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The Community of Christ and the Incarnation

**Midweek Advent Series using
Evening Prayer**

DIALOG

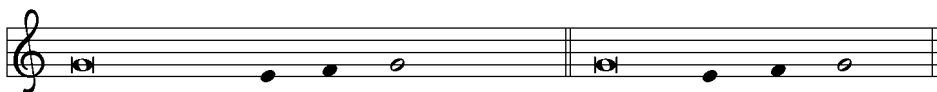
The assembly stands. A large, white candle may be carried to its place. A dialogue may accompany or follow the procession. When it is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.



The Spirit and the church cry out: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



All those who await his ap-pear-ance pray: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



The whole cre - a - tion pleads: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

HYMN OF LIGHT



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
 for in the beginning you called light into being,
 and you set light in the sky to govern night and day.
 In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
 you led your people into freedom.
 Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:
 may your Word be a lamp to our feet
 and a light to our path; for you are merciful,
 and you love your whole creation,
 and with all your creatures we give you glory,
 through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A - men.

EVENING PSALM

All



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Group One or All



O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when

All



I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Group Two or All



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All

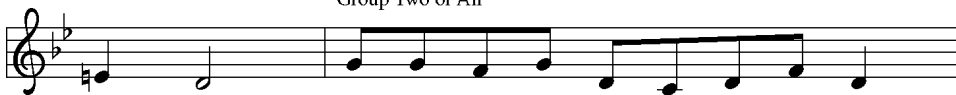


Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -


Group Two or All



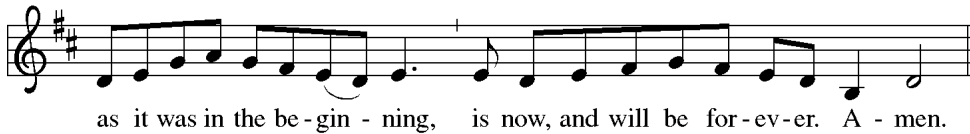
do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



All
Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence is kept for meditation and prayer.
Let the incense of our repentant prayer
ascend before you, O God,
and let your lovingkindness descend upon us,
that with purified hearts
we may sing your praises with the church on earth
and the whole heavenly host,
and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen

PSALM

Silence is kept after each psalm for meditation and prayer. A concluding prayer will be said following the silence.

Week of Advent 1: Psalm 147:12-20

Week of Advent 2: Psalm 25:1-12

READINGS

Week of Advent 1: Ephesians 1:3-14

Week of Advent 2: Ephesians 4:1-16

After the reading, the leader and congregation will respond by saying:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

HYMN

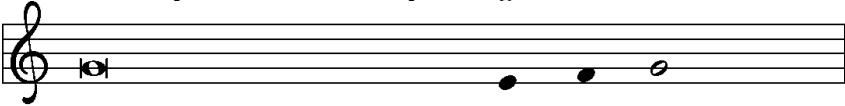
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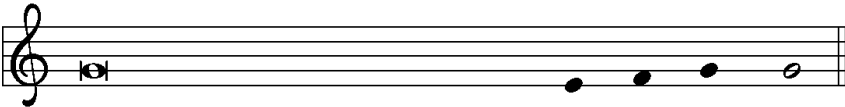
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After the song, the prayer continues with a scriptural dialogue. When it is sung, the following or a similar tone may be used, the assembly echoing the leader.



Jesus said, I am the light of the world.



Whoever follows me will never walk in dark - ness.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

The assembly sing the gospel canticle for evening, the song of Mary, using the hymn My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness.

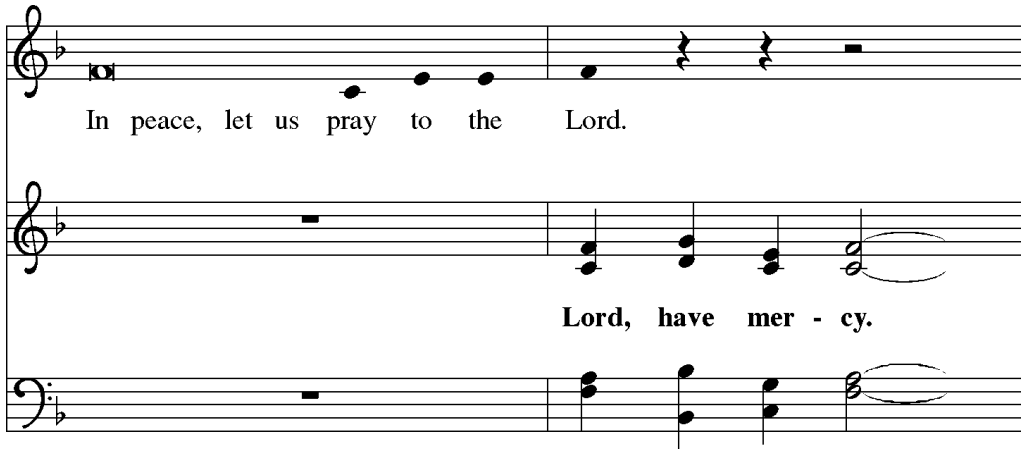
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

PRAYERS



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For *name/s and* all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of *name/s and* all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a melody of quarter notes: G4, F4, E4, D4, followed by a double bar line, then G4, A4, B4, C5. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains a bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, followed by a double bar line, then G2, A2, B2, C3. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Silence for prayer follows. The litany with the following prayer chanted by the pastor..

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

A - men.

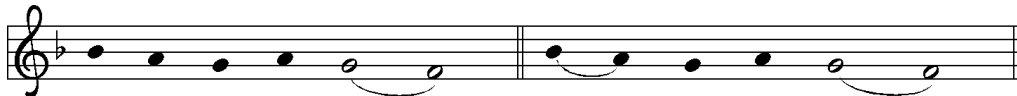
The musical notation is a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat. It contains a melody of two quarter notes: G4, A4, followed by a double bar line.

A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

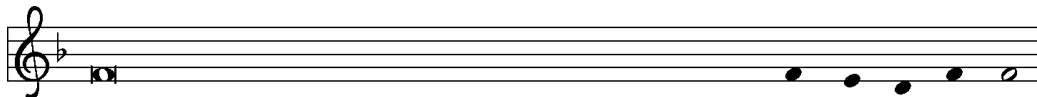
BENEDICAMUS



Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

May the spirit of our Lord be with us this night,
And with our absent brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing,
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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