

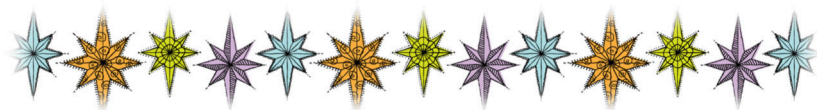
Our Savior Lutheran Church And School



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Evening Prayer
December 15, 2021

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Preservice Music

OSL School Band

The Service of Light

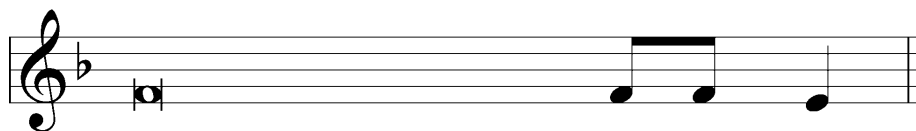
The service begins with a procession.

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.

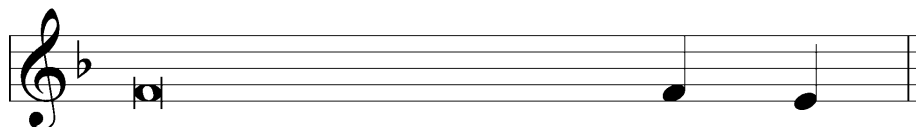
[L] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness 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 evening,



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

[L] Let Your light scatter the darkness



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

Phos Hilaron

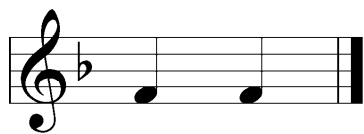
L Joyous light of glory:



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

L We praise and thank You, O God, for You are without beginning and without end. Through Christ You are the creator and preserver of the whole world; but above all, You are His God and Father, the giver of the Spirit, and the ruler of all that is, seen and unseen. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our weakness. O loving Lord and source of all that is good, mercifully accept our evening sacrifice of praise. As You have conducted us through the day and brought us to night's beginning, keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful evening and a night free from sin; and at the end bring us to everlasting life through Christ, our Lord; through Him be glory, honor, and power to You in the Holy Spirit now and always and forever and ever.



C A - men.

(Be Seated)

Psalmody - Psalm 141



C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



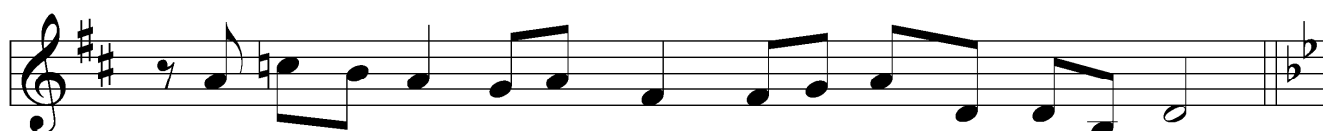
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **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.



II 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



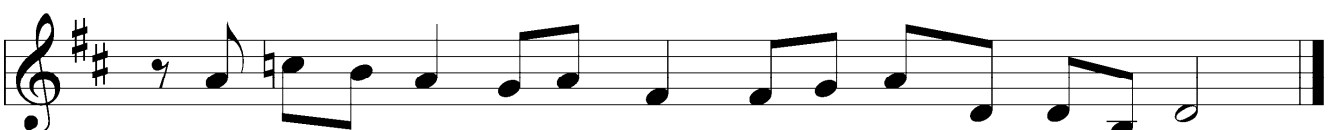
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in



the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.



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.

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.

Ministry of Music

Carol of Prophecy

Based on Isaiah 11 and 35; by Shirley W. McRae © 1996 Choristers Guild

OSL 5th – 8th Grade Classes

Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo, Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

The desert will rejoice and blossom as a rose, It will blossom and shout for joy.

Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo, Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together, and a little child shall lead them.

Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo, Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

Behold the glory and majesty of God, Rejoice, Emmanuel will come.

Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo, Exultate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

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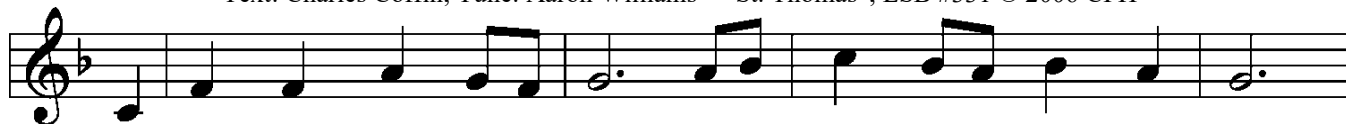


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Office Hymn

The Advent of Our King

Text: Charles Coffin; Tune: Aaron Williams – “St. Thomas”; LSB #331 © 2006 CPH



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
Choir: 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
Choir: 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

(Stand)

6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

(Be Seated)

Readings from Holy Scripture

Isaiah 64:1–9

[1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5] You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8] But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Silence for reflection on God's Word)

St. John 1:1–5

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C *Thanks be to God.*

(Silence for reflection on God's Word)

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: "Jefferson"; LSB #338 © 2006 CPH



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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(Stand for the Text)

Sermon

Text: Isaiah 64:1–9; St. John 1:1–5
“Wait Till Your Father Comes Home!”



(Stand)

Votum

Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

Offering



Voluntary

Sing and Rejoice with Heart and Voice

By James E. Clemens © 1998 Choristers Guild
OSL 5th – 8th Grade Classes

Sing and rejoice with heart and voice; tell all the world that Jesus is coming.

Shout and proclaim; honor his name.

Lift up your hearts with praises and singing.

Hosanna, hosanna!

Blessed is the king who is coming.

Hosanna, hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus will come as a light in the darkness, melting the shadows of pain and despair.

Jesus will come to bring hope for the helpless, keeping us sheltered and safe in his care.

Jesus is coming to be our redeemer; he will bring healing and grant us his peace.

Jesus is coming to be the Messiah; He will bring love to the whole human race.

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Hosanna, hosanna! Blessed is he.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna!

(Stand)

Litany

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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 mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For those who faithfully contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, for our pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.



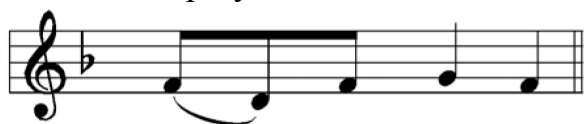
C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For our 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 mer - cy.

- P** 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 mer - cy.

- P** 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 mer - cy.

- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.



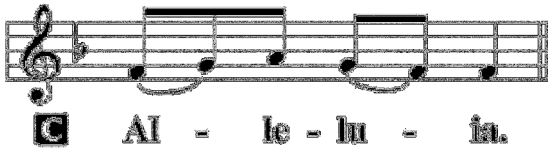
C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.



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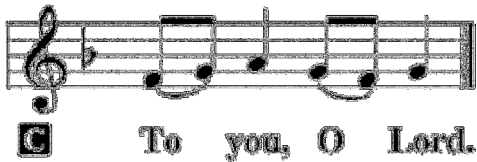
P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with you, let us give thanks to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

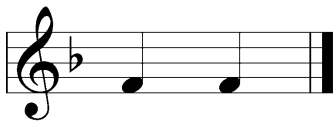
(Silence for meditation)

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



Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, your servants, the 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 the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.



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

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



Benediction

P May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

C *Amen.*

P May God the Son, who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

C *Amen.*

P May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness.

C *Amen.*

P And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

The Day Thou Gavest

Text: John Ellerton; Tune: Clement C. Scholefield – “St. Clement”; LSB #886 © 2006 CPH

1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, un-sleep-ing
Choir: 3 As o'er each con-ti-nent and is-land
4 The sun, that bids us rest, is wak-ing

The dark-ness falls at Thy be-hest;
While earth rolls on-ward in-to light,
The dawn leads on-an-oth-er day,
Thy saints be-neath the west-ern skies,

To Thee our morn-ing hymns as-cend-ed,
Through all the world her watch is keep-ing,
The voice of prayer is nev-er si-lent,
And hour by hour, as day is break-ing,

Thy praise shall sanc-ti-fy our rest.
And nev-er rests by day or night.
Nor dies the strain of praise a-way.
Fresh hymns of thank-ful praise a-rise.

