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Midweek Advent Service- 2
December 13, 2023

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INTRODUCTION & GREETING

HYMN# 12

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.

Congregation: And my mouth shall declare Your praise!

Pastor: Hasten to save me, O God.

Congregation: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

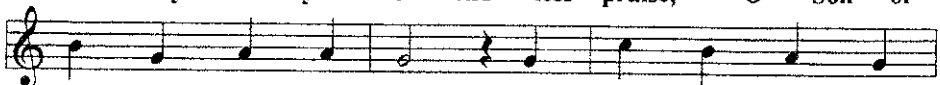
Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray! Lord God, You have brought us safely to this hour of evening worship. For Jesus' sake, remove our fears, forgive our sins, dispel our sorrows, strengthen our faith, and restore to us the joy of Your salvation! As we gather in Your name, we pray that You bless our time together. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we are energized to do Your will and follow Your commands. May our words of prayer, and songs of praise, be pleasing in Your sight. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light for our path. Just as You led Your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ. In Your light, we see light! Live in us, that we may live for You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and The Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever.

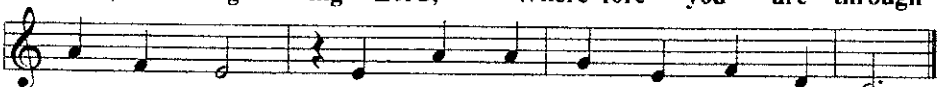
Congregation: Amen.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Pastor: Lord, we thank You for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with Your forgiving love in Christ. May Your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of Your presence. Come and bless us as we worship You: one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

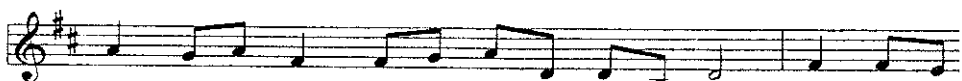
Congregation: Amen.

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

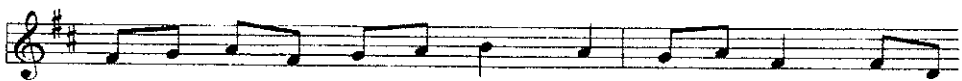
Psalm 141



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing



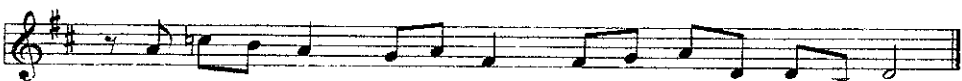
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when 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.

Malachi 4:1-6

“Surely, the day is coming. It will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. And that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says The Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked. They will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says The Lord Almighty. “Remember the law of My servant, Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for Israel. See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of The Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers. Or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS! The Sun of Righteousness Brings Healing

MIDWEEK ADVENT OFFERINGS

ADVENT PRAYER(page 123)

HYMN# 25

THE 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.*

APOSTOLIC BLESSING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ(+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of The Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” Hymn# 23