

Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer

✠ *In Nomine Jesu* ✠

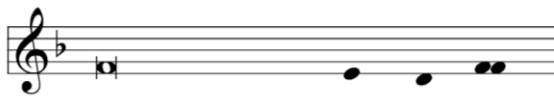
Pre-service Music

Savior of the Nations Come
Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People
Once He Came in Blessing
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

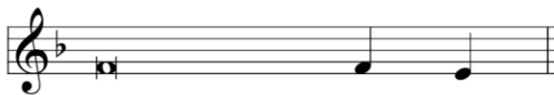
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Versicles

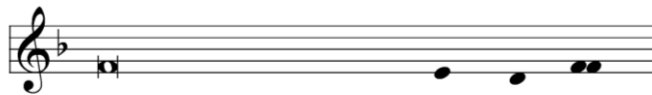
After the bell ceases to ring, all stand and face the back of the nave for the procession.



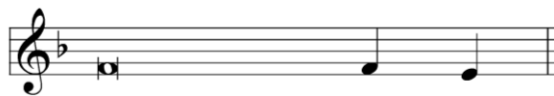
L The Spirit and the Church cry out:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.

Phos Hilaron

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

The refrain is sung once by the choir and then repeated by the congregation.

The choir sings the verses, with the congregation repeating the refrain where indicated.



Joy-ous light of glo-ry, joy-ous light of glo-ry of the im-mor-tal



Fa - ther; heav - en-ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.

We have come to the setting of the sun,
And we look to the evening light. **Refrain**

We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
With pure voices forever. **Refrain**

O Son of God, O Giver of life:
The universe proclaims Your glory. **Refrain**

Thanksgiving for Light

- L** We praise and thank You, O God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have enlightened us by revealing the Light that never fades. Night is falling, and day's allotted span draws to a close. The daylight which You created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us, and yet, of Your free gift, now the evening lights do not fail us. We praise You and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; through Him be glory, honor, and power to You in the Holy Spirit now and always and forever and ever.



C A - men.

Sit

Psalm 141 – LSB 245

- C** All **I** Lectern (left) side **II** Pulpit (right) side

Choral Psalm *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Mark Schweizer

Refrain: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart: make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'ns employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy. *Refrain*

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
From us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal. *Refrain*

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;
Eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name! *Refrain*

Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9*

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response *Come, O Precious Ransom*

Mark Shepperd

Come, O precious Ransom, come.

Come, O Savior of the world.

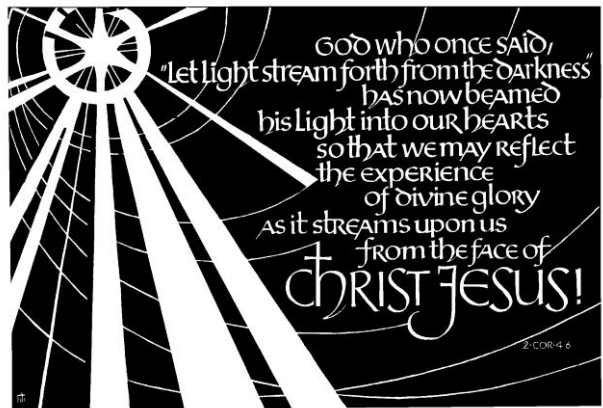
Only hope for sinful mortals!

Come, your beauty let us view;
anxiously we wait for You.

Hail! Hosanna! David's Son!

Jesus, hear our supplication!

Enter now my waiting heart,
dwell in me and ne'er depart.



Hymn *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* (LSB 347:1, 3)

Stanzas 1 is sung by the congregation.

The Schola Cantorum sings stanza 3 in a setting by Paul Bunjes.



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Reading *Isaiah 7:10–14*

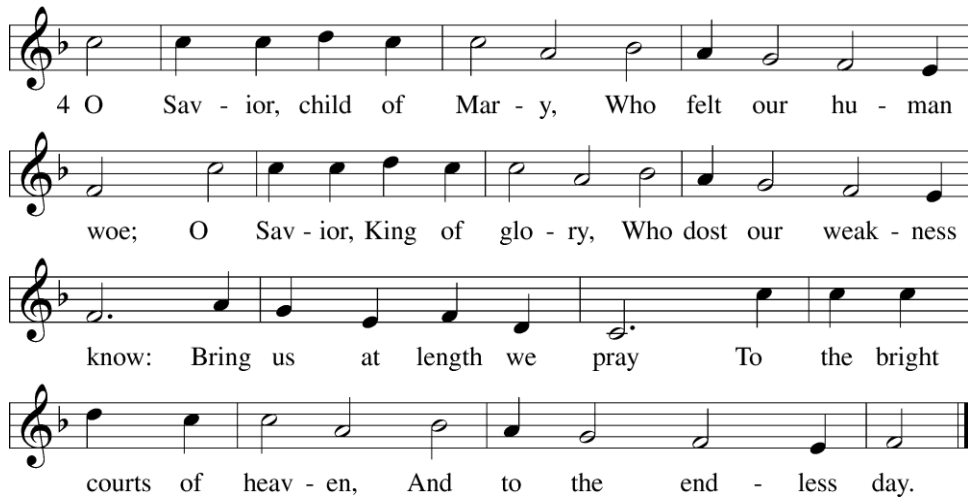
L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn *O Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (LSB 359)

