

# The Lutheran Church of the Atonement

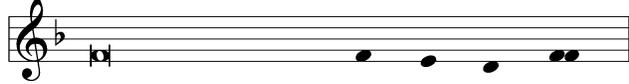
## 12/31/2020 New Year's Eve

### Service of Light

Stand

#### Versicles

LSB 243



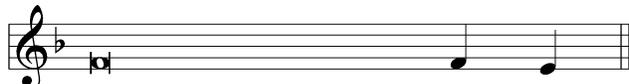
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



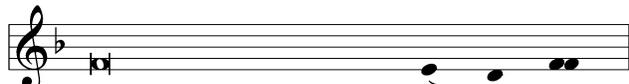
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

#### Phos Hilaron

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**L** Joyous light of glory:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



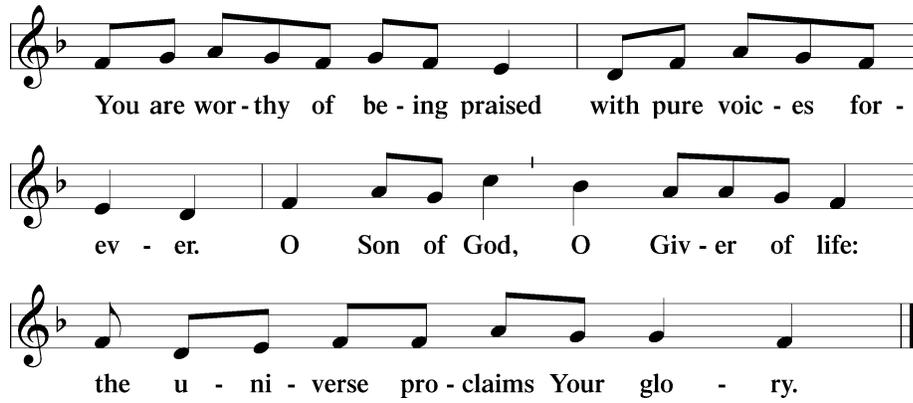
bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



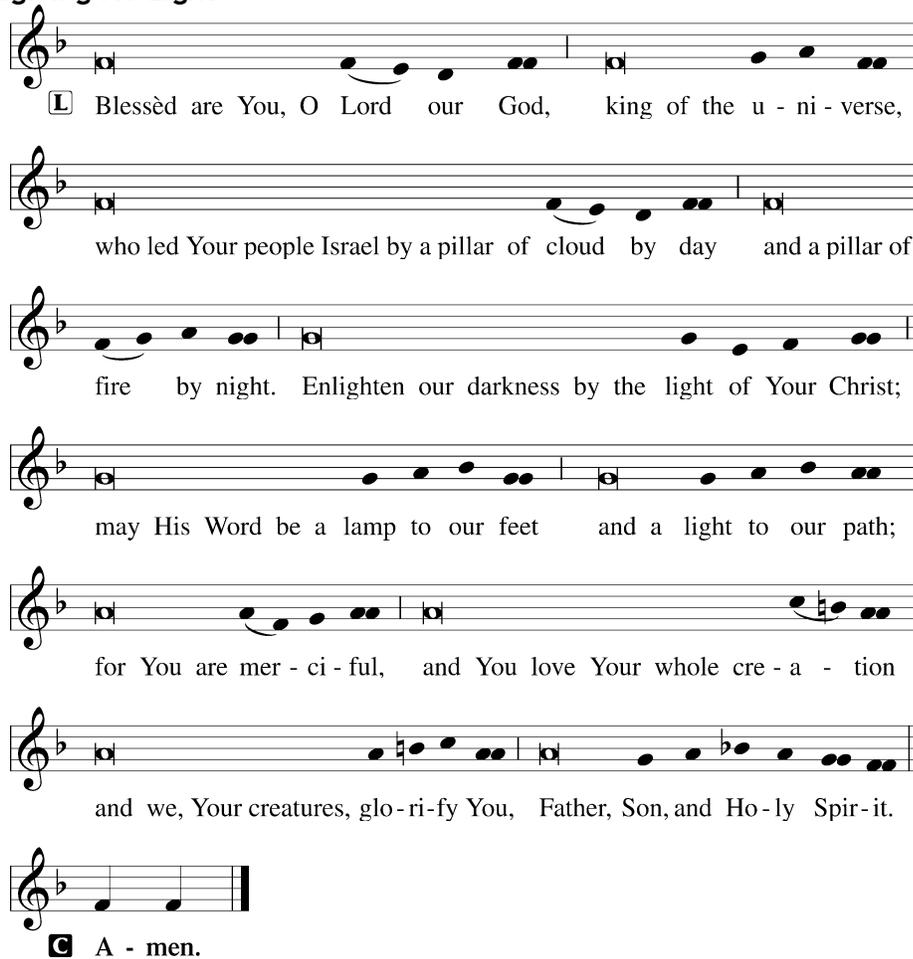
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -  
ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

