
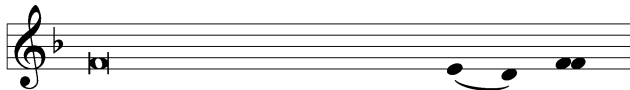


ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024
+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

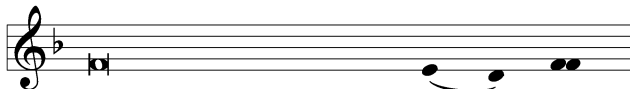
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L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.




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

LSB 244



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

LSB 245

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 +

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357 *sts. ref, 5*

5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
Refrain
Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
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PSALM

Psalm 41

- ¹Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- ²the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessèd in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- ³The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
- ⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- ⁵My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die and his name perish?"
- ⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- ⁷All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
- ⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
- ⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- ¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- ¹¹By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- ¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
- ¹³Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

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.**

+ READINGS +

READING

Acts 13:13–26

L A reading from Acts, chapter 13.

¹³Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.” ¹⁶So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²²And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ ²³Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

²⁶“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Luke 1:57–80

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” ⁶¹And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” ⁶²And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. ⁶⁴And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷²to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people
 in the forgiveness of their sins,
⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God,
 whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

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

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.**

ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING

LSB 333

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour, When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
 dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
 Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
 save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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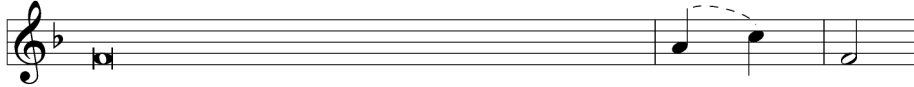
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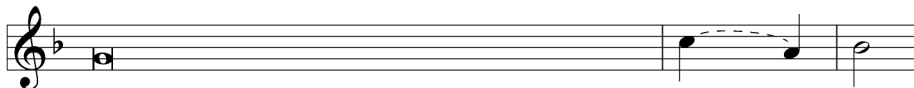
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1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most — High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
 2 who have been since the world be - gan:
 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for — us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore — Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 2 and from the hand of all who hate — us;
 3 to grant us that — we,
 4 all the days — of our life.
 5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

(Sit)

OFFERING

+ PRAYER +

(Stand)

LITANY

LSB 249

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.



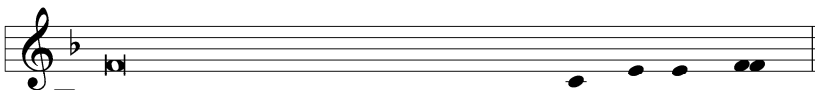
L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



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.**

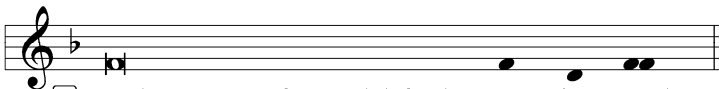
The prayers then continue:



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

LSB 251

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.

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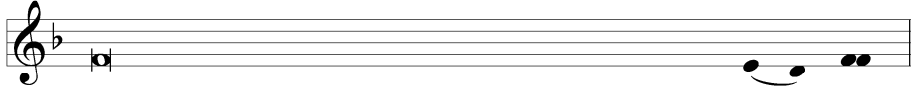
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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 252



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



A A - men.

HARK THE GLAD SOUND

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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