A Damien Novena Evening Prayer May 1 through May 9

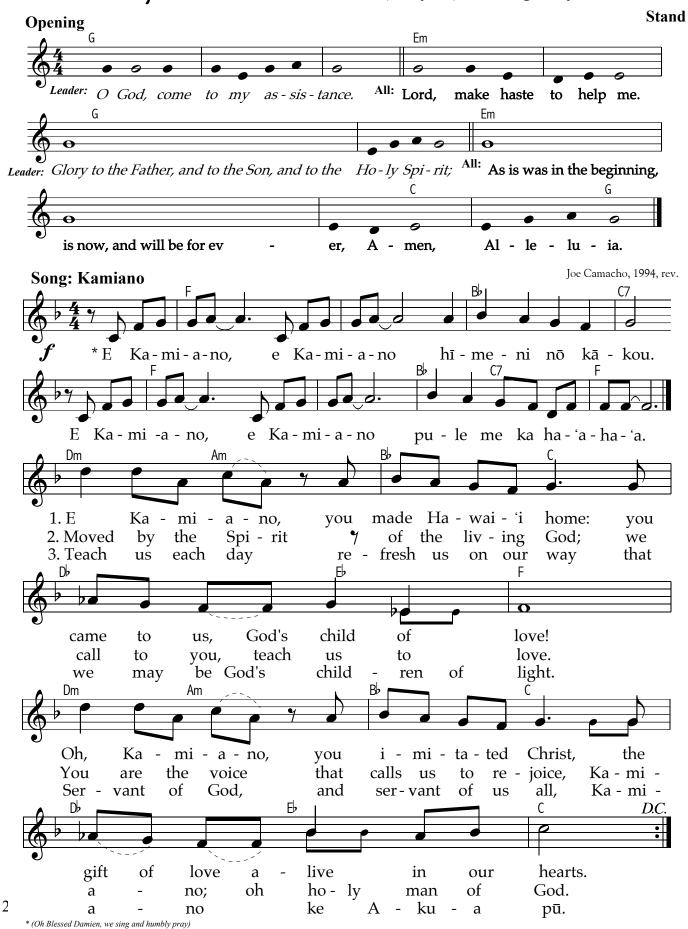


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Damien Stained Glass Window, Sacred Hearts Center, Kane'ohe

Saturday A Saint Damien Novena | Day 1 | Evening Prayer





Psalmist first, You show me the <u>road</u> to life: boundless joy at your side for ever, <u>hal</u> - le - lujah.

Left: Protect me, God, I turn to you for help. I profess, "You are my Lord, my greatest good."

Right: I once put faith in false gods, the idols <u>of</u> the land. Now I make no offering to them, nor invoke their names.

Left: Those who chase after them, add grief upon grief.

Right: Lord, you measure out my portion, the shape <u>of</u> my future; you mark off the best place for me to enjoy <u>my</u> inheritance.

Left: I bless God who teaches me, who schools my heart even at night. I am sure God is here, right beside me. I cannot be shaken.

Right: So my heart rejoices, my body thrills with life, my whole being rests secure.

Left: You will not abandon me to Sheol, nor send your faithful one to death.

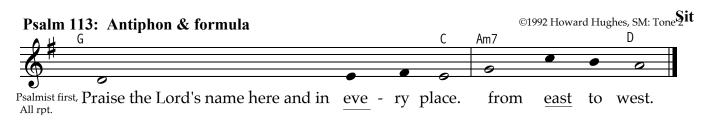
Right: You show me the <u>road</u> to life: boundless joy at your <u>side</u> for ever!

All: Glory, honor, and wor<u>ship</u> to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: You show me the <u>road</u> to life: boundless joy at your side for ever, <u>hal</u>lelujah.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Father, precious in your sight is the death of your saints, but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us. Accept our sacrifice of praise, so we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Left: Servants of God, praise; praise the name of the Lord. Bless the Lord's name now and always.

Right: Praise the Lord's name here and in every place, from east to west.

Left: The Lord towers <u>above</u> nations, God's glory shines o<u>ver</u> the heavens.

Right: Who compares to our God? Who is enthroned so high?

Left: The Lord bends down to see hea<u>ven</u> and earth, to raise the weak form the dust and lift the poor <u>from</u> the mire,

Right: To set them with princes, in the company of their leaders.

Left: The childless no longer alone, rejoice now in many children.

All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: Praise the Lord's name here and in every place, from east to west.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Lord Jesus, by surrendering the brightness of your glory you became man so that we may be raised from the dust to share your very being. May the many children of your Church offer you praise from east to west for all time. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

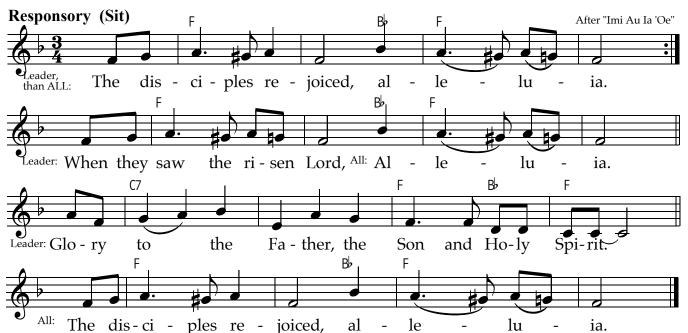
Reading (1 Peter 2: 9-10)

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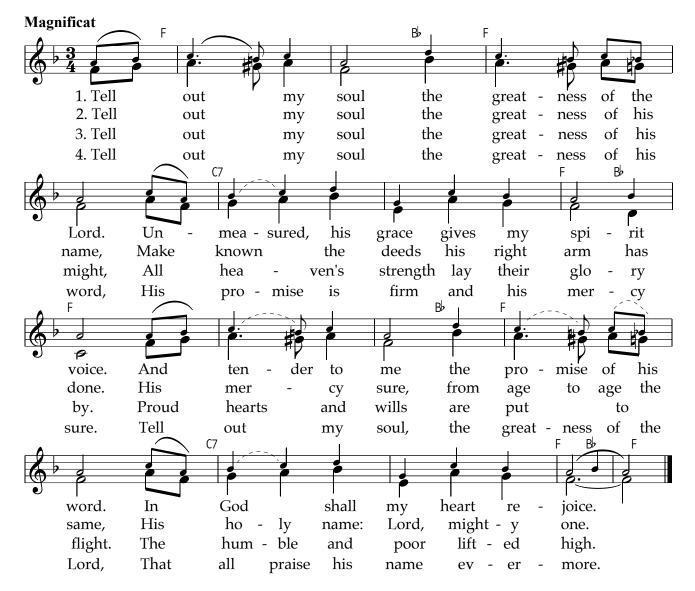
You are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works" of the One who called you from darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once there was no mercy for you, but now you have found mercy. *The word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading (from various letters by Damien to his family)

If I cannot cure them I shall be a consolation for them... Oh, if only you could hear the beautiful music in my church! At the high mass my children sing like consummate musicians... The cemetery, church, and presbytery form one enclosure; thus at night time I am the sole keeper of this garden of the dead. My greatest pleasure is to go there and say my beads and meditate on that unending happiness which so many of them are already enjoying.



