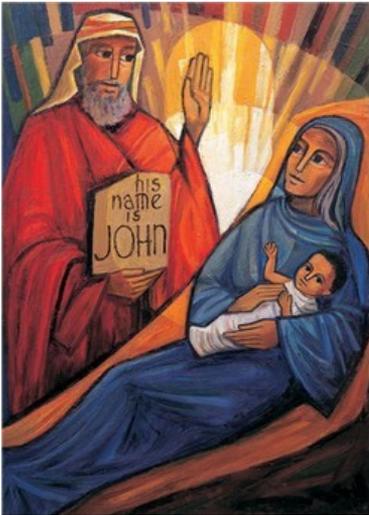


Canticles of the Christ Child

Midweek Advent Services 2016



Hymn – 95, 55, 705 (1st, 2nd, 3rd Advent Services)

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

C: Amen

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ who is our righteousness. In His name then I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C: Amen.



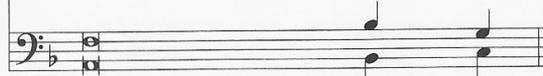
L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

[John 8:12]

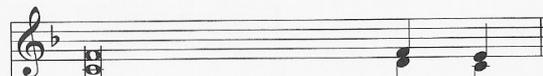


C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

[John 1:5]

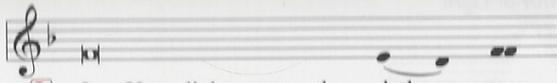


L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



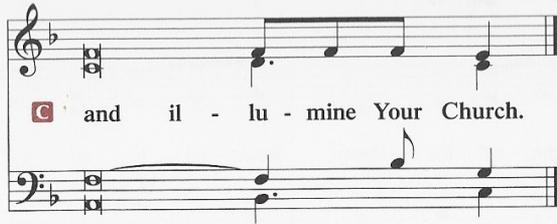
C and the day is almost o - ver.

Luke 24:29



L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

1 Corinthians 4:5



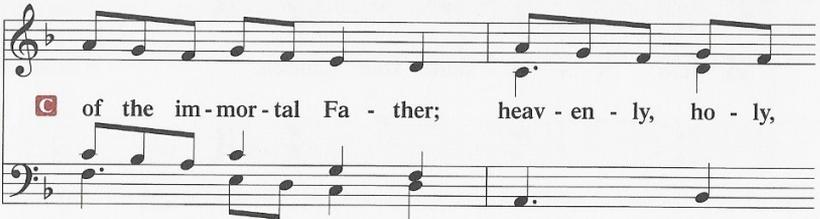
C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

[2 Corinthians 4:6]

PHOS HILARON *~ Hymn of Light*



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.

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.

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C A - men.

Sit

Psalm 24 (Page 25 in Worship Supplement)

READINGS

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

After each reading:

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection on God's Word may follow each reading. After the final reading:

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. *Hebrews 1:1-2a*

Readings

Pastor Bernthal: Micah 5:2-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Magnificat.

Pastor Matthew Ude: Isaiah 7:10-19, Nunc Dimittis.

Pastor David Ude: Genesis 17:1-13, Isaiah 9:1-7

Hymn – 647, 90:1-4, 91:1-5, 8

Sermon

Pastor Bernthal – Magnificat

Pastor Matt Ude – Nunc Dimittis

Pastor David Ude – Benedictus

P: Now the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Stand

Canticle (sung) – Magnificat (p. 43), Nunc Dimittis (p. 43),
Benedictus (p. 38)

PRAYER

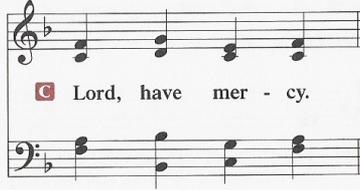
Kneel/Stand

LITANY

The LITANY may be spoken, or it may be sung according to the following musical form. When sung, 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.

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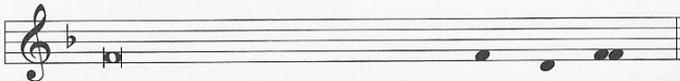
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for 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:

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



L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. (415)

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. (410)

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Benediction

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn – 78, 90:5-8, 62

The Magnificat – Luke 1:46-55 – Pastor Mark Bernthal

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

The Benedictus – Luke 1:67-79 – Pastor David Ude

And 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 people⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.⁷⁶ And

you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2:29-32 – Pastor Matthew Ude

²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

Hymns:

Pastor Bernthal: 95, 647, 78

Pastor Matt Ude: 55, 90:1-4, 90:5-8

Pastor David Ude: 705, 91:1-5,8, 62

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