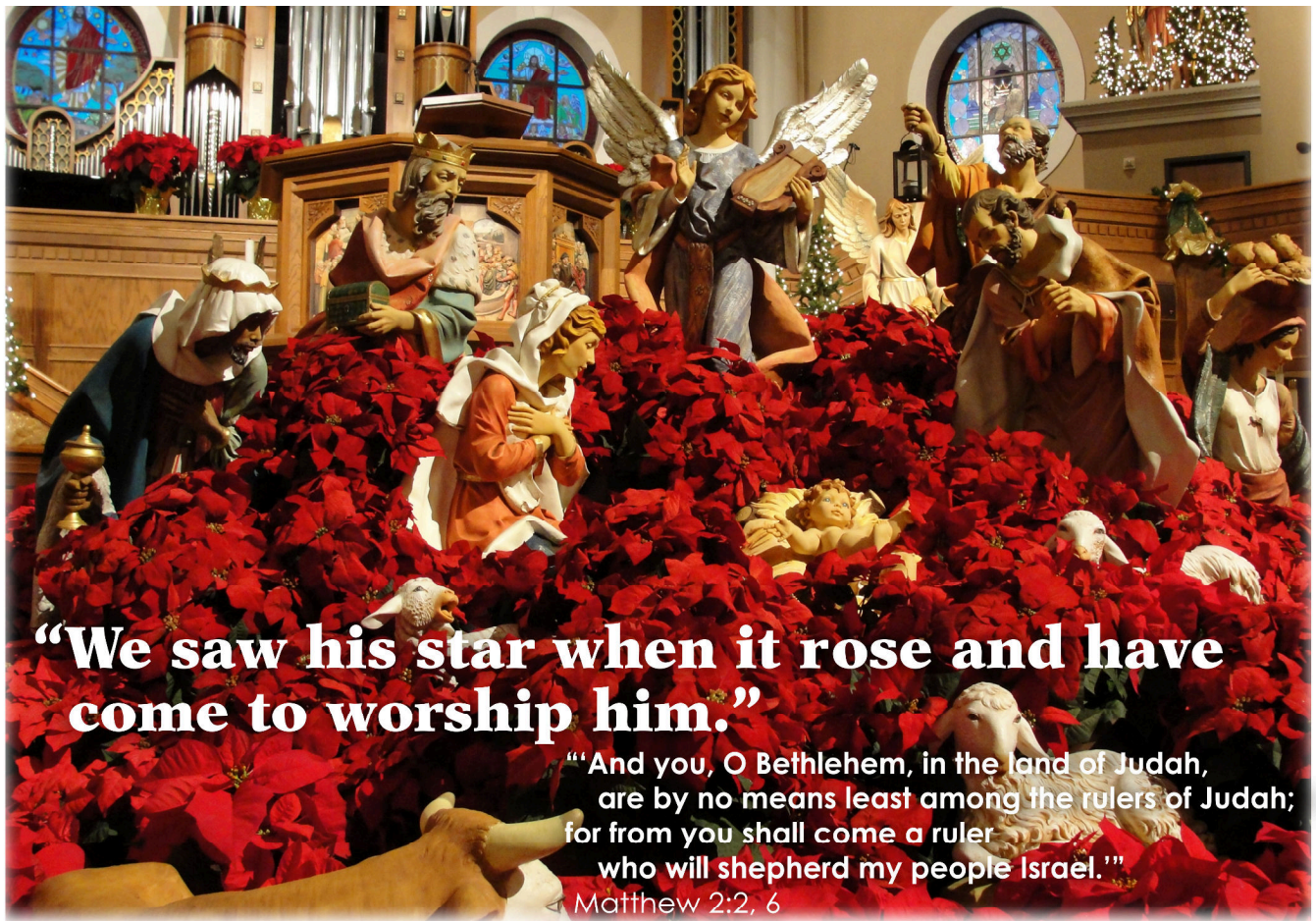
- 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never, Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever, Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

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Chimes & Silent Prayer

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**“We saw his star when it rose and have
come to worship him.”**

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”
Matthew 2:2, 6

Join Us for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:

*Friday, December 24 — 6:00 PM
with Orchestra, Jubilate Choir & Candles*

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:

*Saturday, December 25 — 9:30 AM
with Holy Communion*

NEW YEAR'S EVE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

*Friday, December 31 — 7:00 PM
with Holy Communion*

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