

ASSEMBLY EDITION

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Advent II December 7, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

*Cello will play the
Melody once.
Join on the verse.
Verses 3 & 4*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way, Re - joice! Re - joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



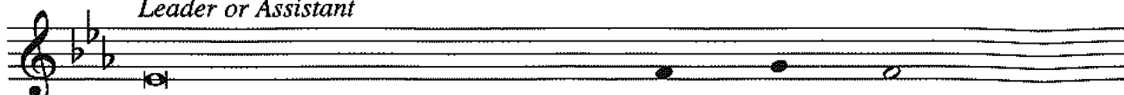
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Holden Evening Prayer

Setting by Marty Haugen

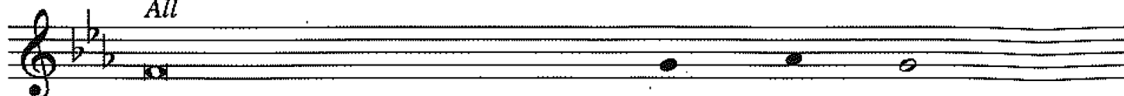
Procession

Leader or Assistant



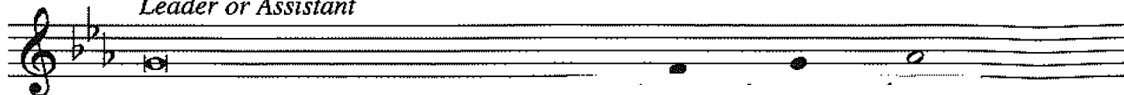
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

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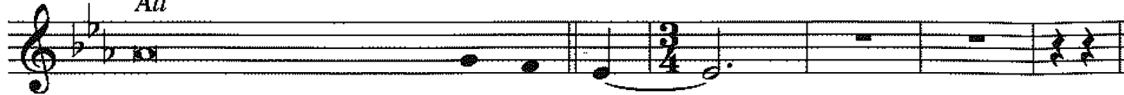


You dawn upon us as the morn - ing sun



and guide our feet into the way of peace. Let your light scat-ter the darkness,

All



and shine within your peo-ple here.

Morning Hymn



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

mor - ning dawns a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our
you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us
light our hearts a - new.
free and make us whole.
on to end - less day.

Thanksgiving g

May God be with you all. And al - so with you.
Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

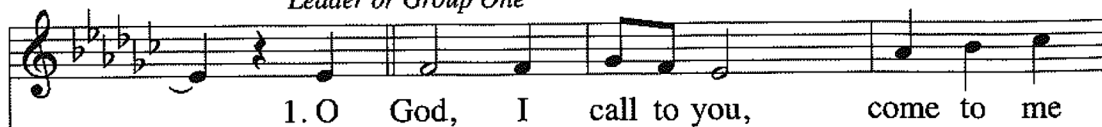
Response: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord

GATHERING HYMN — Wake, Awake for Night is Flying ELW 436

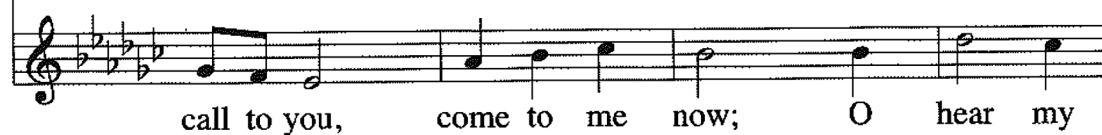
Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Verse 1

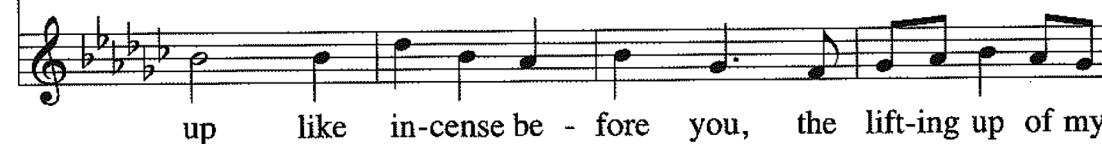
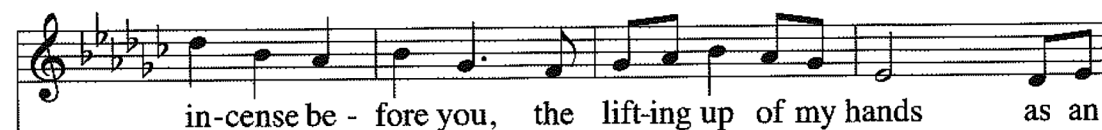
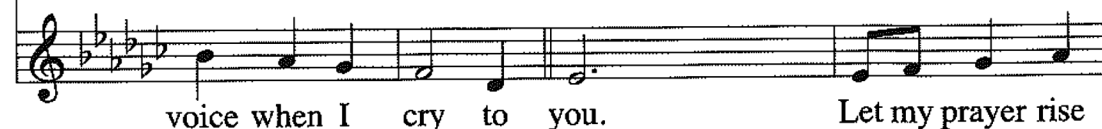
Leader or Group One