Gospel Canticle; stand, all sign themselves (+) at the first words of the canticle



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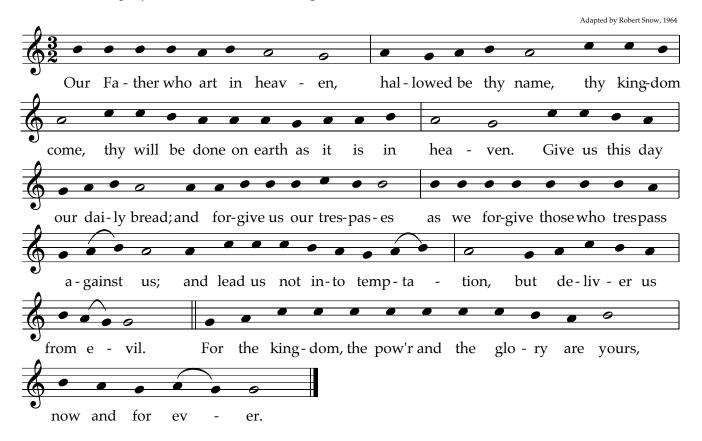
Leader: ♪ Righteous Father, you lifted Jesus above the earth through the triumph of the cross, may all things be lifted in him. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

You have brought a new family into being through water and the Holy Spirit, keep them faithful to their baptism and bring them to everlasting life. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Through your exalted Son help those in distress, free those in captivity, and heal the sick. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

You nourished our deceased brothers and sisters with the body and blood of the risen Christ, raise them up on the last day. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: ▶ *Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:*



Leader: I Let us pray. Father, help us to keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All (recited): Father of mercy, in Saint Damien you have given us a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned. Grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

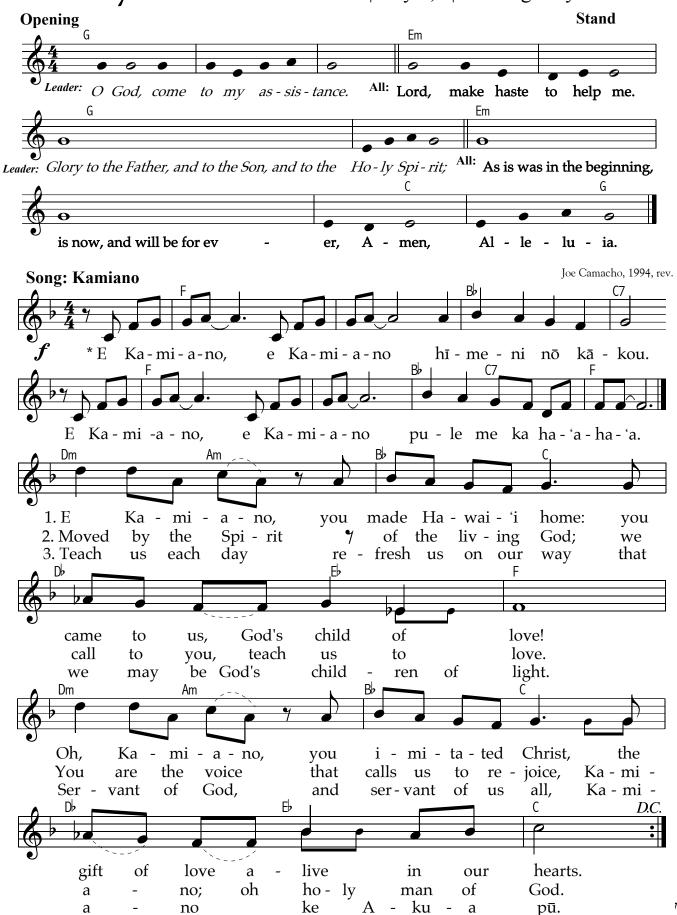
Leader: Let us bless the Lord. All: We give him thanks and praise.

Leader: May almighty God bless us; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All: (+) Amen.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All exchange a sign of peace with each other.)

Pau

Sunday A Saint Damien Novena | Day 2,9 | Evening Prayer



* (Oh Blessed Damien, we sing and humbly pray)

Psalm 110: Antiphon & formula



Psalmist first, The Lord decrees to the king: Take the throne at my right hand, hal-le-lujah. All rpt.

The Lord decrees to the king: "Take the throne at my right hand, Left: I will make your enemies a footrest.

Right: I will raise your scepter over Zion and beyond, over all your enemies.

Left: Your people stand behind you, on the day you take command.

Right: You are made holy, splendid, newborn like the dawn, fresh like the dew."

God's oath is firm: "You are a priest for ever, the rightful king by my decree." Left:

Right: The Lord stands at your side, to destroy kings on the day of wrath.

God executes judgment, crushes the <u>heads</u> of nations, and brings car<u>nage</u> worldwide. Left:

Right: The victor drinks from a wayside stream, and rises refreshed.

All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: The Lord decrees to the king: Take the throne at my right hand, <u>hallelujah</u>.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

\(\text{\(Leader\)}\) Let us pray. Father, we ask you to give us victory and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, we are already seated at your right hand. We look forward to praising you in the fellowship of the saints in our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Psalmist first, Who can for - get God's wonders, a God, merciful and kind! hal-le - lujah.

With my whole heart I praise the Lord among the just. Left: Great are God's works, a delight to explore.

Right: In splendor, in majesty, God's justice will stand.

Left: Who can forget God's wonders! a God, merciful and kind

Right: who nourished the faithful, upheld the covenant, and revealed mighty deeds, giving them the land of pagans. Left: Faithful, just, and true are all <u>God's</u> decrees: each law in its place, valid for ever.

Right: The Lord redeems the faithful, decrees a <u>lasting covenant</u>. Holy and awe<u>some</u> God's name!

Left: Fear of the Lord is wisdom's crown, wise are those who live by it. Praise the Lord for ever!

All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: Who can forget God's wonders, a God, merciful and kind! Hallelujah.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Merciful and kind Lord, you are the crowning glory of all the saints. Give us wisdom's crown, so that we may live your covenant and be redeemed by your awesome love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

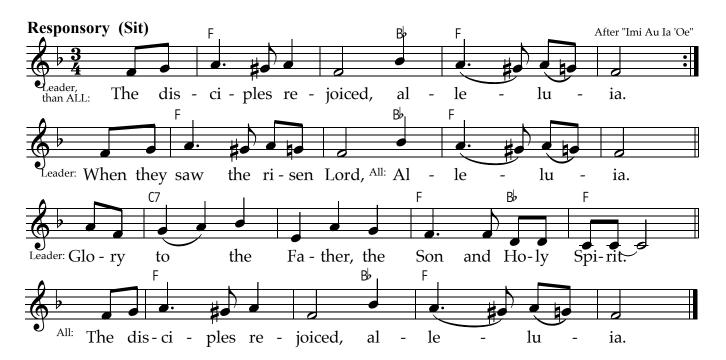
Reading (Hebrews 10: 12-14)

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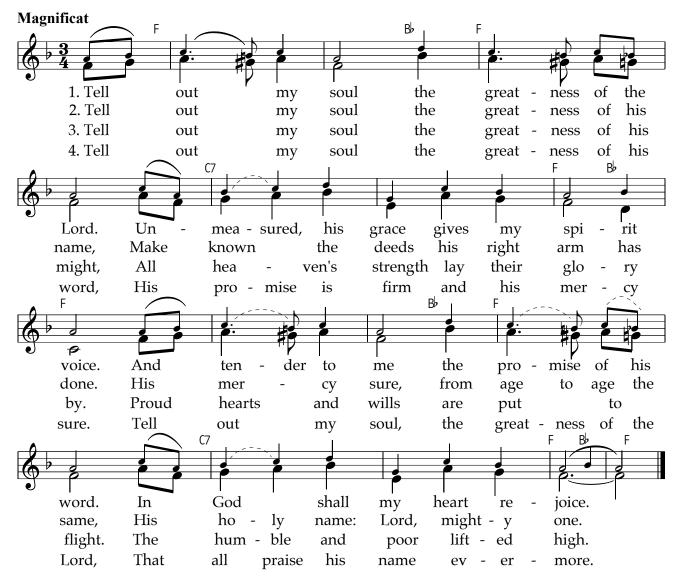
Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are placed beneath his feet. By one offering he has for ever perfected those who are being sanctified. *The word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading (From a letter of Damien to his brother Pamphile)

After what I have told you, you have an idea of the island of Hawai'i, oh which the master of the vineyard has sent me to work for the salvation of souls. I feel more tired on Sunday evening, the more I also feel happy, above all if some lost sheep has come back to the fold of the Lord. Pray that I give myself completely to God and devote myself to his service to my last breath. To have begun is nothing, the hard thing is to persevere. This is the work of God's grace, and will never fail me, I'm sure, as long as I do not resist it.



