

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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12:15 PM – Holden Evening Prayer

ADVENT 2022



GATHERING

We gather in silent meditation and prayer.

Rise and face the entrance as the service begins when the Sanctus bells ring.

Mark Jones, *Organist*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSION

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. —

2 *poco rit.*

Turn as the service continues with the Evening Hymn.

EVENING HYMN

Joyous Light

Marty Haugen



1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our




you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

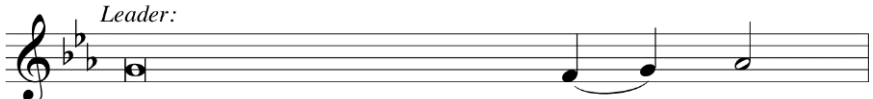
EVENING THANKSGIVING

Leader: *All:*



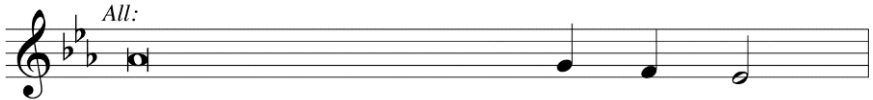
May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Leader:



Let us sing our thanks to — God,

All:



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.


All:




A - men.

(sit)
PSALM 141


All:



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -




fore you, the lift - ing up of my




hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

Leader or Group One:



— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:



O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O
cry to you. Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.
up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
you. Keep watch with - in me, God;
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

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deep in my heart may the light of your love be
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the
 burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
 you. All praise to the God of all - Cre -
 of - fer - ing to you. All

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a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise

praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you.


of - fer - ing to you.

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L May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

C Amen.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING *"In the Darkness, You are Here"* by Vicar Olson Kopp



In the dark-ness there is good-ness, In the dark - ness You are here, In the dark-ness there is
In the dark-ness there is beau - ty, In the dark-ness there is
In the dark-ness there is prom - ise, In the dark-ness there is
In the dark-ness there is grow - ing, In the dark-ness there is
won - der in the dark - ness You are here, In the dark - ness there is still - ness, In the
lov - ing, In the dark - ness there is gaz - ing,
dream - ing, In the dark - ness there is call - ing,
seek - ing, In the dark - ness there is sav - ing,
dark - ness You are here In the dark - ness lis - ten deep - ly, You are here, You are here.

SILENCE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

You are invited at this time to come forward, light a candle and offer your prayers to God. Know that God hears you and listens to your requests, questions, thanks, joys and sorrows.

The service continues with the following responses which introduce the Annunciation:

☐ The Light shines in the darkness ☑ **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

(stand)

THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38

- ☐ An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High.” And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will.”

(immediately to “The Magnificat”)

THE MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you,
heart, You have looked with love on your
You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

PRAYERS

[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:

Leader:




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

All:



Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.



- L** Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE PEACE IS SHARED

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Eternal God,
- C** you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** With this bread and cup ...
We look with hope for his coming.
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Holy God, we long for your Spirit ...
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
- C** **Come Holy Spirit.**
- P** All praise and glory are yours ...
one God, now and forever
- C** **Amen.**
- L** God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

AGNUS DEI

- ☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☩ Be strong do not fear!
- ☩ Here is your God, who has come to save you.

(sit)

DISTRIBUTION

(remain seated for the remainder of the service)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☩ Faithful God,
- ☩ in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A BLESSING FOR TRAVELLING IN THE DARK

FINAL BLESSING

Leader: *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____

All:



A - men.

depart in silence

Worship with us this Christmas Season!

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM	Family Worship
7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship (in person, TV, and Livestream)
11:00 PM	Candlelight Worship

Christmas Day

NOTE TIME CHANGE

10:00 AM	Worship (in person, TV, and Livestream)
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New Year's Eve

5:00 PM	Lessons and Carols
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New Year's Day

NOTE TIME CHANGE

9:00 AM	(Pre-recorded for TV and Livestream only)
10:00 AM	Lessons and Carols (in person worship only)

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