
Midweek Advent Service

December 2, 2020 – 6:45 p.m.

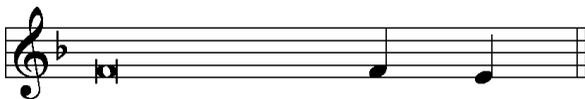
Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

+ Service of Light +

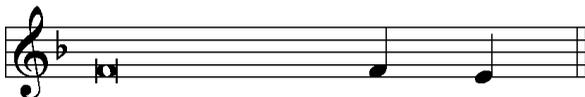
Versicles for Advent

L *The Spirit and the Church cry out.*



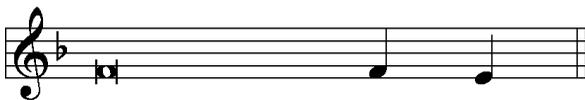
C Come, Lord Je - sus.

L *All those who await His appearance pray:*



C Come, Lord Je - sus.

L *The whole creation pleads:*



C Come, Lord Je - sus.

Phos Hilaron

"Joyous Light of Glory" (Hymn of Light)

L *Joyous light of glory:*

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.
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

L *Blessèd 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 A - men.

+ Psalmody +

Psalm 141

"Let My Prayer Rise Before You"

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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.

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice
when I cry to You. **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.

II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;
let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** 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.
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Psalm Prayer

L 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.

Office Hymn

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hymn 332

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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Reading

John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

+ Canticle +

Magnificat

Refrain



C My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the



Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

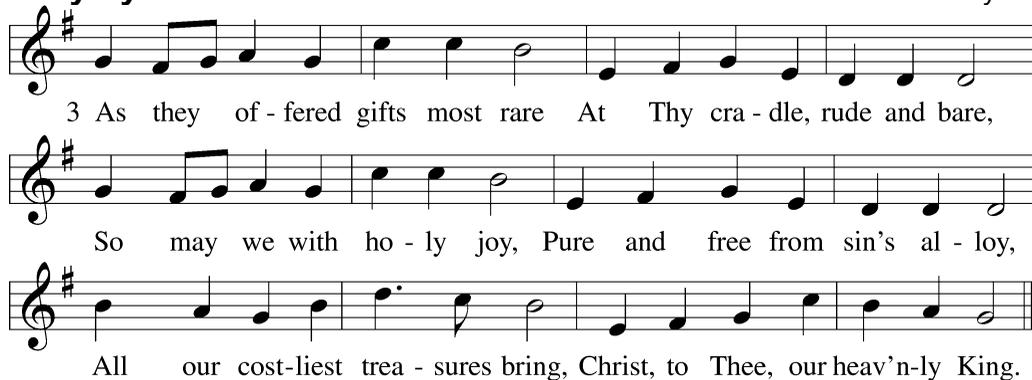
1 all generations will call me blessed.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Please stand

Offertory Hymn

"As With Gladness"

Hymn 397



3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.

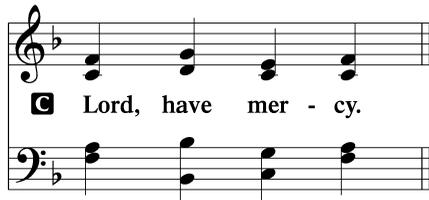
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+ Prayer +

Litany

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.

L *In peace let us pray to the Lord:*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L *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.**

L *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L *For [names of synodical and district presidents], 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.**

L For [name of president or monarch], 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.

L 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.

L 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.

L 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.

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is a simple four-measure phrase: G2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F2 (quarter). The bass line consists of a four-measure accompaniment: G2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F2 (quarter).

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

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Collect For Peace

L 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

Matthew 6:9–13

**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

L *Let us bless the Lord.*



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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L *The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.*



C A - men.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hymn 332



5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He
6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry
8 [△] Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,
vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



Back then to His throne and crown.
All our ills of flesh and soul.
In this light faith now a - bides.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Silent Prayer

Offering (offerings will be received near the sanctuary exits)

Postlude

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



This Advent season, our message will look at John 1:1–18, which introduces one of the Bible’s greatest and grandest books — the Gospel according to St. John. These 18 verses contain some of the most important words written — ever. They explode with light and brilliance, truth and grace. And

John 1:1–18 is chock full of dearly loved Advent and Christmas themes, with the most famous one being, “The Word became flesh.” (John 1:14).



Upcoming Advent Schedule

Advent Mid-Week Services:

Noon and 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9

Service of Lessons and Carols:

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16

Christmas Eve Worship:

Candlelight Carol Service: 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service: 11:00 p.m.
on Thursday, Dec. 24

Christmas Day Worship:

10:00 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 25