

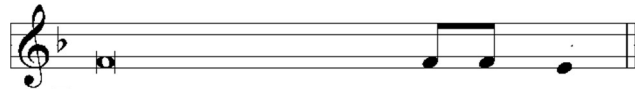
# Midweek Advent III 2024

## Service of Light

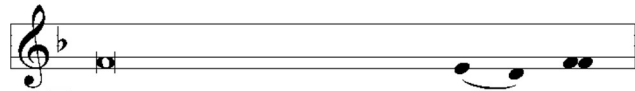
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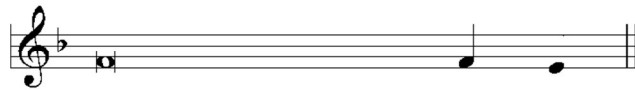
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



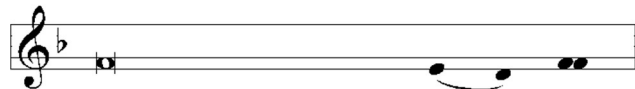
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**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



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



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - 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 -

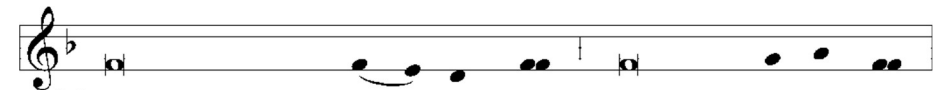


ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

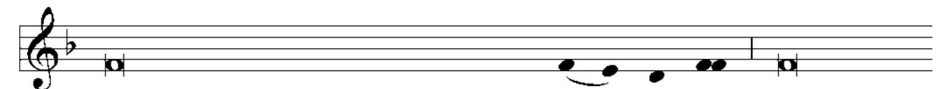


the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving for Light



**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.  
 A - men.

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm 141

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.  
 O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice  
 when I cry to You. Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.  
 Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.  
 Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;  
 let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.  
 But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.  
 Strip me not of my life. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in  
 the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**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.

### Psalm/Introit Advent III

K: Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will say, | Rejoice.

K: Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\*  
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

**C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,\*  
who keeps faith for - | ever;**

K: who executes justice for | the oppressed,\*  
who gives food to the | hungry.

**C: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the  
blind.\***

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the |  
righteous.**

**Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be - | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

K: Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will say, | Rejoice.

### Office Hymn # 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law  
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,

*Refrain*  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

## Readings From Holy Scripture

After each reading is said:

- O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.**

After the final reading is said:

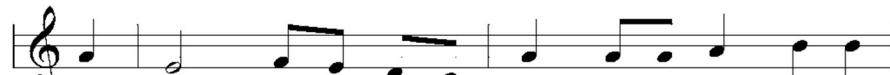
- In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Sermon

## Canticle

*Stand*

## Magnificat



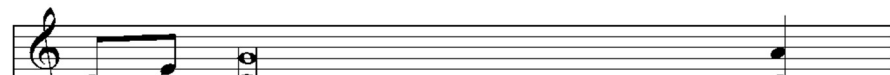
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-



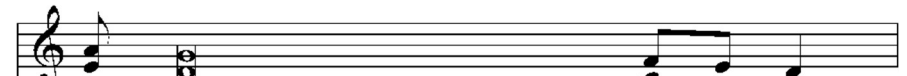
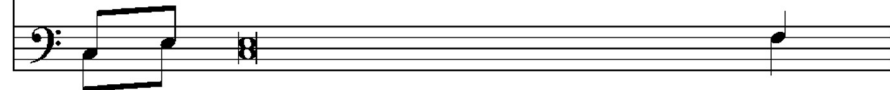
joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the



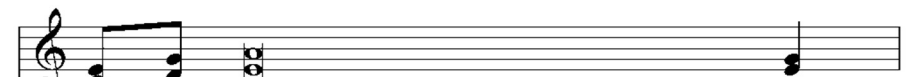
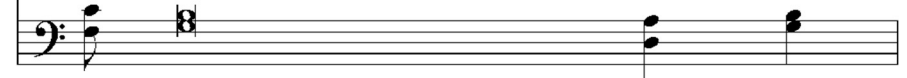
Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.



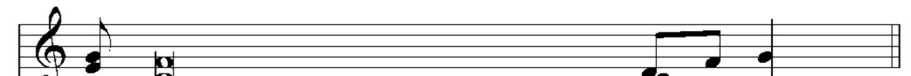
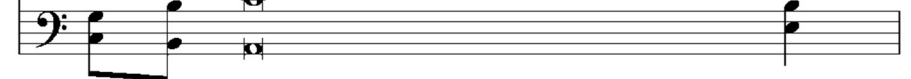
1 For He has re-garded me,  
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,  
3 He has shown strength with His arm;  
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,  
5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son



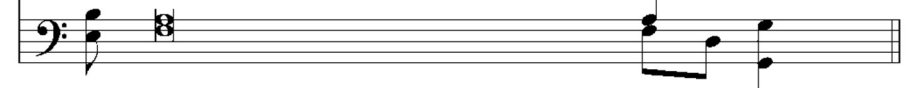
1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.  
2 and holy is His name;  
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
4 and the rich He has sent empty away.  
5 and to the Holy Spirit;



1 For be-hold, from this day  
2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him  
3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones  
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
5 as it was in the beginning,



1 all generations will call me blessed.  
2 from generation to generation. *Refrain*  
3 and has exalted the lowly.  
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.  
5 is now, and will be forever. *Refrain*



*Sit*

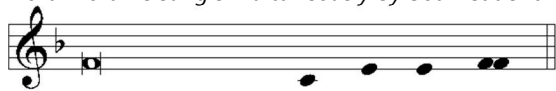
**Offering** (Please give online)

# Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

## Litany

*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.*



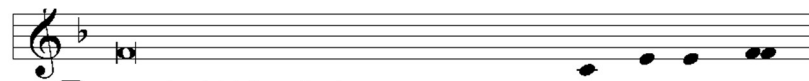
**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**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.**

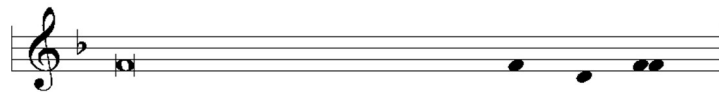
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*



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

*Common:* **C** Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Lent:* **C** Thanks be to God.



**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

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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.**

## Benedicamus

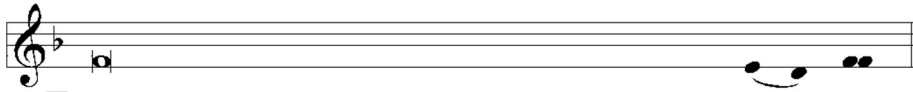


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



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



**C** A - men.