



# Advent

## *Evening Prayer*

**December 3, 2025**

*In Nomine Jesu*

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*Music for Meditation and Prayer*

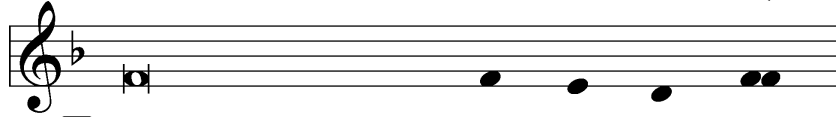
# *The Service of Light*

*The service begins with a procession.*

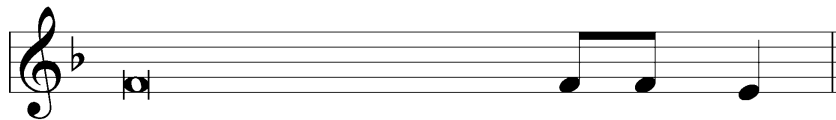
*The congregation shall rise at Pastor's invitation and turn to face the processional cross.*

*The liturgy of the Service of Light shall be intoned responsively.*

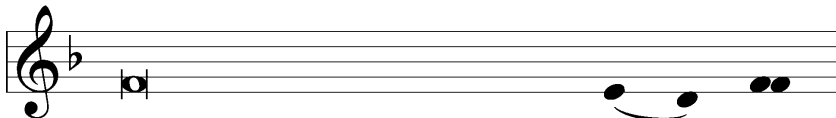
**[L]** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (St. John 1:1-5)



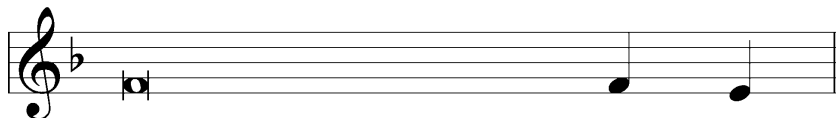
**[L]** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



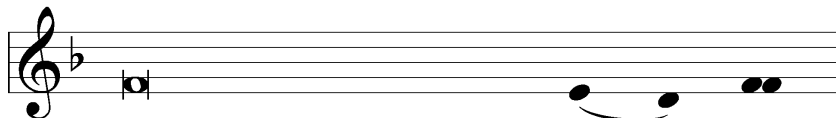
**[C]** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



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



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

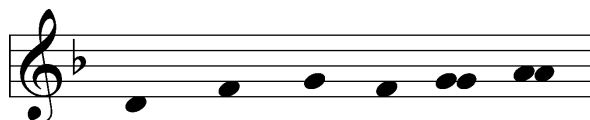


**[L]** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



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

## *Phos Hilaron*



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

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*

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.

(Be Seated)

*Psalm 141*

**C** 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.

## *Psalm Prayer*

**P**

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 24

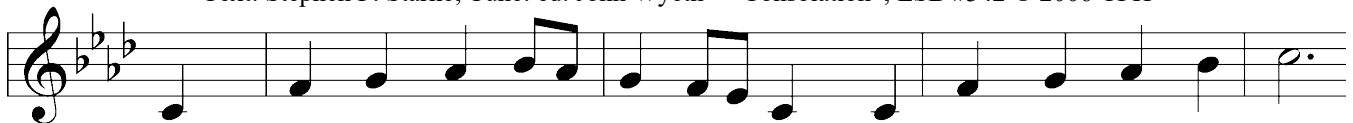
(Intoned by Pastor, with Congregation joining on the Gloria Patri; Psalm 24, antiphon: v. 7)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.  
The earth is the Lord's and the full- | ness thereof,\*  
the world and those who | dwell therein,  
for he has founded it up- | on the seas\*  
and established it upon the | rivers.  
Who shall ascend the hill | of the Lord?\*And who shall stand in his | holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,\*  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear de- | ceitfully.  
He will receive blessing | from the Lord\*  
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.  
Such is the generation of those who | seek him,\*  
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.  
**Glory 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.**  
Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

## Office Hymn

### What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

Text: Stephen P. Starke; Tune: ed. John Wyeth – “Consolation”; LSB #342 © 2006 CPH



- 1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
- 3 As ban - ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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# Readings from Holy Scripture

## James 5:7–10

**P** A reading from James, chapter 5.

[7] Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. [8] You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. [9] Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. [10] As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

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

## Matthew 3:1–6

**P** A reading from Matthew, chapter 3.

[1] In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, [2] “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [3] For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” [4] Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5] Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, [6] and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

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

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

**P** 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 Hymn*

### **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

Text: Charles Coffin; Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius – “Puer Nobis”; LSB #344 © 2006 CPH



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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*(Stand for the Text)*

