



Advent Midweek Service

December 20, 2023

Service of Evening Prayer/Compline

"In Nomine Iesu"

Welcome to
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Songs of Advent

Advent #3

Simeon's Song: Amazing Peace

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

Prelude “Wake, Awake” Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

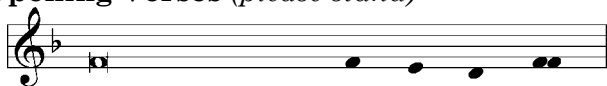
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn

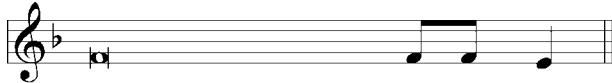
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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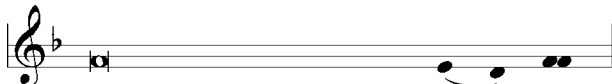
Opening Verses *(please stand)*



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



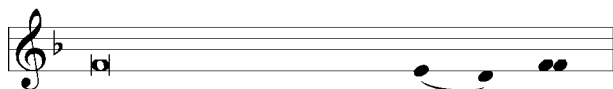
[C] the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



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



C and the day is almost o - ver.

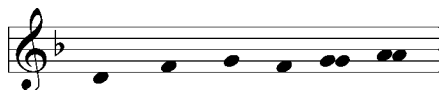


L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

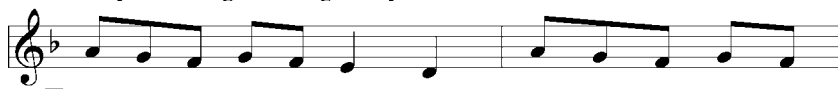


C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

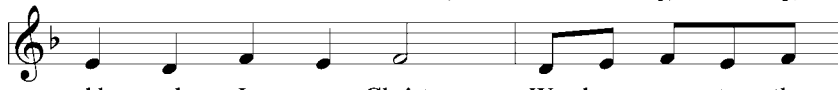
Phos Hilaron ~ *Hymn of Light*



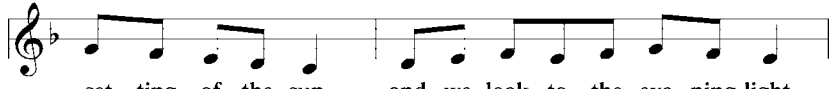
L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



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



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



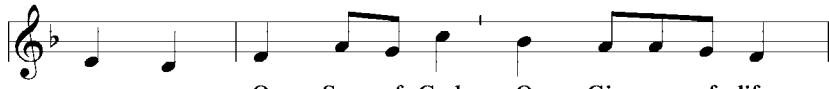
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



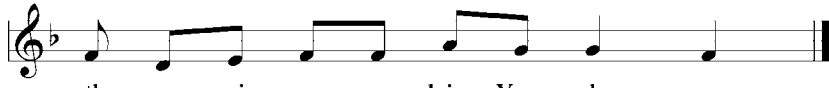
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



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

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- 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.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-35

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Sermon

Canticle *“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”*

LSB #937

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.

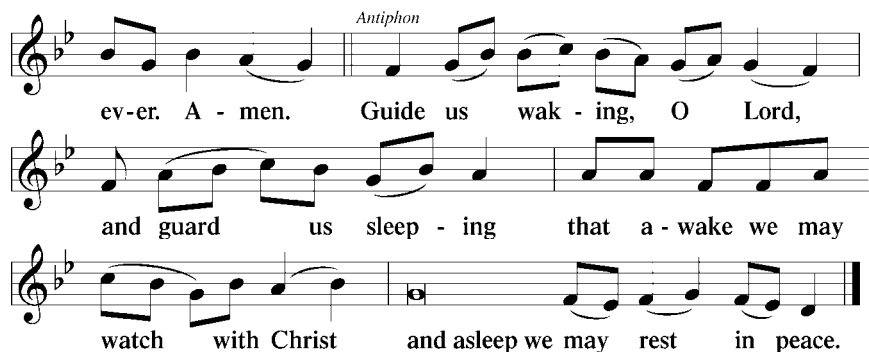
Nunc Dimittis

Antiphon



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.

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 -



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 “*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*” Franklin D. Ashdown

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Christmas Worship Schedule

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.

Sunday, December 31

Worship with Communion

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.