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*Worship*

## Midweek Evening Service

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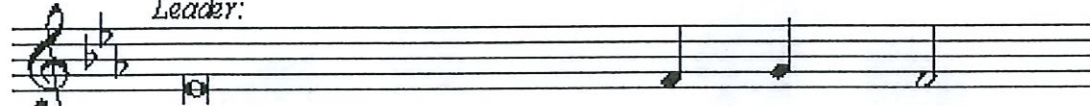
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# Evening Prayer Service

December 16, 2020

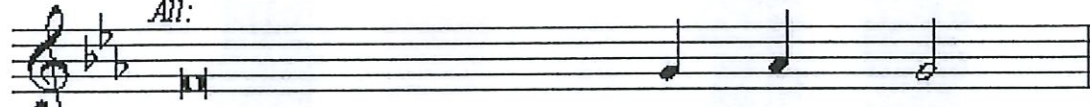
*Stand as you are able.*

*Leader:*



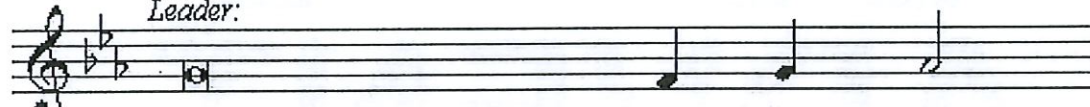
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



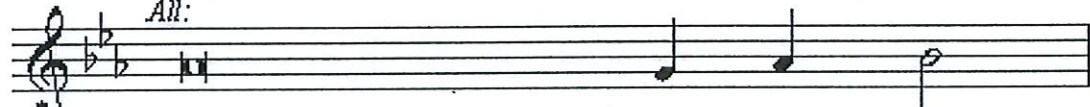
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



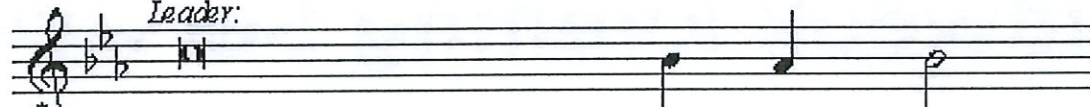
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*



and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

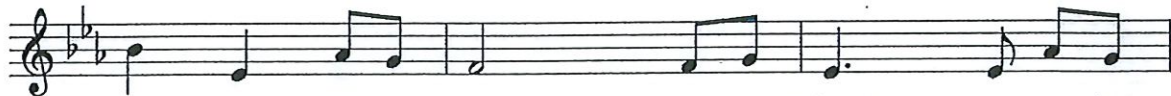
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## Carol at the Manger



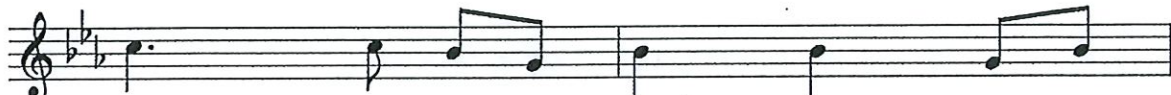
1. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Long a -  
 2. Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— How your  
 3. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Lead us



go yet ev - er near; Come as friend to ev - 'ry  
 love for us was shown, When the Im - age of your  
 ev - er in your way, So we see in ev - 'ry



stran - ger, Come as hope for ev - 'ry fear. As you  
 glo - ry Wore an im - age like our own. Come, en -  
 stran - ger How you come to us to - day. In our



lived to heal the bro - ken, Greet the  
 light - en with your wis - dom, Come, and  
 lives and in our liv - ing Give us



out - cast, free the bound, As you taught us love un -  
 fill us with your grace, May the fire of your com -  
 strength to live as you, That our hearts might be for -



spo - ken, Teach us now where you are found.  
 pas - sion Kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.  
 giv - ing And our spir - its strong and true.

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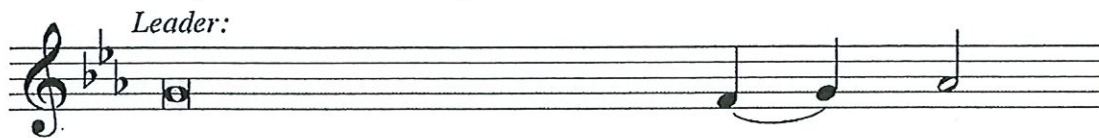
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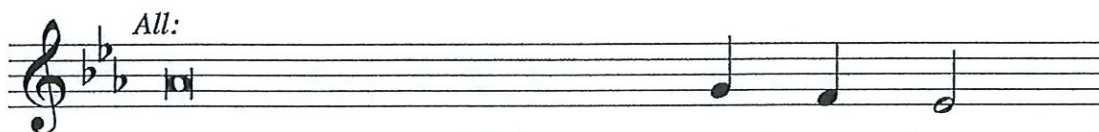




May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



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.



A - men.

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## Lessons The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 32:2-4

May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,



## **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 3:1-16**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Message**

**"Proclaim**

**Pastor Scott Henze**





Stand as you are able.

## Hymn

### "Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349, verses 1, 2, 4



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  
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  
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.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

## Litany and Prayers

Please Respond

[A] *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

[B]

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.



*Leader:* [A] [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

*Leader:* [A] [B]

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

*Leader:* [A] [B]

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:

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*Leader:*

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

*All:*

Keep— us, hold— us, gra-cious God.

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## Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

## Benediction *Sung by cantor*

### Closing Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB 357, verses 1,2,7*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

#### *Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Dismissal

Offering plates are stationed at each door.  
Your Advent gift may be placed there.