Gospel Canticle; stand, all sign themselves (+) at the first words of the canticle



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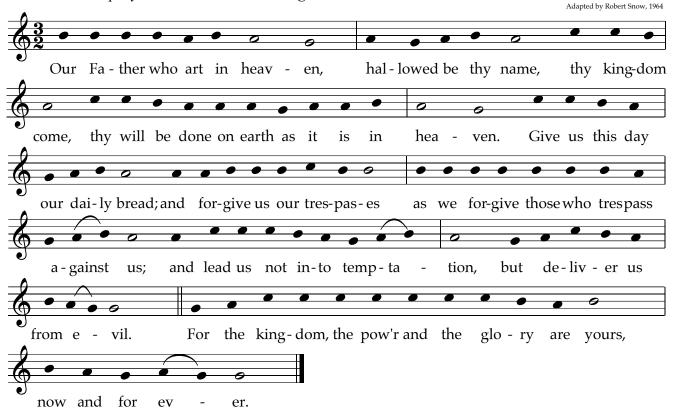
Leader: I Lord Jesus, you shepherd in glory, do counsel in wisdom our shepherds, and may the flock be led surely to salvation. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

You are exalted in heaven, rich in mercy, look with compassion on the poor and the needy of the earth. We pray to the Lord, hear our prayer.

You are our priest, offering praise to the Father in the Holy Spirit; unite us all in your sacrifice of praise. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

May the dead enter into the glorious freedom of God's children, and the fullness of redemption for their bodies. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: ▶ Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:



Leader: Delt us pray. Father, help us to keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All (recited): Father of mercy, in Saint Damien you have given us a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned. Grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

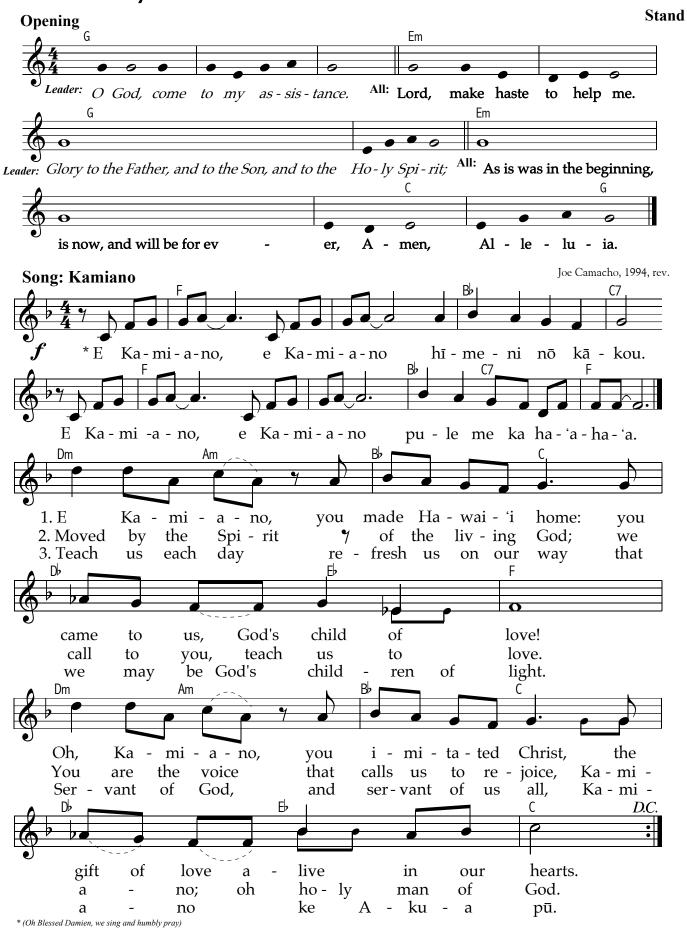
Leader: Let us bless the Lord. All: We give him thanks and praise.

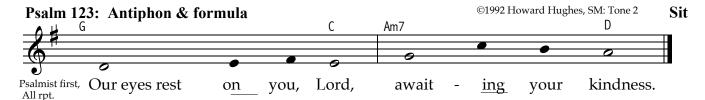
Leader: May almighty God bless us; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All: (♣) Amen.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All exchange a sign of peace with each other.)

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Monday A Saint Damien Novena | Day 3 | Evening Prayer





Left: I gaze at the heavens, searching for you, my God.

Right: A slave watches his <u>mas</u>ter's hand, a servant girl, the hand <u>of</u> her mistress;

Left: so our eyes rest on you, Lord, awaiting your kindness.

Right: Have mercy, <u>Lord</u>, have mercy. We have swallowed enough scorn, stomached <u>en</u>ough sneers:

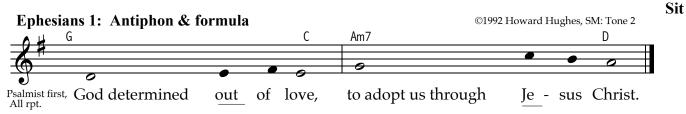
Left: the scoffing of the complacent, the mockery of the proud.

All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: Our eyes rest <u>on</u> you, Lord, await<u>ing</u> your kindness.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Father in heaven, we gaze and search for you. Shield us from the complacent and the proud, and show us your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Left: Bless God, the Father of our Lord <u>Jes</u>us Christ, who blessed us from heaven through Christ with every blessing <u>of</u> the Spirit.

Right: Before laying the <u>world's</u> foundation, God chose us in Christ to live a pure and <u>ho</u>ly life.

Left: God determined <u>out</u> of love to adopt us through <u>Jes</u>us Christ

Right: for the praise and glory of that grace granted us in the Beloved.

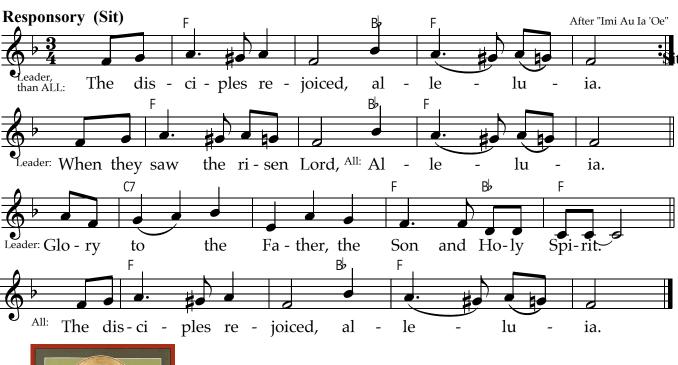
All: Glory, honor, and wor<u>ship</u> to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forev<u>er</u>. Amen!

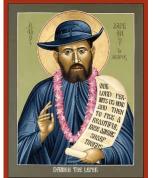
All: God determined <u>out</u> of love, to adopt us through <u>Jesus Christ.</u> (Remain seated)

Do not, my brother and sisters, speak ill of one another. The one who speaks ill of another or judges another is speaking against the law. It is the law he judges. If, however, you judge the law, you are no observer of the law; you are its judge. There is but one Lawgiver and Judge, one who can save and destroy. Who, then, are you to judge your neighbor? *The word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God.**

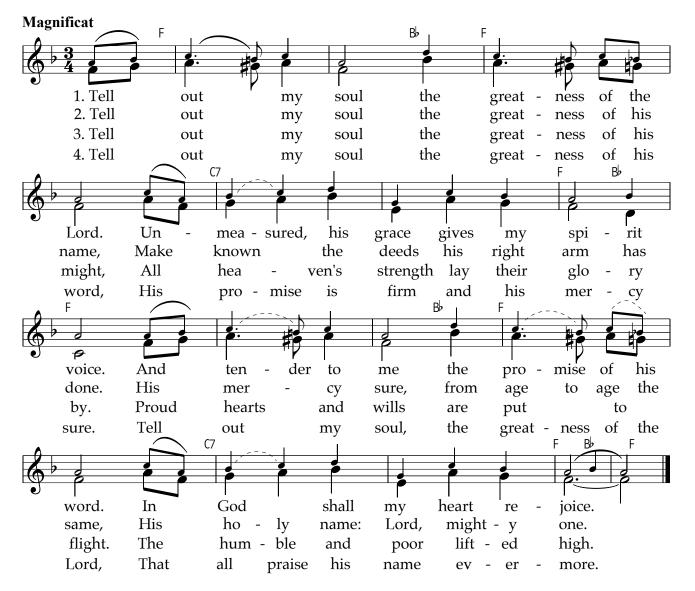
Reading (Comments about Damien, from Dr. Mouritz, a contemporary)

Fr. Damien took no precaution whatever. In the kindness of his nature, he never forbade lepers entering his house; they had access to it anytime, night or day. I named his house "Kalawao Family Hotel and Lepers' Rest"; free beds, free board for the needy; this designation I believe could not be improved on, it exactly fitted the daily prevailing condition.





