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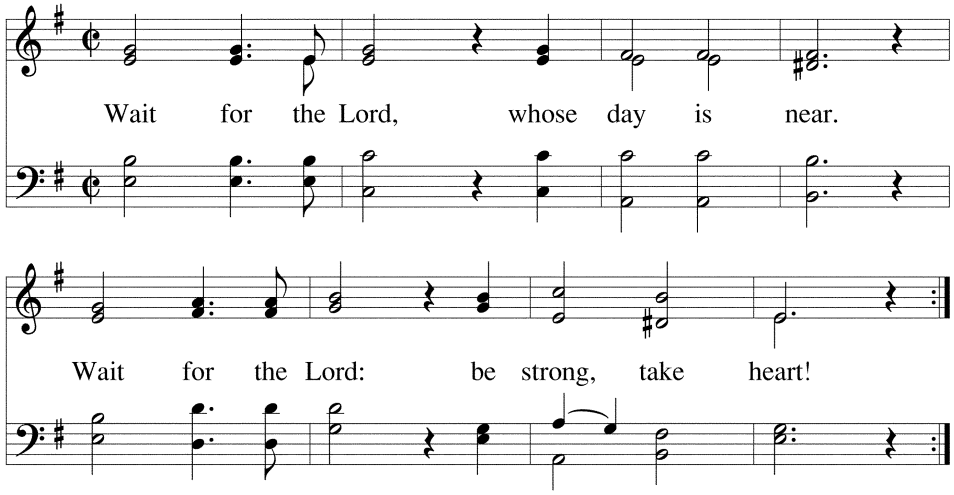
Holy Waiting

December 4, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Please nurture the silence when you enter.