Stanzas 1–3 are sung by the Seminary Kantorei in a setting by Howard Helvey.

The congregation sings stanza 4:



4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

Reading *Luke 1:26–38*

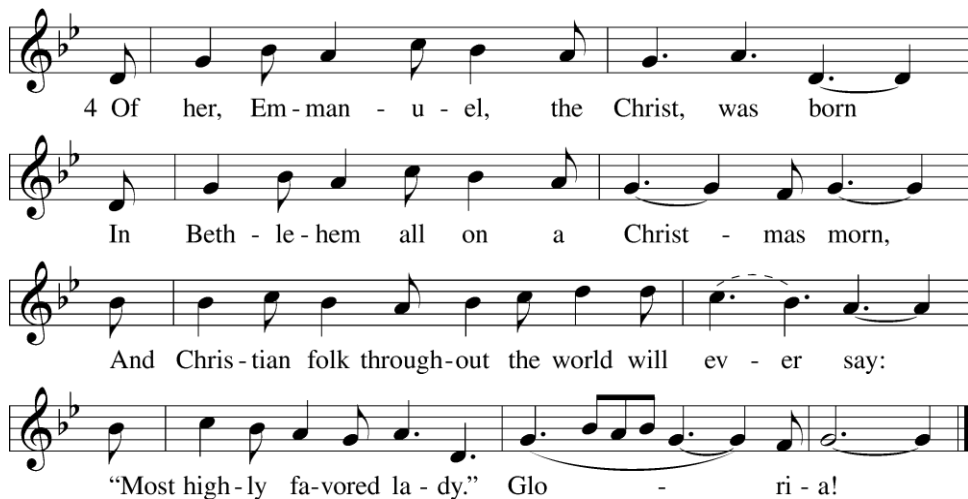
L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn *The Angel Gabriel* (LSB 356)

Stanzas 1–3 are sung by the Seminary Children's Choir in a setting by Richard Sheppard.

The congregation sings stanza 4:



4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born
In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,
And Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

Sermon

Canticle *Magnificat*

Dietrich Buxtehude (attributed)

My soul doth magnify the Lord my God,
and now and ever my spirit is joyful in God who is my only Savior.
For he hath looked upon the low estate of his handmaiden;
Lo, from henceforth all men shall call me blessed, even every generation.
He hath shown me mighty wonders,
The mighty one, and great and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on all nations,
He is merciful now and evermore to them that do fear him.
He hath made manifest the greatness of his arm
And scattered the proud ones, even them of proud heart,
He hath put down the princes from high places, and hath exalted the humble,
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
He hath holpen Israel, Israel his servant
In remembrance of all his loving kindness.
As it was promised unto our forefathers,
Abraham, and all of his children forevermore,
Glory to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and evermore, world without end, Amen.

Kneel

Litany and Prayers – LSB 249

The congregation's response begins just as the officiant's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously.

Following the Lord's Prayer, all stand, leaving the kneelers in place until the conclusion of the service.

Stand

Benedicamus and Benediction – LSB 252

Hymn 387 *Joy to the World*

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

*We are most grateful for the Christmas trees in Kramer Chapel
given by Michael and Linda Koeneman of Beverly Nurseries.*

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	The Reverend Professor Arthur A. Just Jr.
Officiant	The Reverend Professor Todd A. Peperkorn
Organists	Kantor Kevin J. Hildebrand Kantor Matthew A. Macheimer
Choirs	Schola Cantorum and Kantorei; Kevin Hildebrand, director Divine Service Choir, Women's Choir, Seminary Children's Choir; Matthew Macheimer, director Instrumental Ensemble; Seminarian Matthew Kinne, director

FUTURE EVENTS 2022

19 January	5:00 p.m.	Epiphany Evening Prayer Seminary Kantorei
20 January	4:00 p.m.	Symposia Vespers & Organ Recital Charles Russell, Organist Grace Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Arkansas
27 March	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Evening Prayer Seminary Kantorei
24 April	4:00 p.m.	Easter Hymn Festival Seminary Schola Cantorum
20 May	2:00 p.m.	Graduation Day Organ Recital Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, organist

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