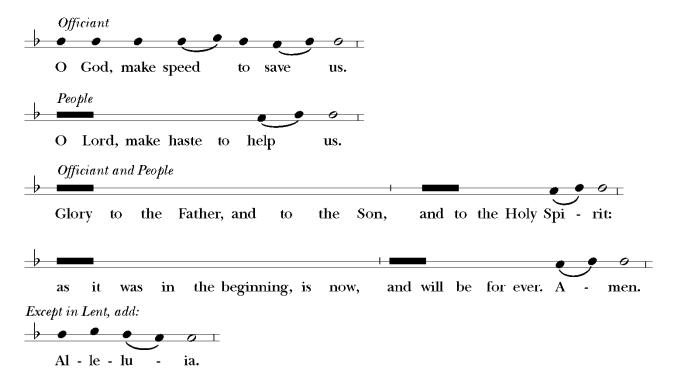
our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. *Amen*.

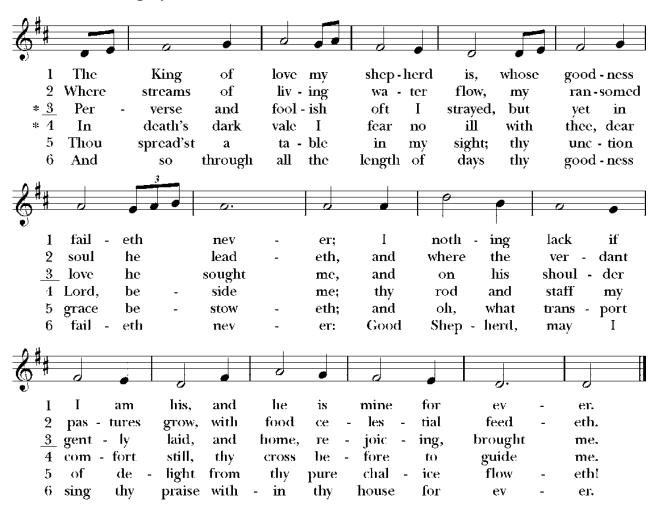
#### **Officiant:** Let us pray

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servants Mark, Ronald, Tina, and Greg, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Choir Sings: O Gracious Light - Phos Hilaron

## The Invitatory and Psalter





Psalm 23: Sung by all to the tune St. Columba

Please be seated

A Reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud

voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

The Choir Sings: The Song of Mary - Magnificat anima mea dominum

Setting by Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Second Lesson: Sheriff Paul Pastor

A reading from the Gospel According to St. John.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away— and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

**Lector:** The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

The Choir Sings: The Song of Simeon - "Nunc Dimittis"

Setting by Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Homily.....Fr. Haynes

Please stand

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

Please kneel

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Suffrages

For our brothers Mark, Ronald, and Greg, and our sister Tina, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said," I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Mark, Ronald, Greg, and Tina, and dry the tears of those who weep. *Hear us. Lord.* 

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. *Hear us, Lord.* 

You raised the dead to life; give to our brothers and sister eternal life. *Hear us, Lord.* 

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brothers and our sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brothers and our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the

good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.* 

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. And this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*.

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

### **Congregational Candle Lighting**

# The Concluding Versicle



#### The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father; the Son; and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Please stand

**Hymn:** "I vow to Thee, my country"



Voluntary: There is a balm in Gilead

All offerings collected this evening will be for the families of the departed.

