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**NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

# First Midweek in Advent

## Preservice Music

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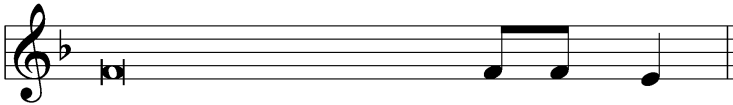
### ✠ Service of Light ✠

#### Versicles (Common)

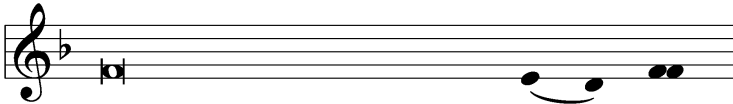
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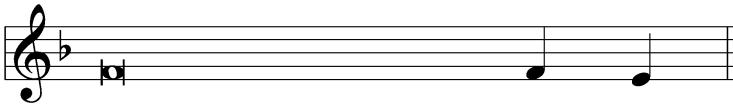
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

#### Phos Hilaron

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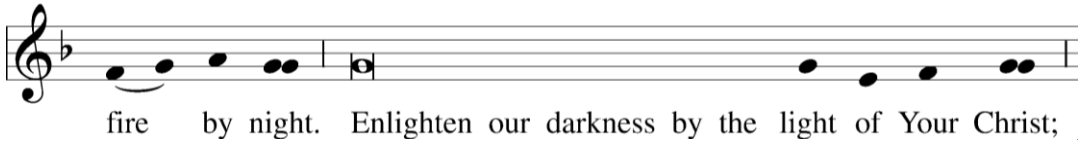
**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:

**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.

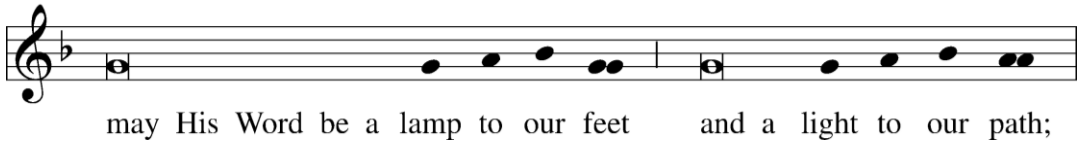
**Thanksgiving for Light**

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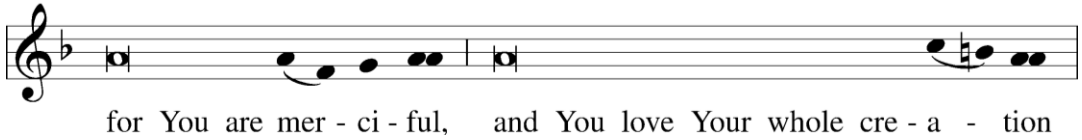
**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



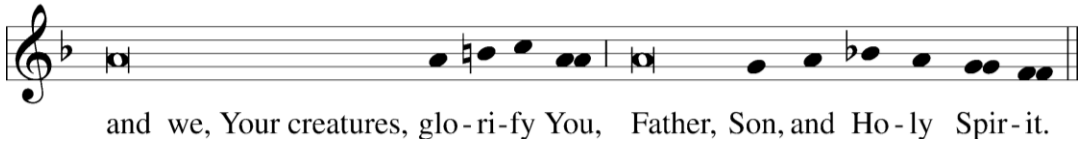
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;



for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion



and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** A - men.

Sit



## ✠ Psalmody ✠

### Psalm 141

*Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6*

- L** <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
**C** **“May they be secure who love you!**  
**L** <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
**C** **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**  
**L** <sup>2</sup>Our feet have been standing  
**C** **within your gates, O Jerusalem!**  
**L** <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city  
**C** **that is bound firmly together,**  
**L** <sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
**C** **as was decreed for Israel,**  
**to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**  
**L** <sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set,  
**C** **the thrones of the house of David.**  
**L** <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
**C** **“May they be secure who love you!**  
**L** <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
**C** **and security within your towers!”**  
**L** <sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions’ sake  
**C** **I will say, “Peace be within you!”**  
**L** <sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
**C** **I will seek your good.**  
**L** <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
**C** **“May they be secure who love you!**

### 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: 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*LSB 341*

## ✠ Readings ✠

### Reading

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

- L** A reading from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading Response

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**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Sermon

*Stand*

### ✠ Canticle ✠

## Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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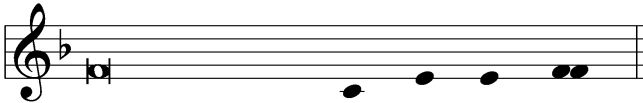
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## ✠ Prayer ✠

### Litany

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*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.**

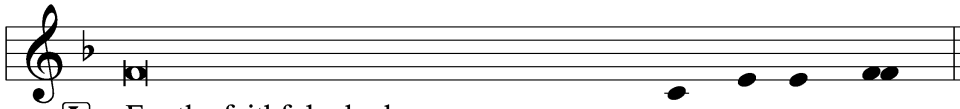
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

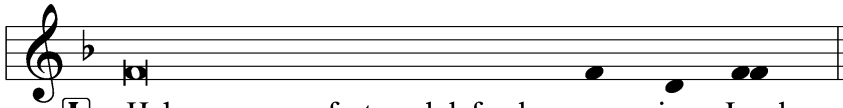
*The prayers then continue:*



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

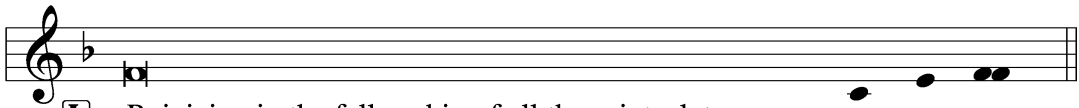


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



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



**C** To You, O Lord.



## 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** A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

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- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

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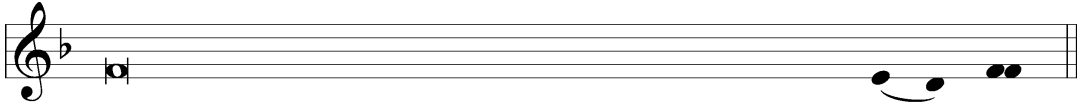
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart: Advent Prayer

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*Sung by Grace Choir*

**Sung by Congregation**



Come, Lord Je - sus, come and dwell,



dwell in our hearts, Im - man - u - el.

1 *We are waiting on this day;  
Jesus will take our fears away  
We will keep our vigil here,  
as his Advent draws us near.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,  
dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.*

**Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,  
dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.**

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# *Advent Services*

Wednesday Midweek Services  
*December 7, 14, & 21 at 7:00 pm*

*Children's Christmas Pageant*  
*Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am & 11:00 am*

*Lessons & Carols*  
*Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am & 11:00 am*

*Christmas Eve*  
*Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm*

*Christmas Day*  
*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am*

*New Year's Day*  
*Sunday, January 1st at 10:00 am*