

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Advent Midweek Prayer

December 7, 2022

6:30 p.m.

## Advent Midweek Prayer: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

*Our midweek worship this season is based on the service of Holden Evening Prayer, a service written by Marty Haugen for Holden Village in Washington state. Holden Village is an intentional Lutheran community and renewal center. During the season of Advent, it is easy to focus only on preparing for Christmas. However, as we worship, we will seek to shift our focus to preparing for Jesus, and waiting with holy anticipation for his promised coming. Our readings each week come from the daily lectionary, and are meant to help us reflect on Sunday's readings.*

### PRELUDE

*Stand*

### SERVICE OF LIGHT

#### Procession

The musical score is written for a procession and consists of five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Leader or Assistant, and the second and third staves are for All. The fourth and fifth staves are for the Leader or Assistant and All respectively. The score includes a 3/4 time signature change in the final measure of the fifth staff.

Leader or Assistant  
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All  
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant  
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All  
and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All  
and shine within your peo - ple here.

# EVENING HYMN

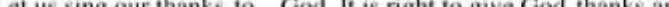
*All*

1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing  
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry  
 glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle  
 sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y  
 eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our  
 you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us  
 light our hearts a - new,  
 free and make us whole,  
 on to end - less day.

## EVENING THANKSGIVING

*Leader or Assistant*                      *All*

The musical notation continues from the previous block. It features two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B-flat7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B-flat8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B-flat9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B-flat10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B-flat11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B-flat12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B-flat13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B-flat14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B-flat15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B-flat16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B-flat17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B-flat18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B-flat19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B-flat20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B-flat21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B-flat22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B-flat23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B-flat24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B-flat25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B-flat26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B-flat27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B-flat28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B-flat29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B-flat30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, B-flat31, C32, D32, E32, F32, G32, A32, B-flat32, C33, D33, E33, F33, G33, A33, B-flat33, C34, D34, E34, F34, G34, A34, B-flat34, C35, D35, E35, F35, G35, A35, B-flat35, C36, D36, E36, F36, G36, A36, B-flat36, C37, D37, E37, F37, G37, A37, B-flat37, C38, D38, E38, F38, G38, A38, B-flat38, C39, D39, E39, F39, G39, A39, B-flat39, C40, D40, E40, F40, G40, A40, B-flat40, C41, D41, E41, F41, G41, A41, B-flat41, C42, D42, E42, F42, G42, A42, B-flat42, C43, D43, E43, F43, G43, A43, B-flat43, C44, D44, E44, F44, G44, A44, B-flat44, C45, D45, E45, F45, G45, A45, B-flat45, C46, D46, E46, F46, G46, A46, B-flat46, C47, D47, E47, F47, G47, A47, B-flat47, C48, D48, E48, F48, G48, A48, B-flat48, C49, D49, E49, F49, G49, A49, B-flat49, C50, D50, E50, F50, G50, A50, B-flat50, C51, D51, E51, F51, G51, A51, B-flat51, C52, D52, E52, F52, G52, A52, B-flat52, C53, D53, E53, F53, G53, A53, B-flat53, C54, D54, E54, F54, G54, A54, B-flat54, C55, D55, E55, F55, G55, A55, B-flat55, C56, D56, E56, F56, G56, A56, B-flat56, C57, D57, E57, F57, G57, A57, B-flat57, C58, D58, E58, F58, G58, A58, B-flat58, C59, D59, E59, F59, G59, A59, B-flat59, C60, D60, E60, F60, G60, A60, B-flat60, C61, D61, E61, F61, G61, A61, B-flat61, C62, D62, E62, F62, G62, A62, B-flat62, C63, D63, E63, F63, G63, A63, B-flat63, C64, D64, E64, F64, G64, A64, B-flat64, C65, D65, E65, F65, G65, A65, B-flat65, C66, D66, E66, F66, G66, A66, B-flat66, C67, D67, E67, F67, G67, A67, B-flat67, C68, D68, E68, F68, G68, A68, B-flat68, C69, D69, E69, F69, G69, A69, B-flat69, C70, D70, E70, F70, G70, A70, B-flat70, C71, D71, E71, F71, G71, A71, B-flat71, C72, D72, E72, F72, G72, A72, B-flat72, C73, D73, E73, F73, G73, A73, B-flat73, C74, D74, E74, F74, G74, A74, B-flat74, C75, D75, E75, F75, G75, A75, B-flat75, C76, D76, E76, F76, G76, A76, B-flat76, C77, D77, E77, F77, G77, A77, B-flat77, C78, D78, E78, F78, G78, A78, B-flat78, C79, D79, E79, F79, G79, A79, B-flat79, C80, D80, E80, F80, G80, A80, B-flat80, C81, D81, E81, F81, G81, A81, B-flat81, C82, D82, E82, F82, G82, A82, B-flat82, C83, D83, E83, F83, G83, A83, B-flat83, C84, D84, E84, F84, G84, A84, B-flat84, C85, D85, E85, F85, G85, A85, B-flat85, C86, D86, E86, F86, G86, A86, B-flat86, C87, D87, E87, F87, G87, A87, B-flat87, C88, D88, E88, F88, G88, A88, B-flat88, C89, D89, E89, F89, G89, A89, B-flat89, C90, D90, E90, F90, G90, A90, B-flat90, C91, D91, E91, F91, G91, A91, B-flat91, C92, D92, E92, F92, G92, A92, B-flat92, C93, D93, E93, F93, G93, A93, B-flat93, C94, D94, E94, F94, G94, A94, B-flat94, C95, D95, E95, F95, G95, A95, B-flat95, C96, D96, E96, F96, G96, A96, B-flat96, C97, D97, E97, F97, G97, A97, B-flat97, C98, D98, E98, F98, G98, A98, B-flat98, C99, D99, E99, F99, G99, A99, B-flat99, C100, D100, E100, F100, G100, A100, B-flat100, C101, D101, E101, F101, G101, A101, B-flat101, C102, D102, E102, F102, G102, A102, B-flat102, C103, D103, E103, F103, G103, A103, B-flat103, C104, D104, E104, F104, G104, A104, B-flat104, C105, D105, E105, F105, G105, A105, B-flat105, C106, D106, E106, F106, G106, A106, B-flat106, C107, D107, E107, F107, G107, A107, B-flat107, C108, D108, E108, F108, G108, A108, B-flat108, C109, D109, E109, F109, G109, A109, B-flat109, C110, D110, E110, F110, G110, A110, B-flat110, C111, D111, E111, F111, G111, A111, B-flat111, C112, D112, E112, F112, G112, A112, B-flat112, C113, D113, E113, F113, G113, A113, B-flat113, C114, D114, E114, F114, G114, A114, B-flat114, C115, D115, E115, F115, G115, A115, B-flat115, C116, D116, E116, F116, G116, A116, B-flat116, C117, D117, E117, F117, G117, A117, B-flat117, C118, D118, E118, F118, G118, A118, B-flat118, C119, D119, E119, F119, G119, A119, B-flat119, C120, D120, E120, F120, G120, A120, B-flat120, C121, D121, E121, F121, G121, A121, B-flat121, C122, D122, E122, F122, G122, A122, B-flat122, C123, D123, E123, F123, G123, A123, B-flat123, C124, D124, E124, F124, G124, A124, B-flat124, C125, D125, E125, F125, G125, A125, B-flat125, C126, D126, E126, F126, G126, A126, B-flat126, C127, D127, E127, F127, G127, A127, B-flat127, C128, D128, E128, F128, G128, A128, B-flat128, C129, D129, E129, F129, G129, A129, B-flat129, C130, D130, E130, F130, G130, A130, B-flat130, C131, D131, E131, F131, G131, A131, B-flat131, C132, D132, E132, F132, G132, A132, B-flat132, C133, D133, E133, F133, G133, A133, B-flat133, C134, D134, E134, F134, G134, A134, B-flat134, C135, D135, E135, F135, G135,

*Leader or Assistant*      *All*  
  
 Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Leader* 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.

*All*  
A - - - men.

## PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Holy God, you renew life in desolate places, igniting hope against our expectations. Teach us to perceive the preciousness of those who are isolated or abandoned. Equip us to create welcoming spaces of safety and joy. We ask this in the name of the one for whom we wait, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; <sup>14</sup>but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup>As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup>And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

P Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

## *Psalm 21*

<sup>1</sup>In your strength the king rejoices, O LORD,  
and in your help how greatly he exults!

**<sup>2</sup>You have given him his heart's desire,  
and have not withheld the request of his lips.**

<sup>3</sup>For you meet him with rich blessings;  
you set a crown of fine gold on his head.

**<sup>4</sup>He asked you for life; you gave it to him —  
length of days forever and ever.**

<sup>5</sup>His glory is great through your help;  
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

**<sup>6</sup>You bestow on him blessings forever;  
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.**

<sup>7</sup>For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of  
the Most High he shall not be moved.

**<sup>8</sup>Your hand will find out all your enemies;  
your right hand will find out those who hate you.**

<sup>9</sup>You will make them like a fiery furnace when you appear.  
The LORD will swallow them up in his wrath,  
and fire will consume them.

**<sup>10</sup>You will destroy their offspring from the earth,  
and their children from among humankind.**

<sup>11</sup>If they plan evil against you,  
if they devise mischief, they will not succeed.

**<sup>12</sup>For you will put them to flight;  
you will aim at their faces with your bows.**

<sup>13</sup>Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power.

*Stand*

**GOSPEL**

***Matthew 12:33-37***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup>You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup>The good person brings good things out of a good treasure, and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure. <sup>36</sup>I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; <sup>37</sup>for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN**

**ELW #255**

***There's a Voice in the Wilderness***

*Sit*

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*During this time, you are invited to reflect on the readings and music for the day.*

*We don't often get much stillness during this season. Take a few minutes to sit in the stillness, waiting with anticipation for the coming of Christ, the true reason for this season.*

**P** The light shines in the darkness ...

**C** **... and the darkness has not overcome it.**

*Stand*

## THE ANNUNCIATION

*Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38*

*The annunciation is sung by the leader. It segues immediately into The Magnificat.*

P 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.”

## THE MAGNIFICAT

*Luke 1:46-55*

*All*

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -  
spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with  
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.  
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,  
strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the  
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to  
weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!  
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

D.C.



## LITANY AND PRAYERS

The prayers begin with the congregation humming part A and singing part B below. Then, the congregation is invited to hum part A while a cantor sings each of the verses. After each verse, the congregation sings together part B.

All

[A] repeat continuously

[B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]

Leader or Assistant

[B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

[A]

Leader or Assistant

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

## **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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## BLESSING

The musical score for the Blessing is written for a Leader or Assistant and the congregation. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Leader or Assistant, with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you." The second staff is for the congregation, with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may". The third staff is for the congregation, with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our". The fourth staff is for the congregation, with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "guide and path for all of our days, A - men." The fifth staff is for the congregation, with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "A - men." The music is written in a simple, melodic style, with a key signature of one flat and a time signature of 4/4.

*Leader or Assistant*  
Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

*Leader or Assistant*  
May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our

guide and path for all of our days, A - men.

## SENDING

**P** Let us go forth in peace.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Offerings given during midweek worship will support  
the life and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.*

## **SERVING AT TRINITY**

Ministers: Every member of the congregation

Lay Leader: Amy Otterbein

Piano/Keyboard: Paul Lucas

Parish Secretary: Chris McNamara

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.

#### **Christmas Eve Worship: 11:00 am**

All are invited to join us for worship on Christmas Eve on Saturday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup>. We know this is an unusual time but Pastor Julie Winklepleck was already committed to do an evening service elsewhere. We appreciate the fact that she is willing to do this service for us, otherwise we would not be able to have communion on Christmas Eve.

#### **Choir**

Amy Otterbein has agreed to direct our choir for a Christmas Eve performance. The choir will be practicing Sundays after church.

#### **Christmas Lessons and Carols: January 1, 2023 at 9:30am**

As we worship on the Second Sunday of Christmas, join us to hear the proclamation of Jesus' birth and its significance for our lives today.