

# EVENING WORSHIP - SUNDAYS @ 5

*Everything you need to participate fully in the service is found in this leaflet.  
Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.*

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 1, 2021**

## MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

## OPENING SENTENCES

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

- Psalm 51:1-2,11-13

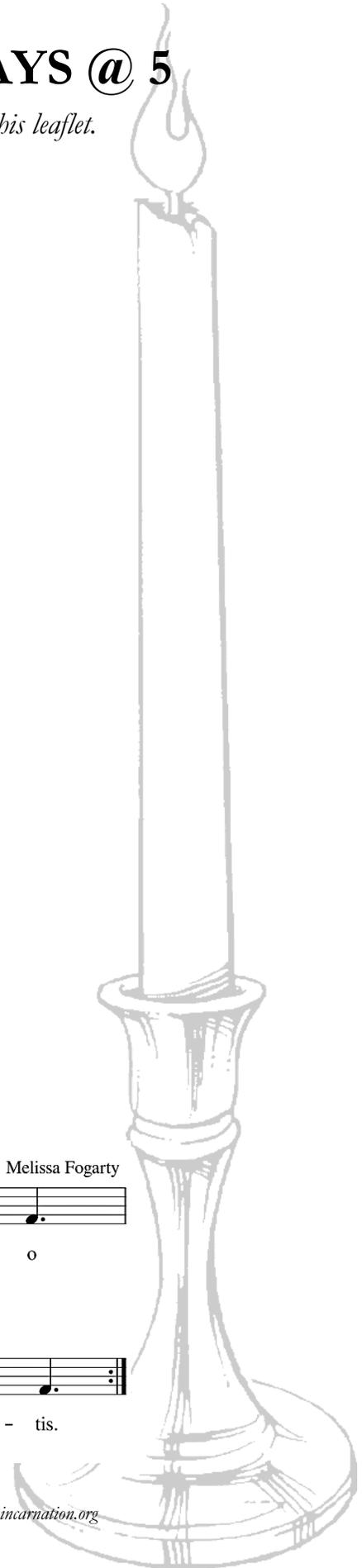
## PRAYER BELL

## ACCLAMATION

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Please mute your microphone, but do sing along!*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## READING

**2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a**

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

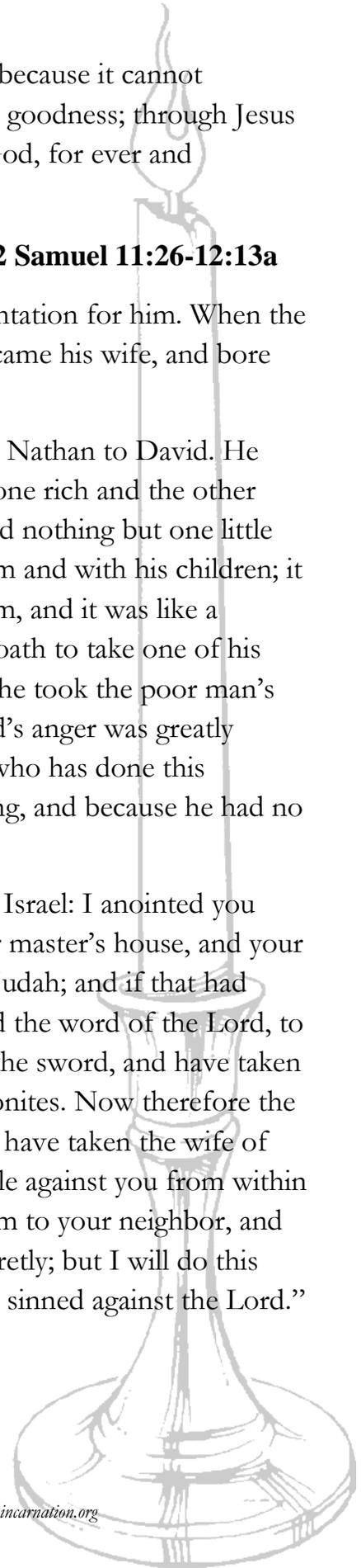
But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



*A period of silence follows the reading.*

## REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

**HYMN** *Please mute your microphone, but do sing along!*



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Officiant* Let us pray for the Church and the world.