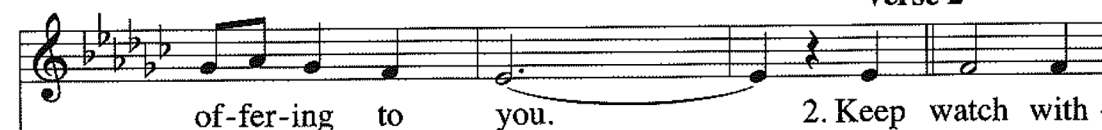
All or Group Two




Refrain




Verse 2







in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your



2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

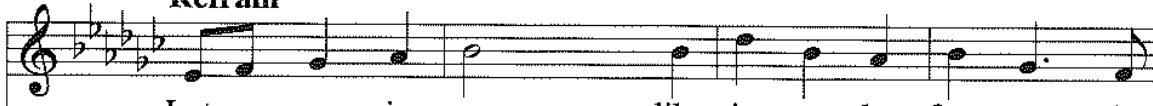


love be burn - ing bright.




heart may the light of your love be burn - ing


Refrain




Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the



bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -




lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

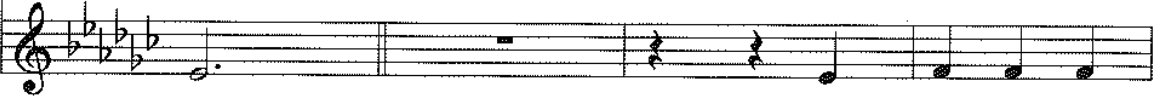


fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

Verse 3



3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of



you. 3. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of
God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to
Refrain
love. Let my prayer rise up like
Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise
in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my
of - fer-ing to you.
hands as an of - fer-ing to you.

Silence for meditation

Leader May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense,
and may your presence surround and fill us,
so that in union with all creation,
we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All Amen.

WORD

CHILDRENS SERMON

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
² **that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰ and again he says,

- ¹⁰ and again he says,
“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;
¹¹ and again,
“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;
¹² and again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you
may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Come and See

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What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

The gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW 254 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Leader A light shines in the darkness
All And the darkness has not overcome it.

The Annunciation
Luke 1:26–28, 30–32, 38

Leader An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High.” And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will.”

CONGREGATION STANDS

The Magnificat
Luke 1:46–55

All

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
 2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re-joic-es in you. You have looked with love on your
 lift - ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
 won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind-ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
 strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to

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weak and low-ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
 Sar - ah and A - bra-ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

Intercessions

All
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

[A] *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.'

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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Closing Prayers

Leader Great and merciful God,
source and ground of all goodness and life,
give to your people the peace that passes all understanding,
and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Leader God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Final Blessing

Leader or Assistant *All*

Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

All

May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our

guide and path for all of our days. *All* A - men.

Announcements

Special Offering for December is The Cart

Trades of Hope pop up bazaar

Shaila will be here next Sunday with Trades of Hope Fair Trade items for sale.
This is a great opportunity to get your Christmas Shopping done.

Brawl of the Wild Results

\$100 Bison, \$49 Griz, \$71.66 Bobcats. Total to support Campus Ministries is
\$181.66

Midweek Advent Soup and Bread Services

December 10 at noon—Messiah Lutheran Church
Soup makers are needed. Contact Martha Crofts (239-643-3027)
December 17—Calvary Episcopal Church

Help the Homeless in Billings, Montana

A message from Teri Wilker

I am collecting items for a program at Bethlehem Lutheran Church to help the
homeless people of Billings, Montana.

Please donate if you have extra men's coats, boots, sleeping bags, blankets and
tarps. Items may be brought to Messiah in Red Lodge, and I will pick them up.

God Bless! Teri Wilker

Memorial Donations for Christmas

This year, you will have the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia for the sanctuary
or make a donation of any amount to the Memorial Garden Fund in honor or
memory of a loved one. Poinsettias will be in place Sunday, December 21. You
will find an order blank in the back of the church to be completed and returned
with payment of \$25.00 per plant. If you choose to make a donation to the Memo-
rial Garden Fund, please note the amount on your form.

Donors' names and those of the honored or remembered will be in the Christmas
Eve bulletin.

Prayer Requests

Hebrews 4:16: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com or write your requests in the Prayer request book with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for
Vince and Mary Ames,
Claudia B, Hannah Gonzales, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Jim Kyner,
Doug & Mary Lair, Lois Miller, Ande Odegaard, Jackie Odegaard,
Carlos Ramalho, the family of Dick Rosekelly, Pam Tuscher, Sadie Sceva,
Guynema Terry, Josh Wilker, , and Lexi
Please remember the unspoken prayer requests of our congregation as well

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Thank you.

Live by faith . Share Christ's Love . Be a Voice for Hope