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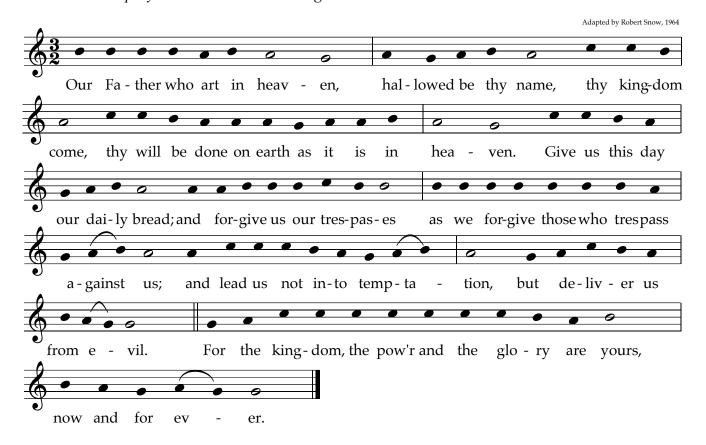
Leader: ▶ Father, you filled the apostles and the whole Church with the consolation of the Holy Spirit, send us your consoling Spirit always. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant that the poor and the rich meet in friendship, for you are God of both. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Send forth your Spirit, gentlest of consolers, to wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Purify the souls of the departed, and receive them into the company of your saints and chosen ones in heaven. We pray to the Lord, All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: ▶ Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:



Leader: Det us pray. Lord, send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us that we may remain faithful and do your will in our daily lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All (recited): Father of mercy, in Saint Damien you have given us a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned. Grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

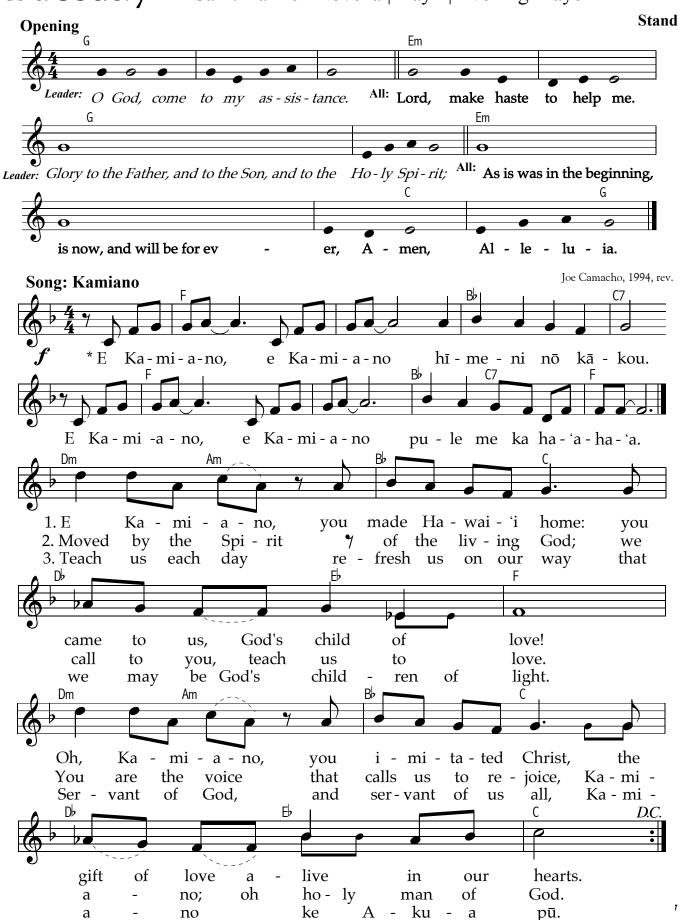
Leader: Let us bless the Lord. All: We give him thanks and praise.

Leader: May almighty God bless us; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All: (+) Amen.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All exchange a sign of peace with each other.)

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Tuesday A Saint Damien Novena | Day 4 | Evening Prayer



* (Oh Blessed Damien, we sing and humbly pray)



Psalmist first, As mountains cir - <u>cle</u> Je - rusalem, Lord, em - <u>brace</u> your people.

Left: Those who trust the Lord stand <u>firm</u> as Zion, so<u>lid</u> and strong.

Right: As mountains cir<u>cle</u> Jerusalem, Lord, you embrace your people now <u>and</u> for ever.

Left: Keep the rule of the wicked far from the land of the just, or the just may turn to evil.

Right: Lord, show your goodness to those who do good, whose hearts are true.

Left: Away with the devious, banish them with the wicked! Give Israel peace!

All: Glory, honor, and wor<u>ship</u> to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: As mountains circle Jerusalem, Lord, you embrace your people.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Encircle and embrace your people, Lord, within the safety of the Church. May we not turn towards evil, but deliver us and bring us to the land of the just where all hearts are true. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 131: Antiphon & formula

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Psalmist first, My whole being is at rest in you, my God.

Left: Lord, I am not proud, holding my head too high, reaching beyond my grasp.

Right: No, I am calm and tranquil,

like a weaned child resting in its mother's arms: my whole being at rest.

Left: Let Israel rest in the Lord, now and for ever.

All: Glory, honor, and wor<u>ship</u> to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: My whole being, is at rest in you, my God.

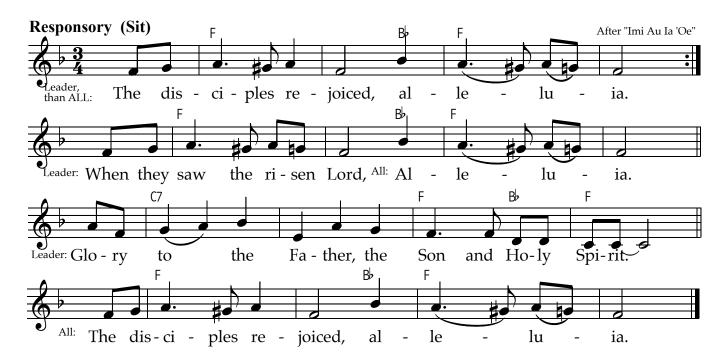
(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you promised your kingdom to those who are like children. Keep us calm and tranquil, and may your love for us be rich and intimate. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in speech. He who searches hearts knows what the Spirit means, for the Spirit intercedes for the saints as God himself wills. *The word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

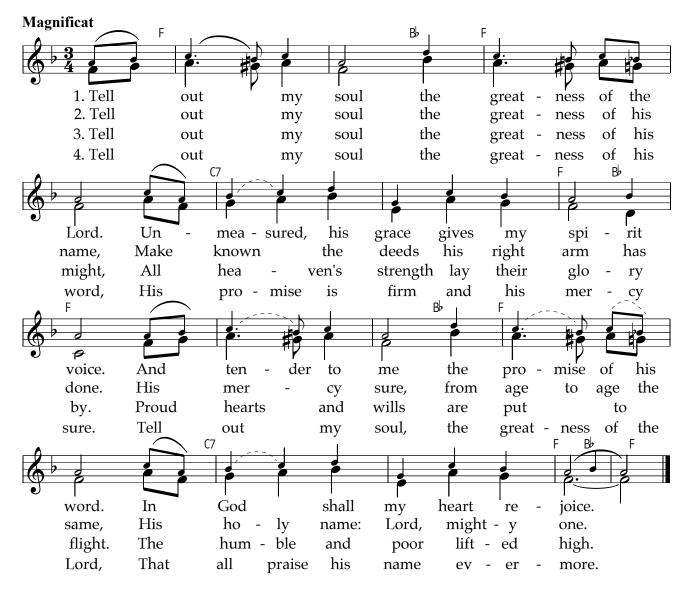
Reading (from various sources of Damien quotes)

The will of God is that I quit the world to embrace religious life. Divine providence wills it. It is God who calls me and I must obey him. We ought to choose the state to which God has predestined us in order to be happy eternally. My greatest happiness is to serve the Lord in his poor and ill children. I would not want to be healed, if leaving the island and abandoning my work were to be the price. Here I am, a priest, here I am a missionary. I am the happiest missionary in the world.





