

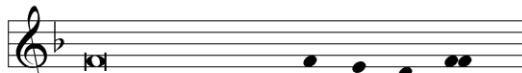
Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Service

Carols for the Newborn King

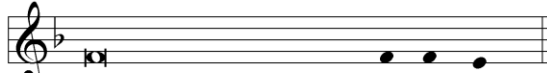
November 30, 2016

"Evening Prayer" is based on the historic service called "Vespers." Christians gather at the end of the day to raise their voices in thankful praise and prayer. The "Service of Light" portrays the comforting and ever-present light of Christ as daylight disappears.

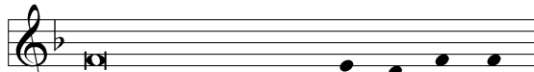
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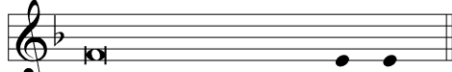
M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



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



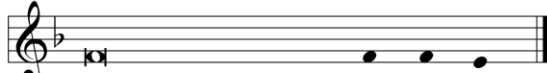
M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning,



C: and the day is almost o - ver.



M: Be our light and scat - ter the dark-ness,



C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where-fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

M Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

Psalms 141

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift-ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

M Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LESSON

Titus 2:11-14, Bible page 1201

M The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

HYMN 38

From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come
(The hymn will be sung as part of the sermon.)

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

1. God came down to earth.
2. We now can go up to heaven.

SONG OF MARY

C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-
joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor
on his low-ly ser-vant. From this day all gen-er-a-tions
will call me bless-ed. The Al-might-y has done great
things for me, and ho-ly is his name. He has mer-cy on
those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.
proud in their con-ceil. He has cast down the might-y
from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and melodic, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. There are some rests and ties. The final staff ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign, indicating the end of the piece.

He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich

he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the

help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his

prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,

to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (3:30 pm)

O Come, O Come Immanuel,
Lutheran Elementary School Junior Choir

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C Christ, have mercy.

M For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

M For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C Lord, hear our prayer.

M For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C Lord, hear our prayer.

M For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

M In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN 8

Come, O Precious Ransom Come

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part
ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry
peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The musical score for 'Song of Simeon' is written on five staves in C major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a key signature change to one flat (F major or D minor). The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
C: A - men.

The musical score for 'Blessing' is written on three staves in C major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a common time signature. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDING MINISTER *Pastor Jeffrey Bonack*

ORGANIST *Carol Nelson*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016



SOEL Christmas Program: Thursday, December 15, 5:30 pm

Lutheran Elementary School Christmas Services: Thursday, December 22, 5:00 and 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services: 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 10:30 pm

Christmas Day Traditional Services: 7:45 and 9:15 am with Holy Communion

Christmas Day Contemporary Service: 10:45 am with Holy Communion (no Bridge service)

New Year's Eve Service: 5:00 pm with Holy Communion

New Year's Day Traditional Service: 7:45 and 9:15 am

New Year's Day Contemporary Service: 10:45 am (no Bridge service)

**** There will be no Wednesday worship services on December 21 and 28.**

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS! Saturday, December 10, 9:00 am

Children age 3 through 12 are invited to enjoy a Christmas message, singing, crafts, games, and puppet show from 9:00 am until noon in the Trinity Café and Gym. The children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as their ticket for the event. Parents may stay and assist if desired. Register by going online at stpaulmuskego.org/Christmas-for-kids-registration or by completing the back of your Connection Card.

MIDWEEK ADVENT MESSAGE SERIES

3:30 and 7:00 pm; soup supper 4:30 to 6:30 pm

CAROLS FOR THE NEWBORN KING

If there is anything that calls our attention to the fact that Christmas is coming, it is the music that surrounds us during this season. Music has always been an integral part of human societies. It is used to express strong emotions, “to soothe the savage breast,” to stir up soldiers for battle, and even to draw lovers closer to each other. The great hymns of Christmas take us to the center of our faith in Christ. Join us for the remaining two hymns we will be taking a closer look at as we prepare for the birth of our Savior:



December 7

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 61

This beloved song echoes the fact that the angels sang of One who deserves the highest praise and One who should dwell in every heart.

December 14

Come, Your Heart's and Voices Raising!

Hymn 42

The shepherds' uplook and outlook encouraged Paul Gerhardt to write this greatly loved Christmas carol as he grieved over the tragic loss of his wife and three of his children. He found assurance in God's gift of eternal life in Jesus, knowing that his family was safe in their Savior's arms.

ST. PAUL'S LIVING NATIVITY

This Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (December 2-4) the birthplace of baby Jesus will be found on the grounds of St. Paul's, bringing the Christmas story to life through narration and live characters, as well as the anticipated variety of barn animals! In addition, guests are invited to linger over Christmas refreshments and join in Christmas carols.

After many hours of decorating and preparation, we are pleased to provide the Living Nativity as a neighborhood event to mark the Christmas season. The 15-minute outdoor presentation is repeated three times each hour from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday. All 7:00 pm shows will be signed for the hearing impaired. This event is free for the whole family.



Contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at swallner@stpaulmuskego.org or (414) 218-5197 for more information.

You may also pick up a poster and/or postcards in the lobby to take to your place of business or share with your family and friends.