

Hymn – O Gracious Light

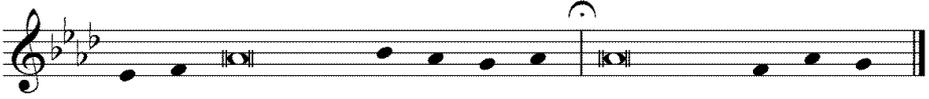
Sung by the assembly

Hail, gladden-ing Light, of his pure glo - ry poured
who is the immortal Fa - ther, hea-ven - ly blest,
ho - li - est of ho - lies, Je - sus Christ... our
Lord. Now we come to the sun's hour of rest,
the lights of eve - ning round us shine, we hymn the Fa - ther,
Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit di - vine.
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with un - de - fi - led tongue, Son of our God, giv-er of life, a -
lone: there-fore in all the world thy glo-ries, Lord, they own.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Psalm 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Sung by the assembly



I WILL exult you, **O** my God,*
and bless your name for **ever** and ever.

Every **day** will I bless you*
and praise your name for **ever** and ever.

You are great O God, and **greatly** to be praised;*
there is no end **to** your greatness.

One generation shall praise your **works** to another*
and shall de-**clare** your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendour **of** your majesty*
and all your **marvel**-lous works.

You open **wide** your hand*
and satisfy the needs of every **liv**-ing creature.

O God you are righteous **in** all your ways*
and loving in **all** your works.

You are near to those **who** call upon you,*
to all who call u-**pon** you faithfully.

You fulfill the desire of **those** who fear you,*
you hear their **cry** and help them.

You preserve **all** those who love you,*
but destroy **all** the wicked.

Glory to God, Source of all **being**, eternal **Word** and Holy Spirit
as it was in the **beginning**, is now and will be **forever**. Amen.

Word (*Philippians 1:1-11*)

Paul and Timothy, both of us committed servants of Christ Jesus, write this letter to all the followers of Jesus in Philippi, pastors and ministers included. We greet you with the grace and peace that comes from God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ.

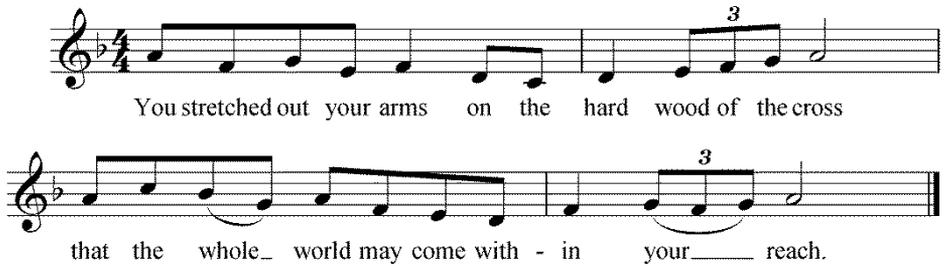
Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

It's not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece. All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God. He knows how much I love and miss you these days. Sometimes I think I feel as strongly about you as Christ does!

So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

The Responory

(antiphon sung by all)



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
that the whole world may come with - in your reach.

How splendid this cross of Christ! It brings life, not death
Light, not darkness, fulfillment, without loss
By means of the cross, Christ unites all people
and brings them back to God.

You stretched out your arms.....

Our mothers bear us for pain and for death,
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.
In the greatness of your mercy, we are loosed from our charins,
The sins of all people are forgiven.

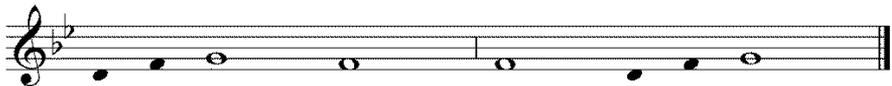
You stretched out your arms.....

You overcame the sting of death:
And opened the kingdom to all believers
and when you come in your glory,
Make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom.

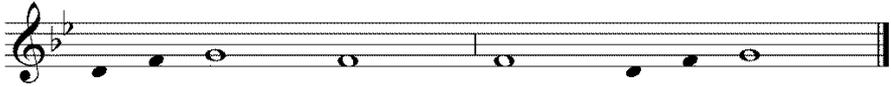
You stretched out your arms.....

The Song of Mary

(sung by all)



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour
For you Lord have looked with **favour**
on your **lowly** servant.



From this day all generations will called me **blesed**
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your **name**
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**
And lifting **up** the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good **things**
And sent the rich **away** empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**
To remember the **promise** of mercy
The promise you made to our **forebears**
To Abraham, Sarah and their **children** for ever.

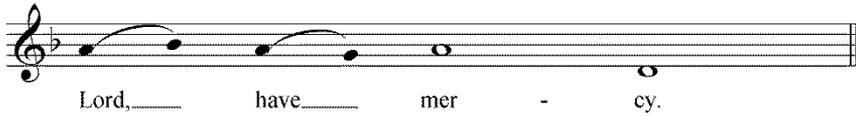
Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy Spirit**
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for **ever**. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
The lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
With all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: love your neighbour as yourself
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Litany

Response *(sung by the assembly)*



Lord, have mercy

Let us pray to our redeemer who suffered for us on the cross,
was buried, and rose from the dead.

Lord, have mercy

Lord and master, for us you became obedient even to death:
keep us faithful to God's will in the darkness of our lives.

Lord, have mercy

Jesus, our life,
by dying on the cross you destroyed hell and death

Lord, have mercy

Grant that we may die with you
and rise with you in glory

Lord, have mercy

Christ our king, you were the scorn of the people,
a worm not a man: teach us to tread your path of humility

Lord, have mercy

Jesus, our hope, you stretched out your hands on the cross
to embrace all ages of humanity:
gather all God's scattered children into the kingdom of salvation.

Lord, have mercy

Collect

God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, so that in life we may not stray from you but may be your people. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

(sung by all)



LORD, NOW you let your servant go **in** peace;*
your word has **been** fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of **ev'ry** people;

A light to reveal you to the **nations** *
and the glory of your **people** Israel.

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. **A-men.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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.

Hymn

TEXT: Chorale vers, Psalm 130, Martin Luther 1524. Translated Catherine Winkworth 1863
MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1524



From depths of woe I cry to Thee, Lord hear me I im -
But love and grace with Thee pre - vail O God our sins for -
My hope I rest then on the Lord and build not on my
plore thee. Bend down Thy gra - cious ear to
giv - ing; The best and ho - liest deeds must
mer - it; My heart shall trust God's gra - cious
me My pray'r let come be - fore thee. Lord, since Thy
fail of all on earth e'er liv - ing. Be - fore Thee
Word, God's good-ness stay my spi - rit. God's pre-cious
search - ing eye doth see All our sin and in -
none can boast - ing stand, but all must fear Thy
Word as - sur - eth me God will my Joy and
i - qui - ty, who Lord can stand be - fore Thee.
strict com-mand, and live a - lone by mer - cy.
Com-fort be; this is my firm re - li - ance.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May Christ who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy.
Amen.