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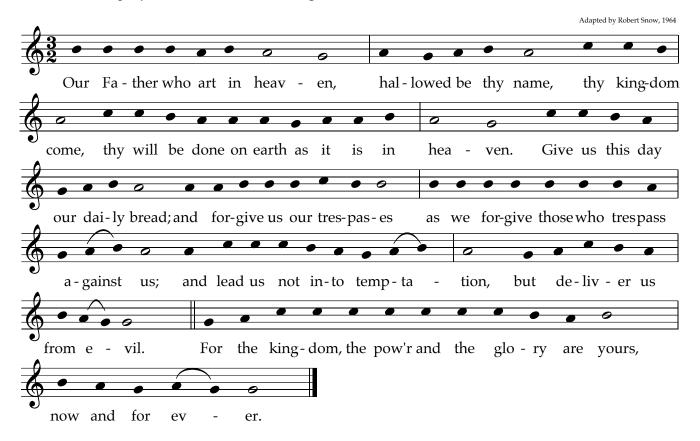
Leader: ♪ Lord Jesus, from your wounded side flowed blood and water, make the Church your spotless bride. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

You showed your disciples how to make a great catch of fish, send others to continue their work as fishers of men. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

At the lakeside you prepared bread and fish for your disciples, grant that we may never allow others to die of hunger. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, the new Adam and life-giving spirit, transform the dead into your own likeness, that the fullness of your joy may be theirs. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: ▶ Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:



Leader: A Let us pray. God our Father, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our youth. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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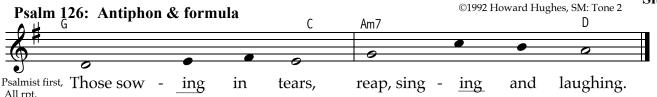
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All exchange a sign of peace with each other.)

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Wednesday A Saint Damien Novena | Day 5 | Evening Prayer







Left: The Lord brings us back to Zion, we <u>are</u> like dreamers, laughing, dancing, with songs <u>on</u> our lips.

Right: Other nations say, "A new world of wonders! The Lord <u>is</u> with them." Yes, God works wonders. Rejoice! Be glad!

Left: Lord, bring us back as water to thirsty land. Those sowing in tears reap, singing and laughing.

Right: They left weeping, weeping, casting the seed.

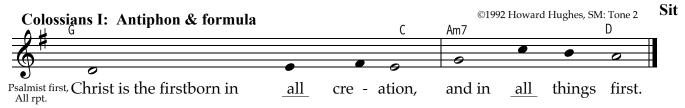
They come back singing, singing, holding high the harvest.

All: Glory, honor, and wor<u>ship</u> to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forev<u>er</u>. Amen!

All: Those sowing in tears, reap, singing and laughing.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Lord, you revived us and brought us back to your land of joy and wonder. May we cast everywhere the seed of your goodness and hold high the harvest of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Left: Give thanks to the Father, who made us fit for the holy community of light and rescued us from darkness,

Right: bringing us into the realm of his beloved Son, who redeemed us, forgiving our sins.

Left: Christ is an image of the God we <u>can</u>not see. Christ is firstborn in <u>all</u> creation.

Right: Through Christ the universe was made, things seen and unseen, thrones, authorities, <u>for</u>ces, powers.

Left: Everything was created, through Christ and for Christ.

Right: Before anything came to be, Christ was, and the universe is held together by Christ.

Left: Christ is also head of the body, the church, its beginning as firstborn from the dead to become in all things first.

Right: For by God's good pleasure Christ encompasses the full measure of power, reconciling creation with its source and making peace by the blood of the cross.

All: Glory, honor, and wor<u>ship</u> to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forev<u>er</u>. Amen!

All: Christ is the firstborn in <u>all</u> creation, and in <u>all</u> things first.

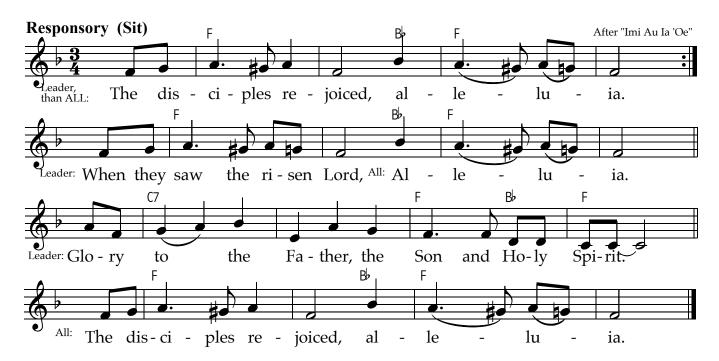
Reading (1 Corinthians 2: 9b-10)

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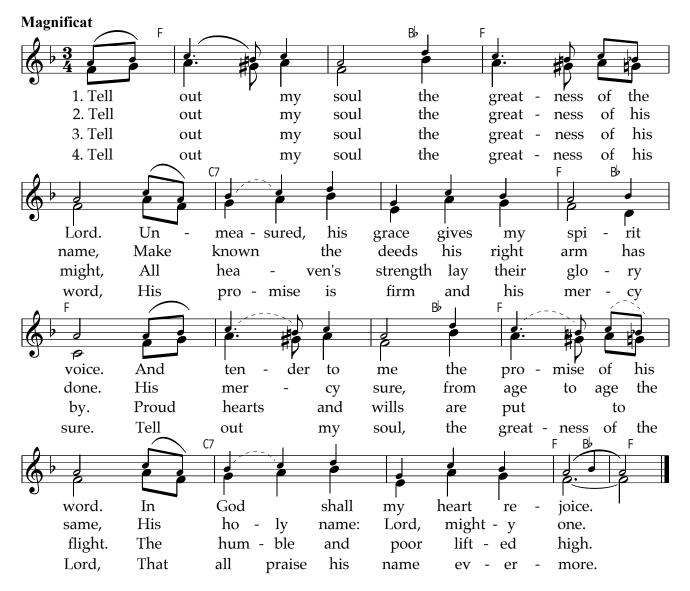
Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love him. Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit. The Spirit scrutinizes all matters, even the deep things of God. *The word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading (from various Damien quotations)

It is with tears that I sow the good seed. From morning to night I am in the midst of moral and physical miseries that break my heart. However, I always try to appear happy in order to keep up my poor lepers' courage. As for me, I make myself a leper with the lepers, to gain all to Jesus Christ. As for the good that results from my external occupations for the salvation of souls, it's up to God, the master of the vineyard, to give the increase. The missionary is only a worker who plants and waters. Sometimes, something comes up, sometimes it doesn't. But all I know is, if you don't plant, nothing comes up.