## Thanksgiving for Light

LSB 245



**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion  
and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.  
**C** A - men.

*Sit*

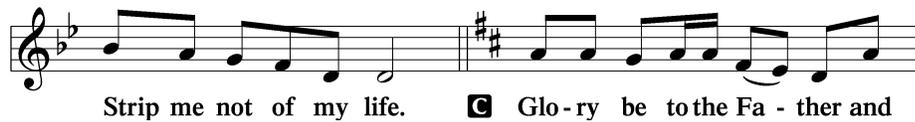
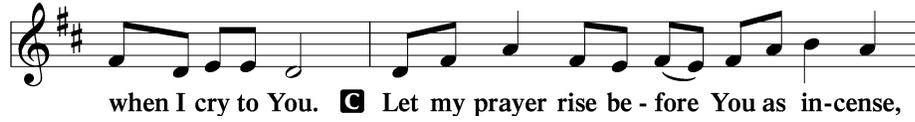
## Psalmody

### Psalm 141

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**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



## Psalm Prayer

L Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C **Amen.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 90:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

<sup>3</sup>You return | man to dust\*  
and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when | it is past,\*  
or as a watch | in the night.

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as | with a flood;\*  
they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:

<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;\*  
in the evening it fades and | withers.

<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your | anger;\*  
by your wrath we | are dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;\*  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength | eighty;\*  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your | anger,\*  
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number | our days\*  
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

## 878 Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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## Readings

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 30:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,  
 “In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
 in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”  
 But you were unwilling, <sup>16</sup>and you said,  
 “No! We will flee upon horses”;  
 therefore you shall flee away;  
 and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;  
 therefore your pursuers shall be swift.  
<sup>17</sup>A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;  
 at the threat of five you shall flee,  
 till you are left  
 like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,  
 like a signal on a hill.

### Reading Response

P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading

*Romans 8:31b–39*

If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Reading Response

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 12:35–40*

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

## Final Reading Response

*LSB 247*

- L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.  
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Sermon

# Canticle

*Stand*

## Magnificat

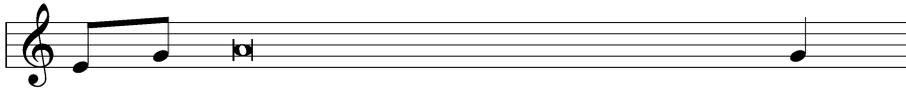
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*Refrain*

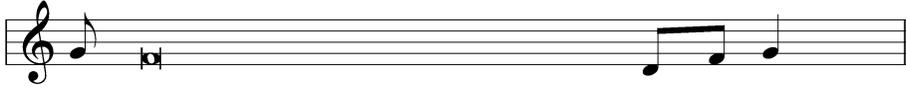
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.

- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son

- 1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand-maiden.
- 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;
- 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessèd.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

*Sit*

## Offering

## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

## Litany

LSB 249

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L 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:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C **Alleluia.**

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

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

### Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 251*

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

*Stand*

### Benedicamus

*LSB 252*

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

*LSB 252*

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

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