

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Service of Light ~ Midweek Advent 1



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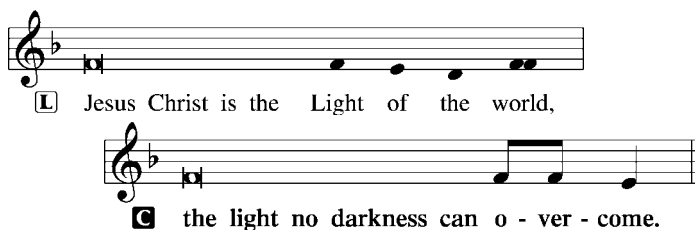
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Hymn The Advent of Our King

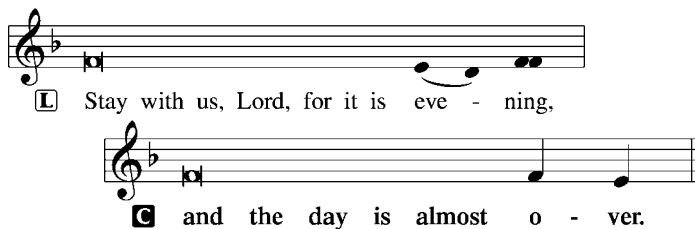
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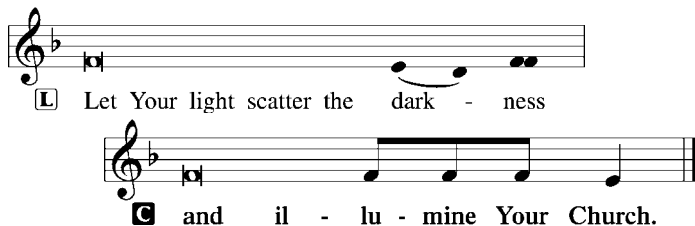
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L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



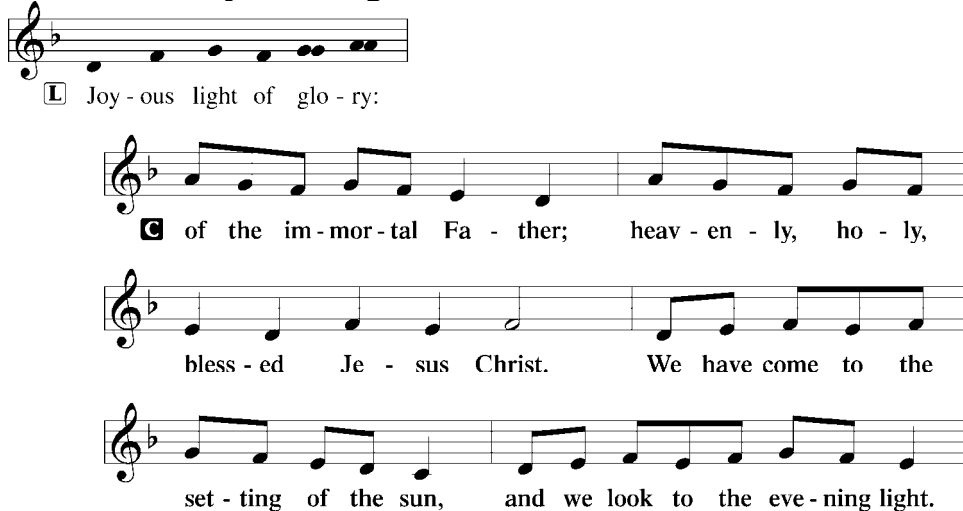
L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,
C and the day is almost o - ver.



