

# **Advent Midweek Service**

December 6, 2023

**Service of Evening Prayer/Compline**

"In Nomine Iesu"

**Welcome to**  
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**Songs of Advent**

Advent #1

Zechariah's Song: Amazing Gift

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

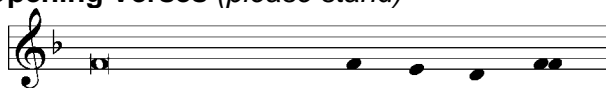
**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

**Opening Hymn**

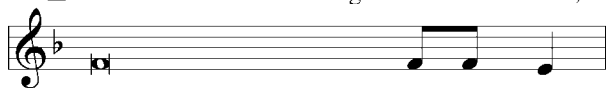
*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

LSB #357 vs 1, 2, 7

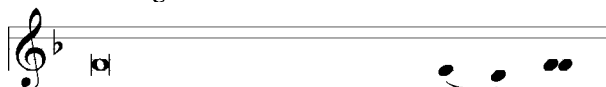
**Opening Verses** (*please stand*)



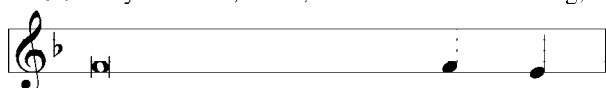
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



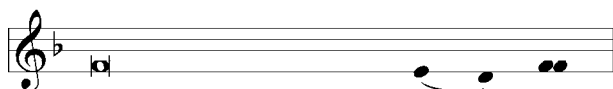
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



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



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.

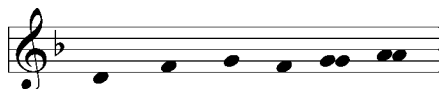


**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

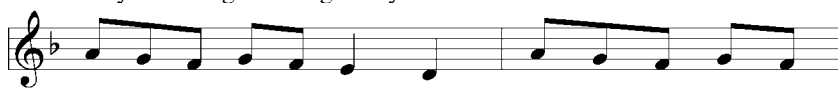


**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

### 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.



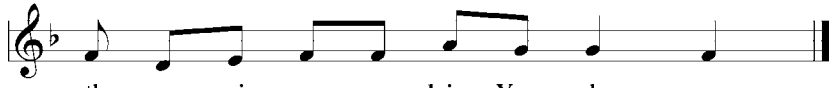
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



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.**

**Readings**

*John 1:1-5, 9-13*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing

made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

*Luke 1:57-79*

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup> but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." <sup>61</sup> And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup> And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup> and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people <sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people in

the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high <sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

## Sermon

**Canticle**      “Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

LSB #936

## 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 -  
ev-er. A - men. *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.

## 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"

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(be seated)

## Postlude

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### **Advent Services**

Wednesday

December 13 Advent #2

December 20 Advent #3

6:30 p.m.

### **Children's Christmas Program/Worship**

Sunday, December 10

ONE service at 9:00 a.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.