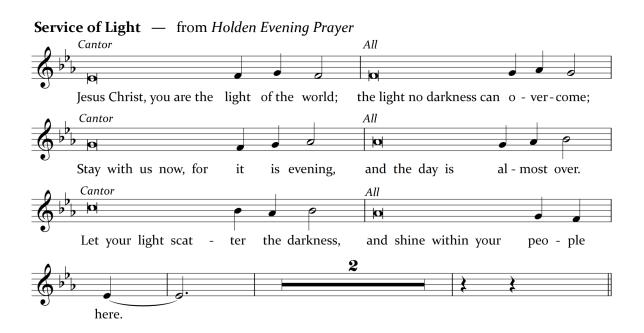
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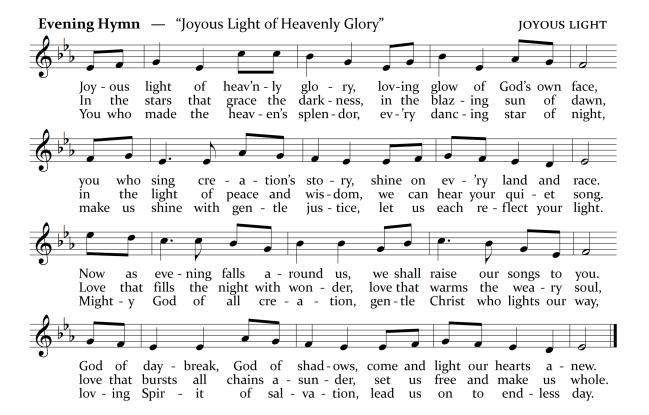
Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church Northfield, Minnesota



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements





Evening Thanksgiving



Cantor: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



Psalmody — Psalm 141, "Let My Prayer Rise Up" Please sing with either Group I or Group II.





Prayer

P May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. Amen.

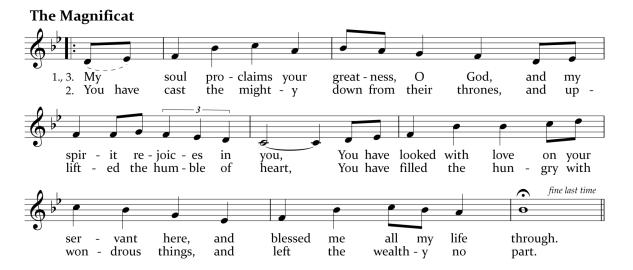
Reading — Psalm 139:1-14

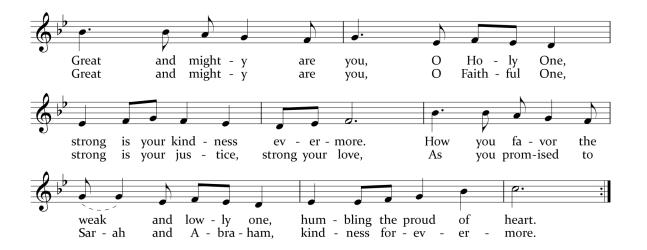
LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me. ²You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether. ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. ⁷Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," ¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. ¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Homily — Martin Thorsheim

The Annunciation

Cantor: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."





Prayers

All: (repeat continuously while cantor sings verses)



Cantor: In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

For peace between nations, and peace between peoples:

For all of your servants who live out your gospel:

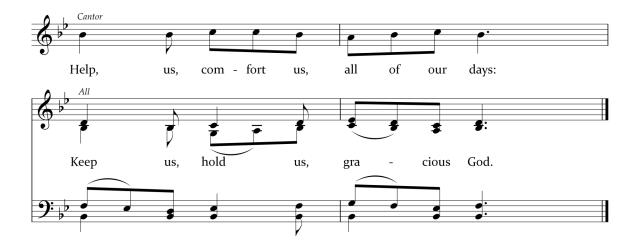
For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:

For all those who labor in service to others:

Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:

For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:



*Closing Prayer

- P Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

- P God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

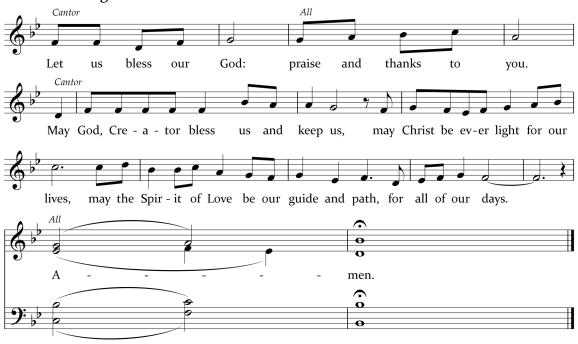
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Final Blessing



*Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Worship Leaders:

Julie Zdenek, Pastor Pam Fickenscher, Pastor Jonathan Davis, Martin Thorsheim Nathan Proctor, piano