Gospel Canticle; stand, all sign themselves (+) at the first words of the canticle



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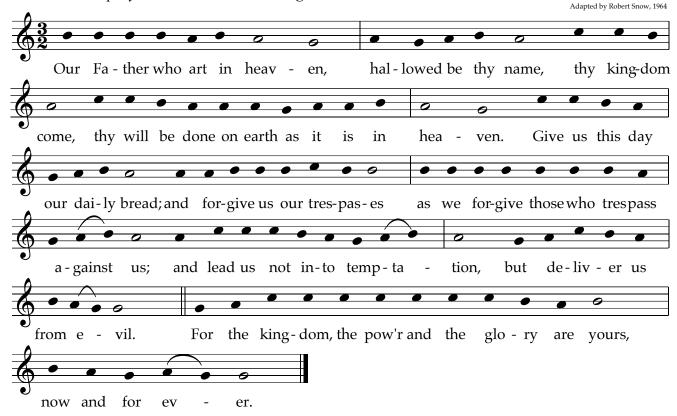
Intercessions:

Leader: Almighty Father, you raised Christ to glory in heaven; may all recognize his presence in the Church. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Send your spirit into the hearts of your faithful people, and renew life over the face of the earth. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend the sick, the alienated, the lonely and those who have recently died to your care, strengthen our hope in the resurrection. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: I Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:



Leader: ♪ Let us pray. God of mercy, unite your Church in the Holy Spirit that we may serve you with all our hearts and work together with unselfish love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All (recited): Father of mercy, in Saint Damien you have given us a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned. Grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

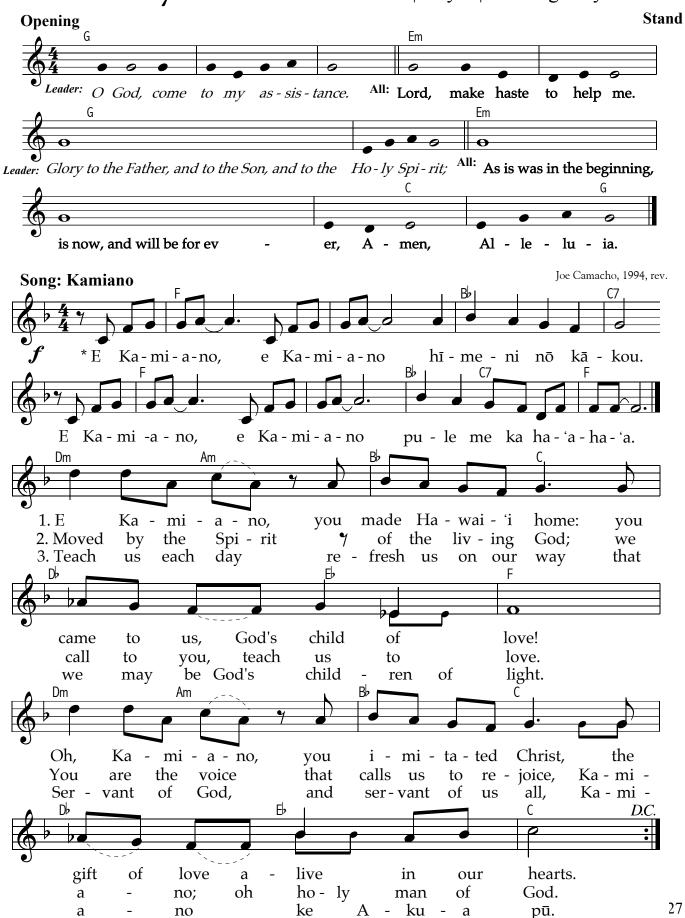
Leader: Let us bless the Lord. All: We give him thanks and praise.

Leader: May almighty God bless us; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All: (+) Amen.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All exchange a sign of peace with each other.)

Pau

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* (Oh Blessed Damien, we sing and humbly pray)



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Psalmist first, You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what Ι com - mand you.

Shout joy to the Lord, all earth, Left:

serve the Lord with gladness, enter God's presence with joy!

Right: Know that the Lord is God,

our maker to whom we belong, our shepherd, and we the flock.

Enter the temple gates, the courtyard with thanks and praise; Left:

give thanks and bless God's name.

Right: Indeed the Lord is good!

God's love is for ever, faithful from age to age.

Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the Holy Spirit. All:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what I command.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♪ (Leader) We enter, O Lord, into your heavenly courts and praise and thank you constantly. May we always rejoice in your commands, and be enriched by your all-encompassing love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Revelation 11: Antiphon & formula

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Psalmist first, God has given Christ all glory, hon or and praise; every na - tion shall serve him. All rpt.

We thank you, Lord, God and ruler of all, who is and who was. Left:

You have claimed your power and begun to reign.

Right: When the nations raged your anger stirred. Then was the moment to judge the dead,

to reward your servants, the prophets, to honor your holy ones Left:

who honored your name, small and great alike.

Right: Now is salvation, the power and reign of God; the Christ holds command.

Left: For the one who accused saints day and night before God, has now been driven out.

Right: They won the battle by the blood of the Lamb.

and by the power of their witness despite the threat of death. Citizens of heaven, rejoice.

All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: God has given Christ all glory, honor and praise,

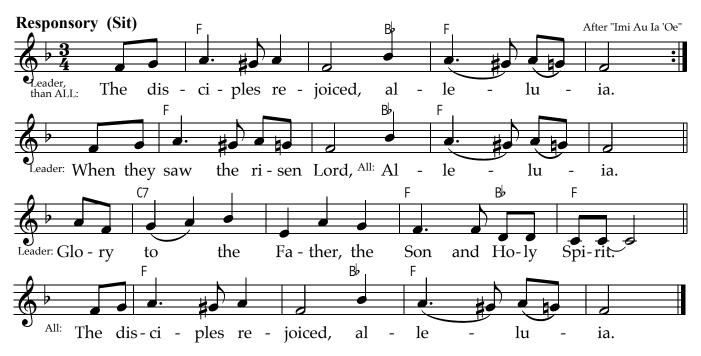
every nation shall serve him.

(Remain seated)

Let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received. The one who speaks is to deliver God's message. The one who serves is to do it with the strength provided by God. Thus, in all of you God is to be glorified through Jesus Christ. *The word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God.**

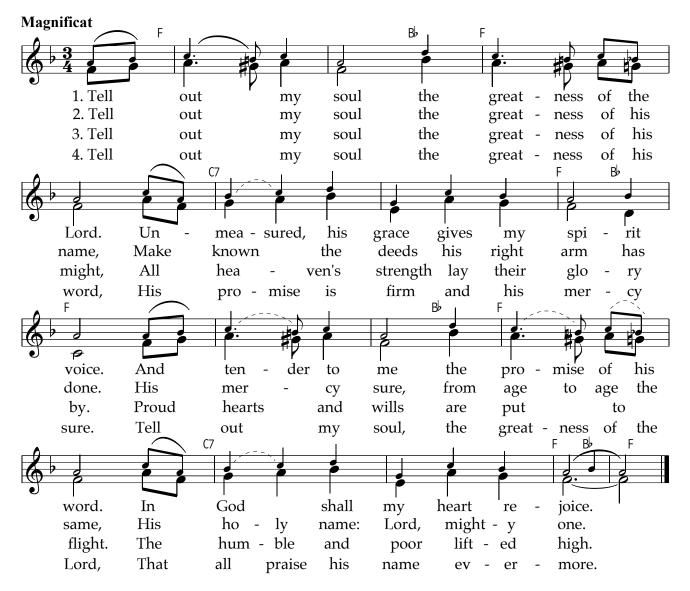
Reading (from Damien's correspondence to his brothers)

Our poor islanders are very happy when they see me coming. And I, for my part, love them very much. I would gladly give my life for them as our Savior did. I don't spare myself when it is a question of going seven or eight miles to visit the sick. I love my Hawaiians very much and I'm doing all I can for them. And they in turn love me as children love their parents. I hope this mutual affection will bring about their conversion. If they love their priest, they will easily love our Lord, since the priest is his minister.





Gospel Canticle; stand, all sign themselves (+) at the first words of the canticle



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Intercessions:

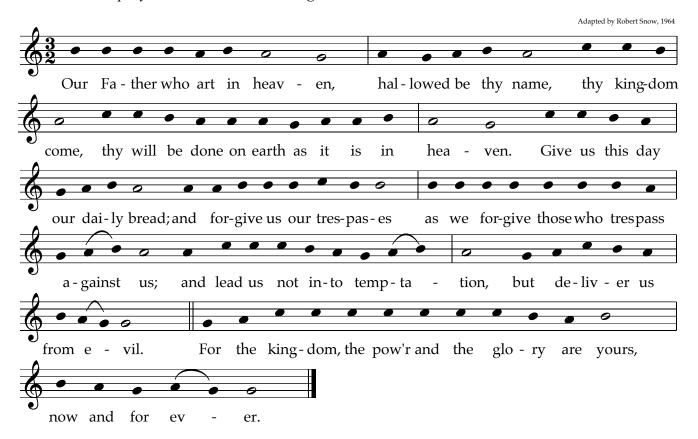
Leader:
▶ Lord, send into the Church the Spirit of unity, and remove all dissension, hatred and division.

