

## Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Service

### Carols for the Newborn King

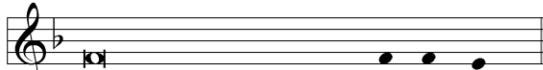
December 20, 2017

*"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.*

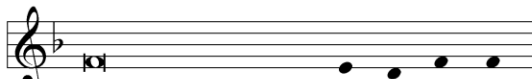
#### BELLS / WELCOME



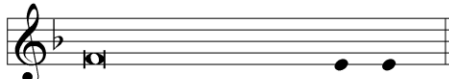
M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



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



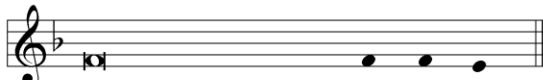
M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning,



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

*Psalm 141*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: '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.'

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

Isaiah 9:1-7, Bible page 687

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

HYMN 67

What Child Is This

*Carols for the Newborn King: What Child Is This*

## 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.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the



proud in their con-ceit. He has cast down the might-y



from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.

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

### 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 56**

#### **Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

#### **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.**

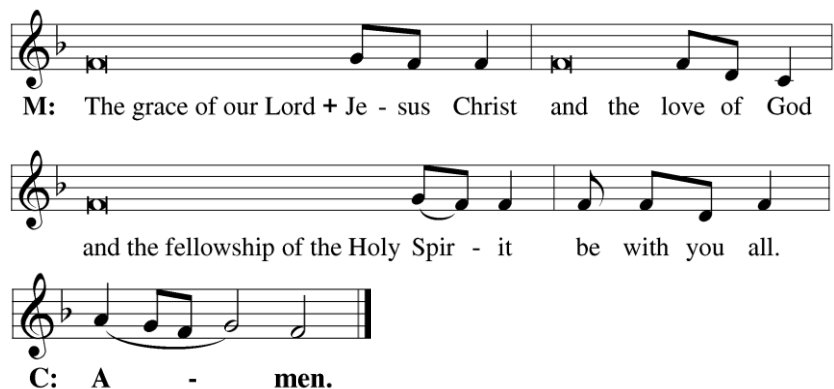
## SONG OF SIMEON

*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.

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST *Nicole Greanya*

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017



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

**Saturday, December 23** (*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent*): Traditional Worship Service at 5:00 pm

**Sunday, December 24** (*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent*): Traditional Worship Service at 8:00 am  
Contemporary Worship Service at 10:00 am

**Christmas Eve Festival Services:** 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, and 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day Festival Services with Holy Communion:** 8:00 and 10:00 am

**New Year's Eve and Day Worship Services:**

Regular weekend worship schedule with Holy Communion.

*\*\* There will be no Wednesday worship service on December 27.*

*There will be no Bridge service Christmas weekend.*



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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