*Sermon*

**Text: Matthew 3:1-6**  
**“A Voice is Crying Out”**

*(Stand)*

*Votum*

*Offering Prayer*

*(Be Seated)*



*Offering  
Voluntary*

## Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God

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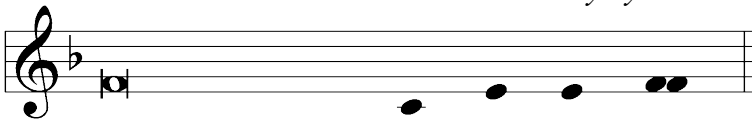
Laudate Choir

*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.  
Holy Son of God, Thy truth unseal. Thy love reveal. Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal.  
Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee, Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.  
Holy Son of God, Come in Thy might. Send forth Thy light.  
Come in might, Come send forth Thy light.  
Lord, hear Thou in mercy, our prayer to Thee.  
Come, Jesus, O holy Son of God for Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer.  
For Thee we long. O hear Thou our prayer. To Thee be glory now and evermore.  
Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.  
Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God. To Thee be glory, To Thee be glory evermore.*

(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:

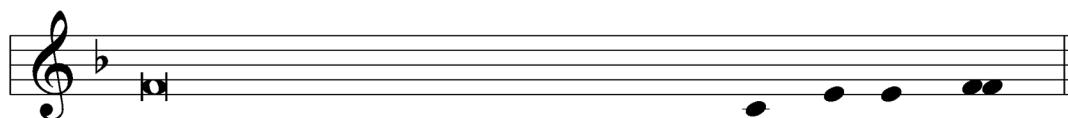
**C** *Lord, have mercy.*

**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:

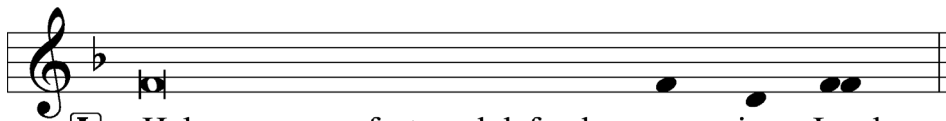
**C** *Lord, have mercy.*



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

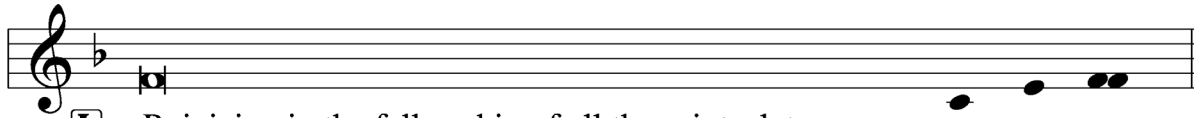


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**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.

## The Lord's Prayer

- P** 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

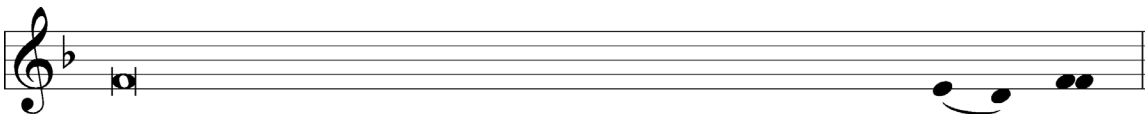


**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



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



**C** A - men.

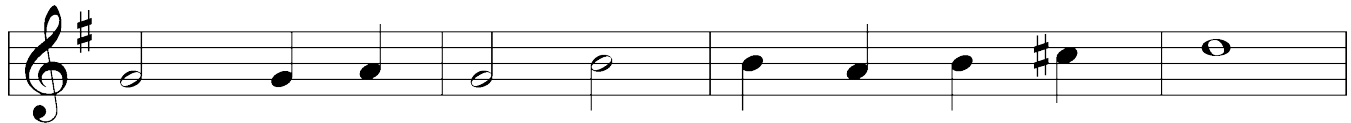
## *Closing Hymn*

### **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

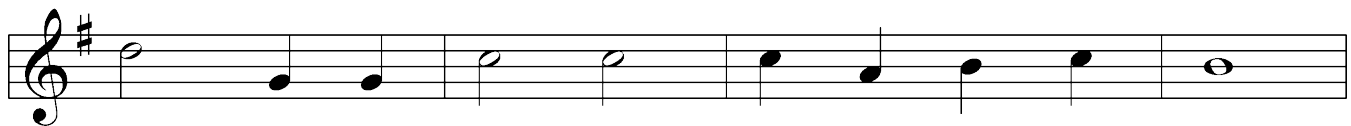
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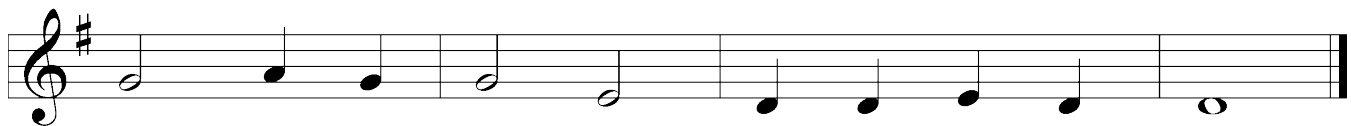
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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## *Chimes and Silent Prayer*

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