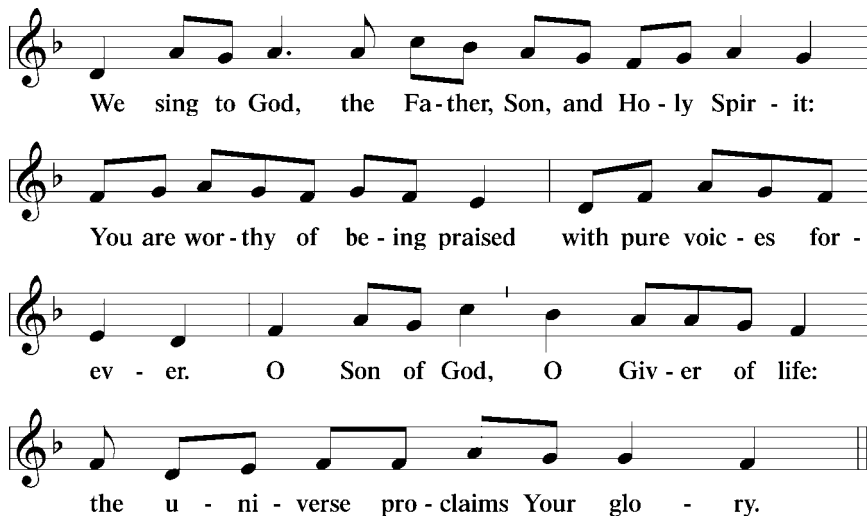
L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness
C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron ~ *Hymn of Light*

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L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:
C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,
bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



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.**

Psalms

Psalms 92

- P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
 to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- C to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
 and your faithfulness by night,**
- P** to the music of the lute and the harp,
 to the melody of the lyre.
- C For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
 at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**
- P** How great are your works, O LORD!
 Your thoughts are very deep!
- C The stupid man cannot know;
 the fool cannot understand this:**
- P** that though the wicked sprout like grass
 and all evildoers flourish,
 they are doomed to destruction forever;

C but you, O LORD,
are on high forever.

P For behold, your enemies, O LORD,
for behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.

C But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.

P My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

C The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

P They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

C They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,

P to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Prayer

P Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever. **C Amen.**

✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

Hosea 14:4–8

P A reading from Hosea, chapter 14.

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them.

I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily;
he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;

his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive,
and his fragrance like Lebanon.

They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;
they shall flourish like the grain;

they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols?

It is I who answer and look after you.

I am like an evergreen cypress; from me comes your fruit.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Revelation 22:1–5

P A reading from Revelation, chapter 22.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 11:17–27

P A reading from John, chapter 11.

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C Thanks be to God.**


P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hymn:


The Holly And The Ivy

F Bb/F F Bb/F




The hol - ly and the i - vy, When they are both full
 The hol - ly bears a blos - som, As white as lil - y
 The hol - ly bears a ber - ry, As red as an - y
 The hol - ly bears a pri - ckle, As sharp as an - y
 The hol - ly bears a bark, As bit - ter as the

4 F Bb F/A Dm C




grown, Of all trees that are in the wood, The
 flow'r, And Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ, To
 blood, And Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ, To
 thorn, And Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ, On
 gall, And Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Chrst, For

7 F Bb F/C C F F Bb/F



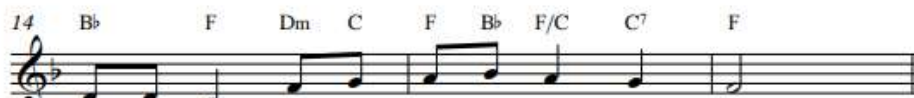
hol - ly bears the crown: O, the ris - ing of the
 be our dear Sav - ior:
 do poor sin - ners good:
 Christ-mas Day in the morn:
 to re - deem us all:

10 F Dm Am C F



sun, And the run - ning of the deer, The play - ing of the

14 Bb F Dm C F Bb F/C C7 F



mer - ry or - gan, Sweet sing - ing in the choir.

Sermon

Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord

(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Canticle Hymn)

Canticle

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

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Litany

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Matthew our Synodical President and Nathan our District President, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Donald our President and Tony our Governor, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord: **C Alleluia.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- (Silence for individual prayer may follow)*
- P** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord: **C To You, O Lord.**

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C 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.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **C Amen.**

Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Serving Us in Worship

Organist: Kim Woller

Elders:	11am: Jim Burow	6:30pm: Craig Butzlaff
Ushers:	11am: From Congregation	6:30pm: Saeger-Team 1
Acolyte:	6:30pm: Makayla Butzlaff	

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