Prelude

Hymn: Wait for the Lord
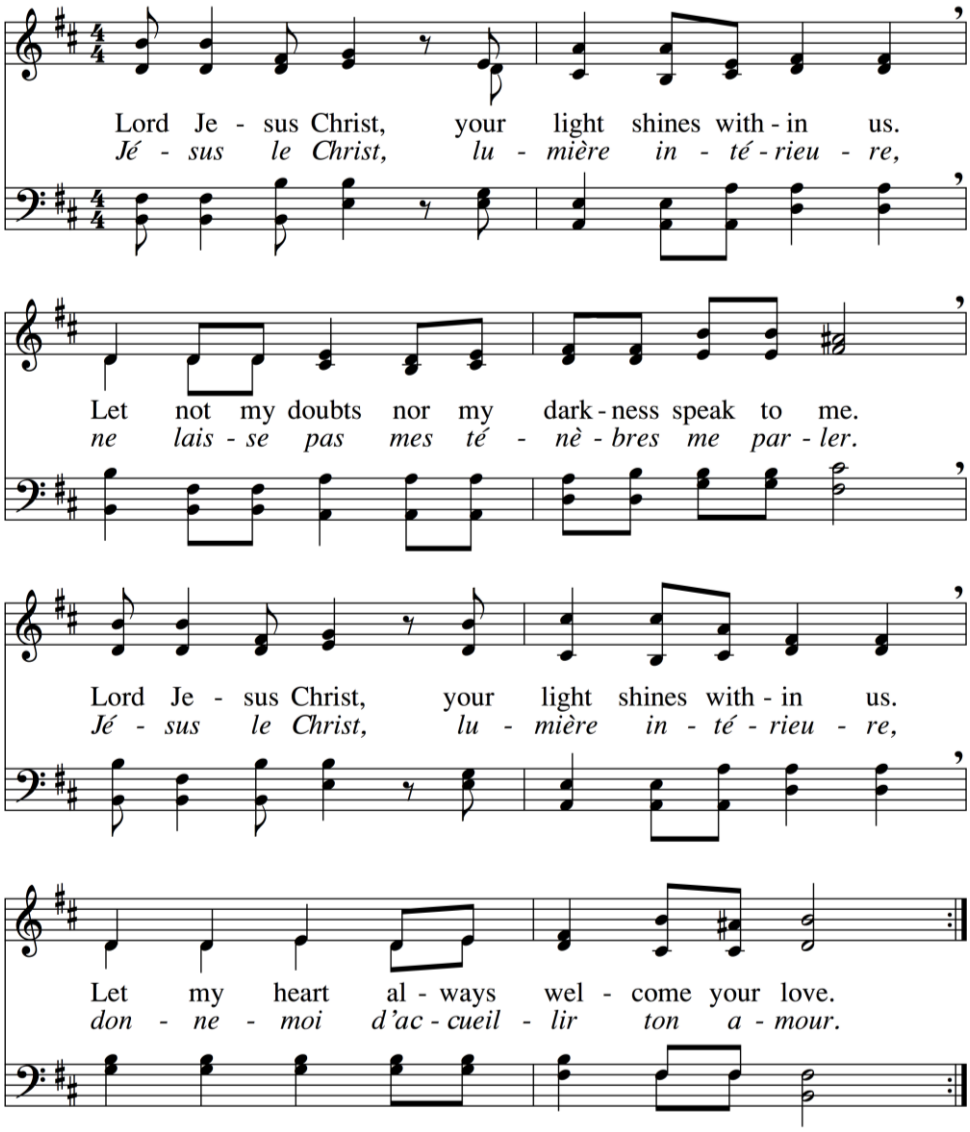


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Meditation

Wait for the Lord;
Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27:14

*** *Silence*

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us



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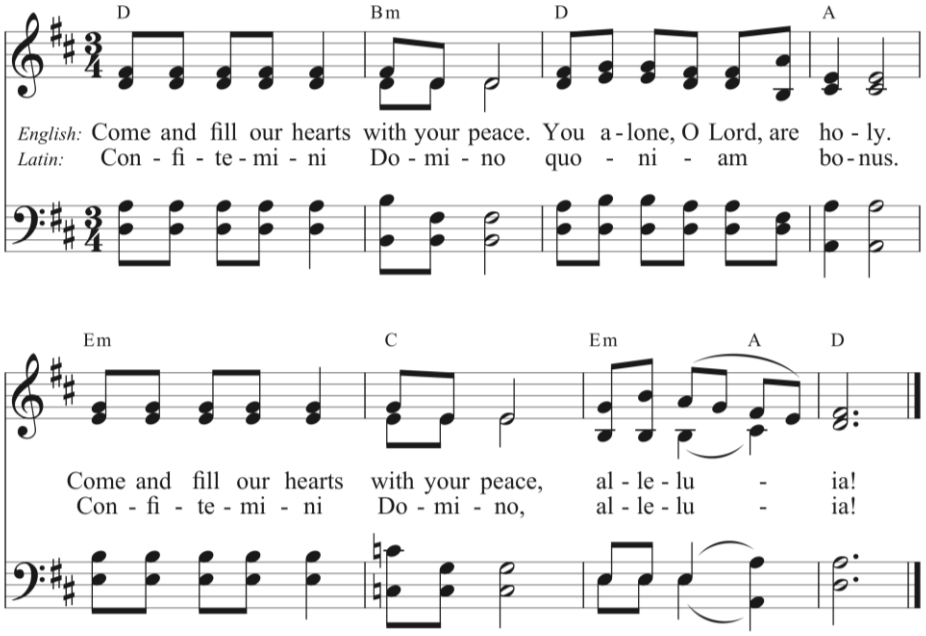
Prayer

Gracious and loving God
help us to wait for all
that God has to show us
this Advent as we offer
our thanksgiving for
the time and space
to ponder the incarnate mystery
as we wait for the light of the
world to be born.

May we stop all the doings
of this season and simply
be present so that we, like Mary,
may recognize God stirring within us.
Amen.

*** *Silence*

Hymn: Come and fill our hearts



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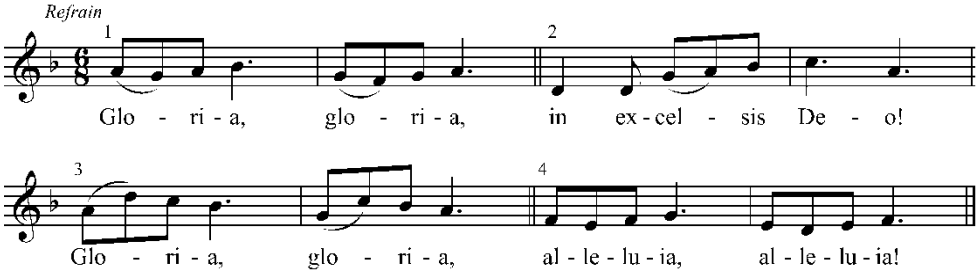
Reading: Psalm 67
For the director of music: with stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.
God please be gracious to us and bless us
with a shining face—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you bestow order upon people with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
God please bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will be humbled in your light.

Reflection Ann van Buren

*** *Silence*

The Lord's Prayer:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us 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.

Hymn: Gloria



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Prayer
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch
or weep this night, and give your angels charge
over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ,
give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Benediction
Let us not lose heart in our waiting
but give thanks for those who wait with us.
Let us watch and listen as the shepherds did
And follow whatever star God shines in our lives.
Let us listen for God's call to each one of us
to belong to each other. Amen.

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