We pray to the Lord, hear our prayer.

You freed those possessed by the devil, free now our world from all the evils that inflict it. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

May your Spirit guide all those in authority, so that the common good may be sought. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal the sick, restore sight to the blind, and raise the dead to new life, so that the glory of your kingdom be known to all. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Leader:

Let us pray. Father, let your Spirit come upon us with power to fill us with his gifts. May he make our hearts pleasing to you, and ready to do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All (recited): Father of mercy, in Saint Damien you have given us a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned. Grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

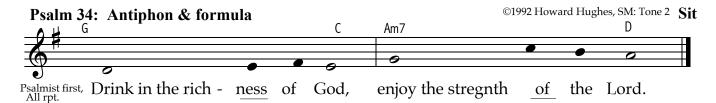
Leader: Let us bless the Lord. All: We give him thanks and praise.

Leader: May almighty God bless us; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All: (+) Amen.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All exchange a sign of peace with each other.) Pau

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Left: I will never stop thanking God, with constant <u>words</u> of praise. My soul will boast of God; the poor will hear me <u>and</u> be glad.

Right: Join me in praising the Lord, together tell of God's name.

I asked and the Lord responded, freed me from all my fears.

Left: Turn to God, be bright with joy; you shall never <u>be</u> let down. I begged and God heard, took my bur<u>dens</u> from me.

Right: God's angel defends the faithful, guards them on <u>every</u> side. Drink in the richness of God, enjoy the strength <u>of</u> the Lord.

Left: God confronts the wicked to blot them <u>out</u> for ever, but turns toward the just to hear their <u>cry</u> for help.

Right: The troubled call out; God hears, saves them from <u>all</u> distress. God stays near broken hearts, heals the woun<u>ded</u> spirit.

Left: The good endure great trials, but God comes <u>to</u> their rescue and guards their every bone so not <u>one</u> is broken.

Right: Evil kills its own kind, dooms the wicked to death.

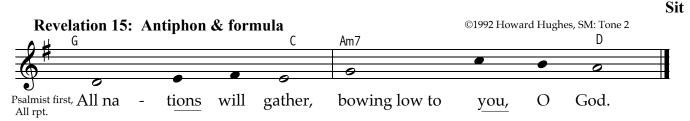
God saves those who keep faith; no trusting soul is doomed.

All: Glory, honor, and wor<u>ship</u> to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forev<u>er</u>. Amen!

All: Drink in the richness of God, enjoy the strength of the Lord.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Lord, no one who trusts in you shall be doomed. You answer those in distress who call upon you, and heal the wounded soul. Continue to guard us, so that we can worship without fear and boldly love as we are loved by you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Left: All you do stirs wonder, Lord, <u>mighty</u> God. Your ways are right and true, ruler <u>of</u> all nations.

Right: Who would not be moved to glorify your name?

For you a<u>lone</u> are holy.

Left: All nations will gather, bowing <u>low</u> to you, for your saving works are <u>plainly</u> seen

All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: All nations will gather, bowing low to you, O God.

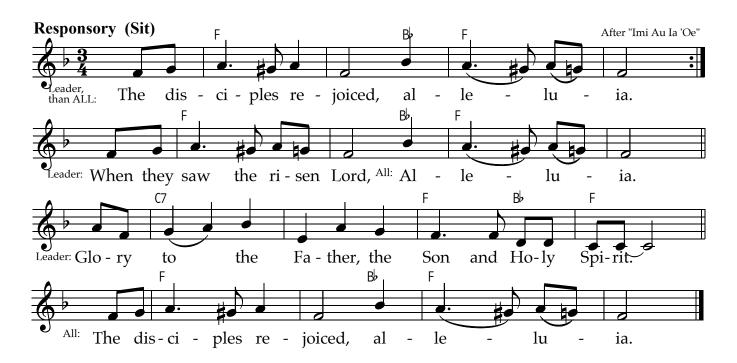
Reading (Romans 8:26-27)

Sit

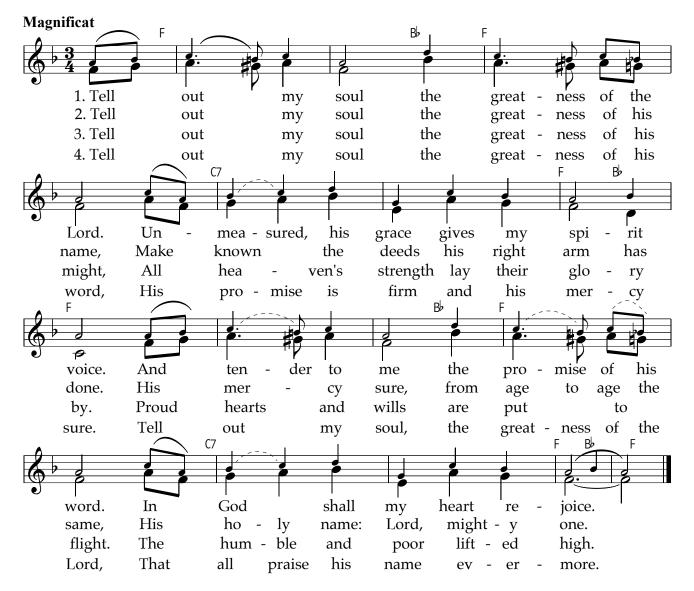
Live in accord with the spirit and you will not yield to the cravings of the flesh. The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness and chastity. Since we live by the spirit, let us follow the Spirit's lead.. *The word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading (from Damien's correspondence)

The measure of our zeal should be that of Jesus Christ. My greatest happiness is to serve the Lord in his poor and ill children. How happy I am to give everything, to die poor, and I no longer have anything of my own. Without the constant presence of our divine master, I would never be able to cast my lot with the lepers. I am always happy and content, and although quite sick, I desire nothing but to do the holy will of the good God....For I feel sure that it is his holy will that I die in the same way and of the same disease as my flock. I try to make my way of the cross gently, and I hope to soon arrive at the summit of my Golgotha.



Gospel Canticle; stand, all sign themselves (+) at the first words of the canticle



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Intercessions:

Leader: DLord, you washed away our sins in your blood, make us always remember your wonderful works. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

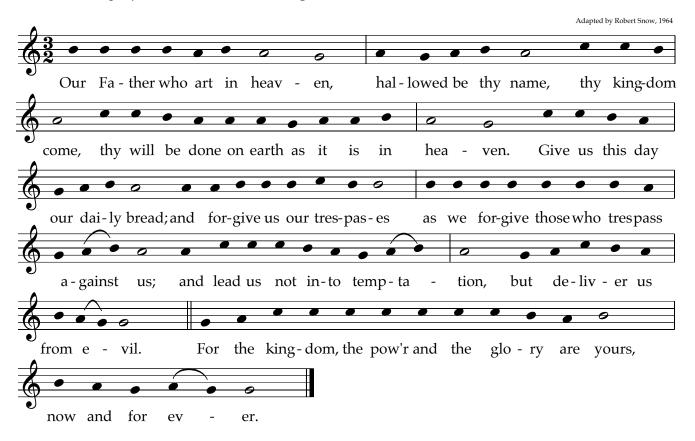
You called forth Saint Damien to herald your good news, make us also strong messengers of your kingdom. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit on the leaders of the world, that they may turn their eyes towards the poor and suffering. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect and defend those who are discriminated against in any way, that they be given the rights and dignity which are theirs. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

May all who died in your love share your happiness, with Mary, our mother, Saint Damien, and all your holy ones. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: ▶ Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:



Leader:

Let us pray. Father, in glorifying Christ and sending us your Spirit, you open the way to eternal life. May our sharing in this gift increase our love and make our faith grow stronger. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All (recited): Father of mercy, in Saint Damien you have given us a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned. Grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. All: We give him thanks and praise.

Leader: May almighty God bless us; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All: (+) Amen.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace. (All exchange a sign of peace with each other.)

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Left: With joy I heard them say, "Let us go to the <u>Lord's</u> house!"

And now, Jerusalem, we stand inside your gates.

Right: Jerusalem, the city so built that city and tem<u>ple</u> are one.

To you the tribes go up, every tribe of the Lord.