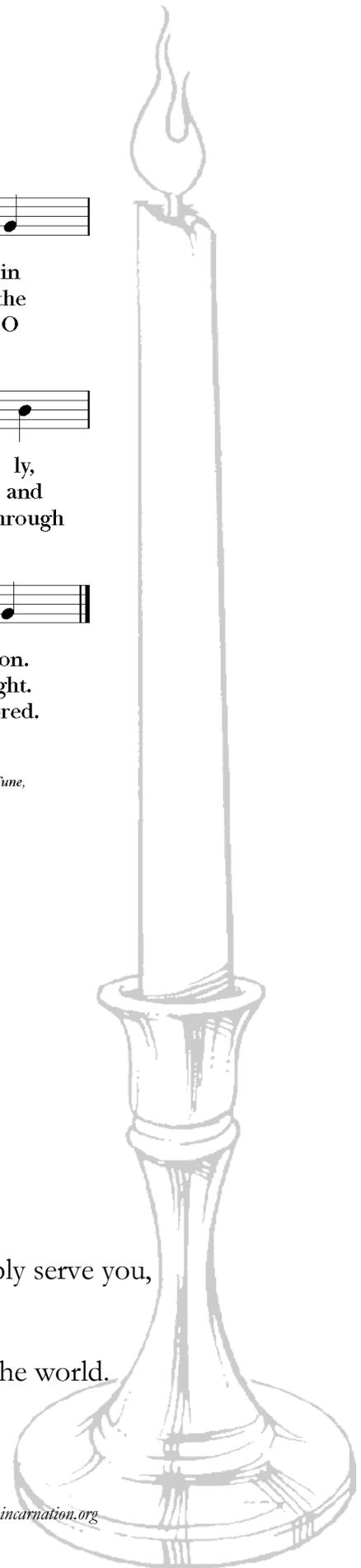
*Leader* Blessed are you eternal God,  
*People* **to be praised and glorified forever.**

*Leader* O Christ, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.  
*People* **May we all be one that the world may believe.**

*Leader* Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.  
*People* **Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,  
*People* **that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

*Leader* Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.  
*People* **Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**



*Leader* Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

*People* **Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

*Leader* Make us alive to the needs of our community.

*People* **Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

*Leader* Have compassion on Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Jim, Joan, Roger, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Rosalyn, Miriam, Holly, Juliana, Alysse, Lana, Jennifer, Marcey, Sarah, Susan, Marika, Ferrel, Laurie, Winifred, Sam, Elizabeth, Scott, Elisa, Jan, Ruth, Anne, Carol, Jacquelyn, Debra, Brian, Lorelai, Geoffrey, Robert, and all those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.

*People* **In your presence may they find strength.**

*Leader* We commend to your care all those who have died.

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* We pray in silence for our own needs...

*Leader* We repent in silence of our sins...

*Officiant* Praise to you, abundant God,

*All:* **for when we ask, you give;  
when we seek, you show the way.**

**When we knock, you answer.**

**Praise to you for your unfailing grace.**

**Make us your faithful people now and always.**

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Officiant* Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

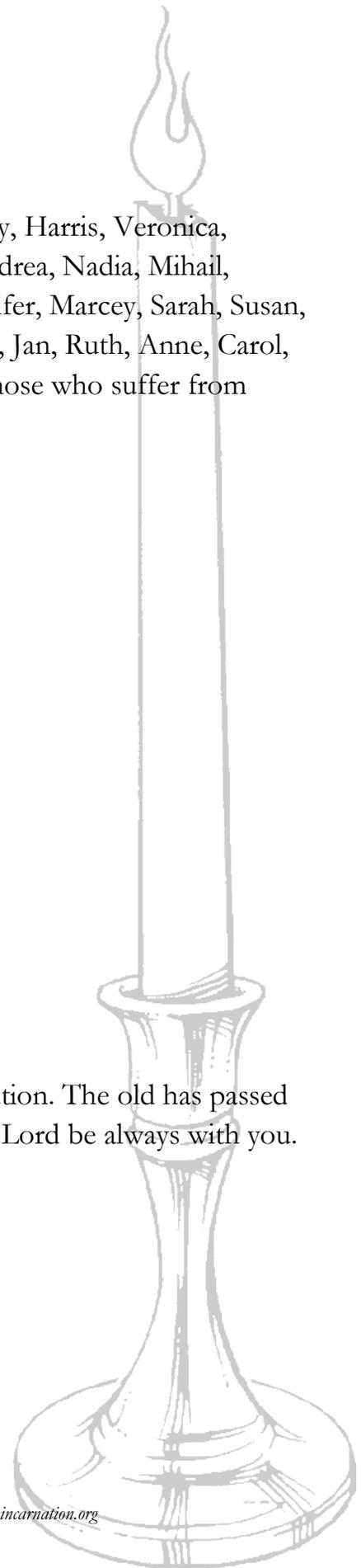
*People* **And also with you.**

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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.

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Officiant* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love, make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYER BELL**

*The sound of the prayer bell brings our Evening Worship to a close.  
You are invited to remain on Zoom for a brief time of fellowship.*

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