

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent Midweek Prayer

November 30, 2022

6:30 p.m.

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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.

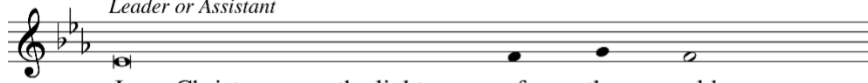
PRELUDE

Stand

SERVICE OF LIGHT


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Leader or Assistant



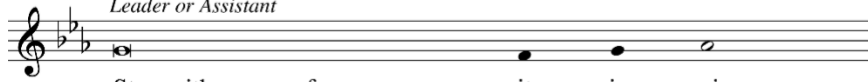
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All



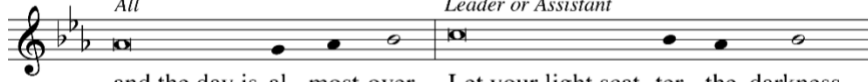
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant



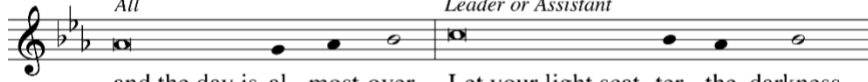
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All




and the day is al - most over.

Leader or Assistant



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*

May God be with you all.

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 Isaiah.

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout,
you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate
woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says
the LORD. ²Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of
your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your
cords and strengthen your stakes. ³For you will spread out to the
right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations
and will settle the desolate towns. ⁴Do not fear, for you will not be
ashamed; do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace;
for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the disgrace of
your widowhood you will remember no more. ⁵For your Maker is
your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; the Holy One of
Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.
⁶For the LORD has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in
spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off,
says your God. ⁷For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with great compassion I will gather you. ⁸In overflowing wrath
for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I
will have compassion on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer.
⁹This is like the days of Noah to me: Just as I swore that the waters
of Noah would never again go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you
and will not rebuke you. ¹⁰For the mountains may depart and the
hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

P Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM***Psalms 124***

¹If it had not been the LORD who was on our side —
let Israel now say —

**²if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,**

³then they would have swallowed us up alive,

when their anger was kindled against us;

**⁴then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;**

⁵then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

**⁶Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.**

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

Stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:23-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

²³Then if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'There he is!' — do not believe it. ²⁴For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵Take note, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶So, if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹Immediately after the suffering of those days
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³²From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN **ELW #247** ***Come Now, O Prince of Peace***

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]

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.

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.

All

A - men.

P Let us go forth in peace.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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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.

Gifts for Shut-Ins

This Sunday December 4th we will be decorating cookies and packing gift boxes for people who may need some cheering up this holiday season. Remember the JOY of the season, **Jesus**, **Others**, **Yourself**

Christmas Eve Worship: 11:00 am

All are invited to join us for worship on Christmas Eve on Saturday morning, December 24th. 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.