Left: It is the law of Israel to honor God's name.

The seats of law are here, the thrones of <u>Da</u>vid's line.

Right: Pray peace for Jerusalem, happiness for your homes,

safety inside your walls, peace in your great houses.

Left: For love of my family and friends, I say "Peace be with you!"

Right: For love of the <u>Lord's</u> own house I pray <u>for</u> your good.

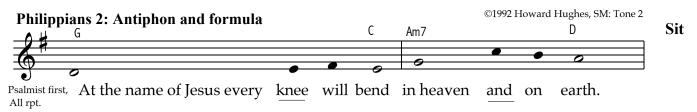
All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

All: With joy I <u>heard</u> them say, Let us go to the <u>Lord's</u> house.

(meditative silence) then stand for prayer

♦ (Leader) Let us pray. Father, when you raised Jesus from the dead, you formed the Church into Christ's new body, a new Jerusalem, united in your Spirit. Grant us peace in our day. May all the nations come to your Church to share your gifts in fellowship with ceaseless thanksgiving in your eternal city. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Left: Though in the form of God, Jesus did not claim equality with God but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, human like <u>one</u> of us.

Right: Flesh and blood he humbled himself, obeying to the death, death on a cross.

Left: For this very reason God lifted him high, and gave him the name above all names.

All: So at that the name of Jesus every <u>knee</u> will bend, in heaven, on earth, and in the <u>world</u> below. and every tongue exclaim to the glory of <u>God</u> the Father, "Jesus <u>Christ</u> is Lord!"

All: Glory, honor, and worship to You, to Christ and to the <u>Ho</u>ly Spirit, As it was in <u>the</u> beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

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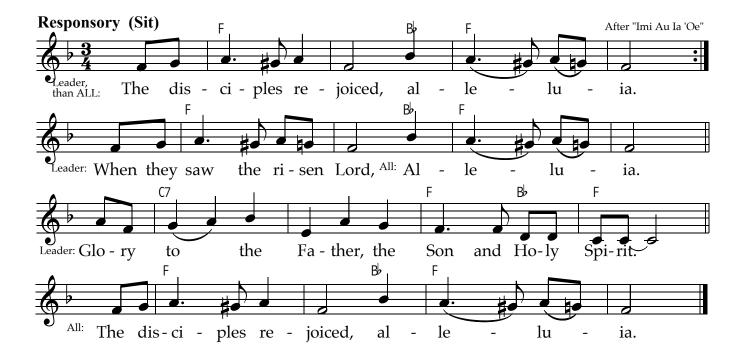
Reading (2 Peter 1: 19-21)

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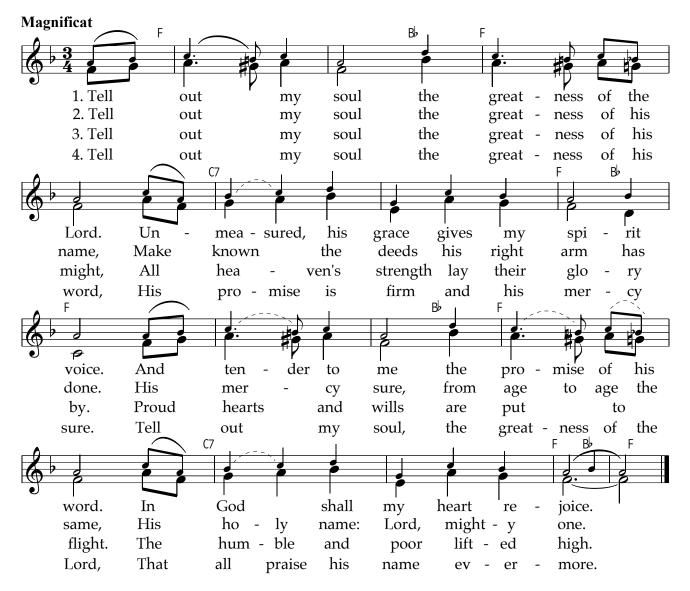
We possess the prophetic message as something altogether reliable. Keep your attention closely fixed on it, as you would on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear and the morning star rises in your hearts. First you must understand this: there is no prophecy contained in Scripture which is a personal interpretation. Prophecy has never been put forward by man's willing it. It is rather that those who are impelled by the Holy Spirit have spoken under God's influence. *The word of the Lord*. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading (from a letter by Damien to his parents)

Ask the good God for me daily that I might always persevere, that I might be a good missionary and after working for a long time in the vineyard of the Lord, I can go in your company to contemplate the good God for ever. Meditating often on the shortness of life and the length of eternity, this is the thought which attaches me more and more to the service of God; knowing well that man doesn't know how to find true happiness if not serving God during the short time of his life. Let us work together to possess eternal life in the next world.



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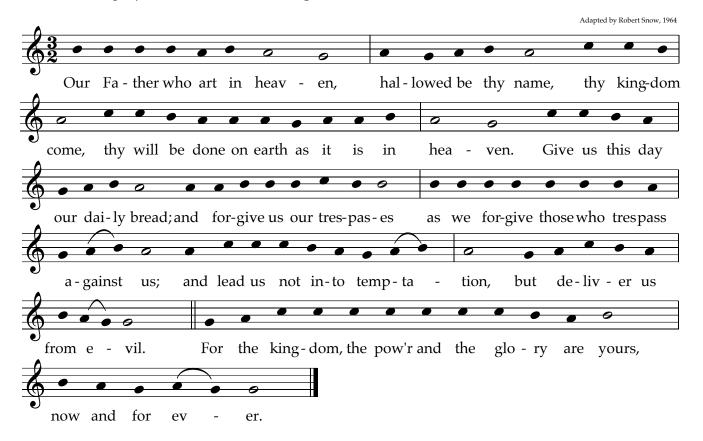
Leader: ♪ Righteous Father, you lifted Jesus above the earth through the triumph of the cross, may all things be lifted in him. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

You have brought a new family into being through water and the Holy Spirit, keep them faithful to their baptism and bring them to everlasting life. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Through your exalted Son help those in distress, free those in captivity, and heal the sick. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

You nourished our deceased brothers and sisters with the body and blood of the risen Christ, raise them up on the last day. We pray to the Lord. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: ▶ *Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:*



Leader: Det us pray. Father, help us to keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask this through Christ our Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All (recited): Father of mercy, in Saint Damien you have given us a shining witness of love for the poorest and most abandoned. Grant that, by his intercession, as faithful witnesses of your Son Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected. We ask this through Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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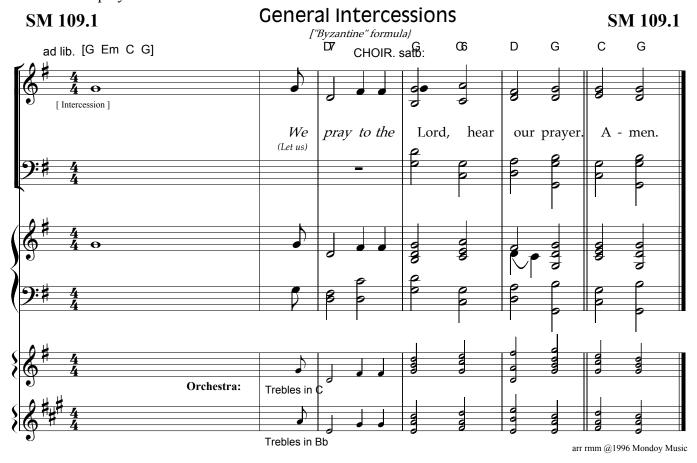
Optional Opening Hymn alternate:



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For the Guitar players:



Optional final hymn: (Damien himself would have sung this every evening during Easter Season)

Regina Caeli



Re-gi-na cae-li, lae-ta-re, al-le-lu ia, Qui-a quem me ru-i-sti por-ta-re, al-le-lu-ia.



Re-sur-re xit si cut di-xit, al-le-lu-ia. O-ra pro no-bis De-um, al-le-lu-ia.

O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia,

For he whom you have humbly born for us, alleluia,

Has arisen, as he promised, alleuia, Of

Offer now our prayer to God, alleluia