



EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, December 18, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

GATHERING

All O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free
your own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny;

(soloist chants Psalm 130)

L ⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.

All From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
and give them vic - t'ry o'er _____ the grave.

- L** ⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
- ⁸For the Lord shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.

(sing twice)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man-u-el' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

Al **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you know the many signs and wonders you use to communicate your love to us. You want us to know about your unfailing commitment to bring us back to life. As we gather under this wreath remind us that as the light grows so does your love grown in our midst. We pray this in Jesus' name and in all the holy names of God,

Al **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Tonight's narrative reading is from the book of Micah:

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God. Word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, Come, Lord Je - sus,
speak to us in your ho - ly word!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

AI Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For

as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia, Come, Lord Je - sus,
speak to us in your ho - ly word!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

Hymn 251

HOLY BAPTISM

P Aubrey Vanessa Green - daughter of Vanessa Oseguera and Steven Green
Godparents: Fabiola Oseguera and Cortland McIntosh

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES

Aubrey Vanessa Green is presented as a candidate for Holy Baptism.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.
Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

BAPTISM

- P** Aubrey Vanessa, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All are invited to join in singing (masked):

You_ be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Galatians 3:27, alt.
Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT, ANOINTING & SIGNING WITH THE CROSS, AND GIVING OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME

- A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- AI** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As we wait and watch, let us pray for the church the world and all God's creation.

(We offer our prayers using a sung response)

Each petition concludes:

To you all hearts are o - pen, to
you all de - sires known. To you there are no
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

P Into your hands gracious God we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise to hear our prayers.

A **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

A **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

MEAL

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Allan Robert Petker

(Please stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

A1 **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

A1 **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A1 **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Faithful and hidden Lord, when your people were in exile . . .

. . . Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever,

A1 **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
"Unexpected and Mysterious"

Calvin Hampton

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.
Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

All Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

All Amen.



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EVENING HYMN

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

The text of this hymn by Mary Louise Bringle which included in All Creation Sings, the ELCA’s new worship supplement, serves as the theme for our Advent worship.



- 1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
- 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
- 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom’s seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se’s stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en’s em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953


Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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DISMISSAL

 Go in peace, serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

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