

Advent Midweek Service

December 13, 2023

Service of Evening Prayer/Compline

"In Nomine Iesu"

Welcome to
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Songs of Advent

Advent #2

Mary's Song: Amazing Love

*The offering for tonight's service will be collected
as you enter/leave the sanctuary.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

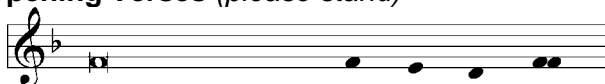
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn

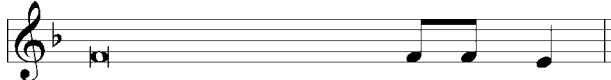
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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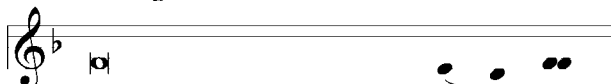
Opening Verses (*please stand*)



[L] Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



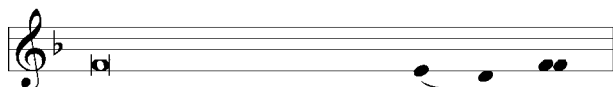
[C] the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



[L] Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C and the day is almost o - ver.

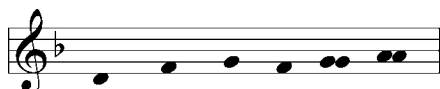


L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

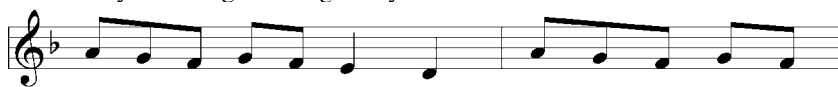


C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron ~ Hymn of Light



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



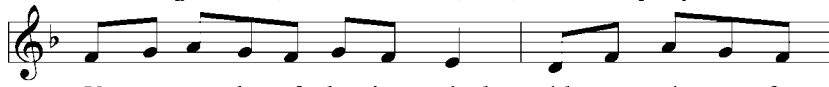
bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



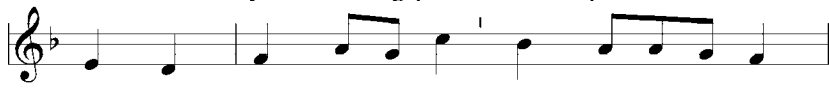
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



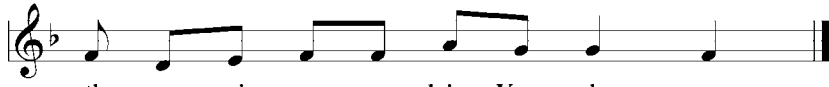
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving for Light

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

+ Psalmody +

P-Pastor

M-Men

W-Women

C-Congregation

PSALM 141

LSB, p. 245

- C** **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
- P** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.
- C** **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
- W** Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
- M** Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
- W** But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
- M** Strip me not of my life.
- C** **Glory be 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.**
- C** **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

(be seated)

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56

³⁹At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" ⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

⁴⁶And Mary said:

⁴⁷"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Duet

"How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought"
by Boswell, Kauflin, Zimmer, Stiff

Sermon

Canticle (please stand)

"My Soul Rejoices"

LSB #933

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Antiphon



L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

G Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared
in the sight of ev - ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na - tions
and the glory of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the
Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -

Antiphon

ev - er. A - men. Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may

watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Benediction

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "O Blessed Light, O Trinity" LSB #890

(be seated)

Postlude

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Advent #3

Wednesday, December 20
6:30 p.m.

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday, December 17
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Advent #4

Sunday, December 24
9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 24
5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship

With Communion
Monday, December 25
9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

With Communion
Sunday, December 31
Regular worship times at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.