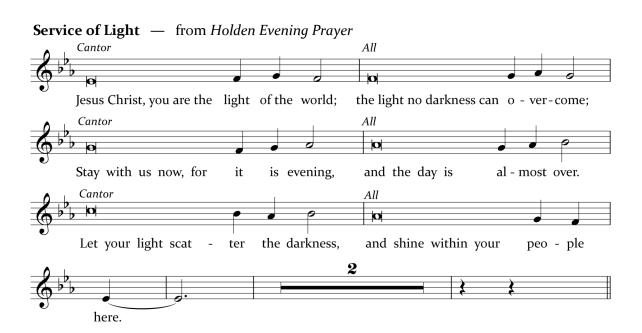
ADVENT VESPERS

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church Northfield, Minnesota



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements





Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P Christ, our light, shine in our lives with hope and promise. Open our eyes to see you in others. Help us to be people of hope.

As we light the Advent candles, I invite you to light three candles on your Advent wreath, or candles you have in your home. May we be connected by the light of Christ this evening.

© Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.



Evening Thanksgiving

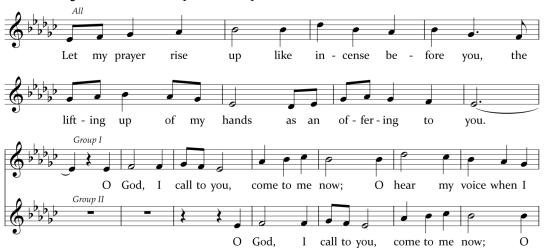


Cantor: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

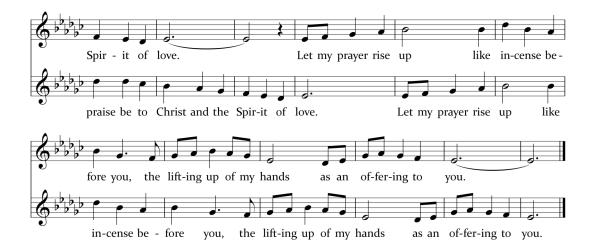


Psalmody — Psalm 141, "Let My Prayer Rise Up"

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 — Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day:

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

and you comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might;

he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

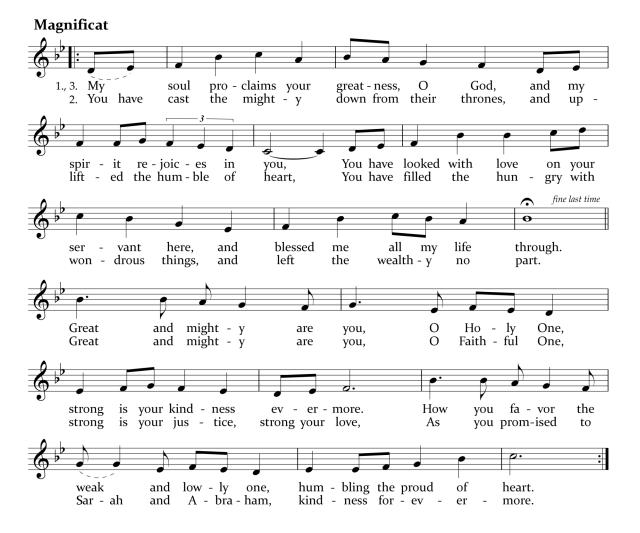
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

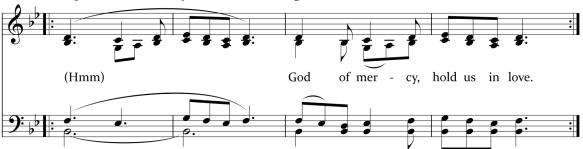
The Annunciation

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:

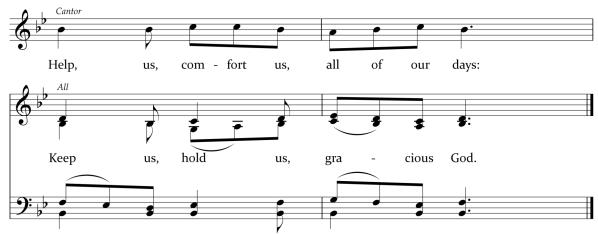
For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:

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:

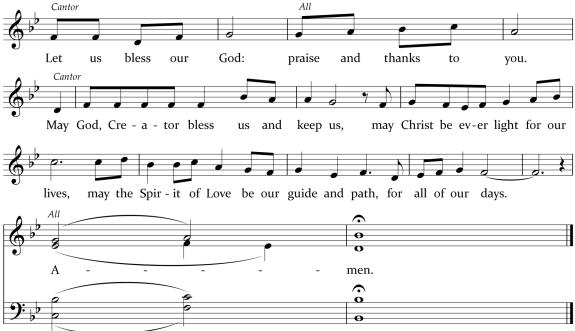
For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:



Closing Prayer

- P Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.





*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:

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