

# Advent



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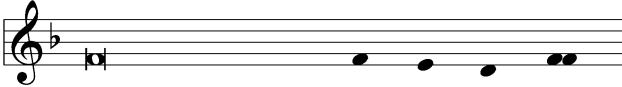
**Monthly Memory Verse:**

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
John 1:5

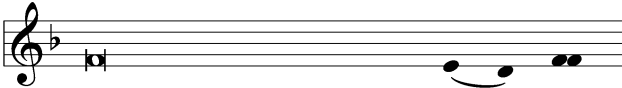
**Opening Hymn: “Creator of the Stars of Night”**

**LSB 351**

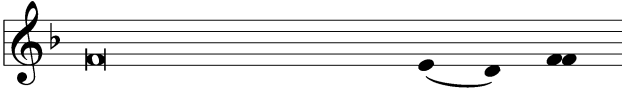
**Service of Light**



**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**

*LSB 244*



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:

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

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**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, 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 merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** A - men.

# Psalmody

## Psalm 141

LSB 245



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.



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



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 - do - ers.



But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. Glo-ry be 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.

- 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.

**Hymn of the Day: “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

**LSB 332**

**Readings**

**Reading**

*Psalm 45*

- L** A reading from Psalm, chapter 45.
  - <sup>1</sup>My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;  
I address my verses | to the king; \*  
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.
  - <sup>2</sup>You are the most handsome of the sons of men;  
grace is poured up- | on your lips; \*  
therefore God has blessed you for- | ever.
  - <sup>3</sup>Gird your sword on your thigh, O | mighty one, \*  
in your splendor and | majesty!

<sup>4</sup>In your majesty ride out victoriously  
for the cause of truth and meekness and | righteousness; \*  
let your right hand teach you | awesome deeds!

<sup>5</sup>Your arrows are sharp  
in the heart of the king's | enemies; \*  
the peoples fall | under you.

<sup>6</sup>Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.  
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness; \*  
<sup>7</sup>you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your com- | panions; \*  
<sup>8</sup>your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments | make you glad; \*  
<sup>9</sup>daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of | Ophir.

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O daughter, and consider, and in- | cline your ear: \*  
forget your people and your | father's house,  
<sup>11</sup>and the king will desire your | beauty. \*

Since he is your lord, | bow to him.  
<sup>12</sup>The people of Tyre will seek your fa- | vor with gifts, \*  
the richest of the | people.

<sup>13</sup>All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven | with gold. \*  
<sup>14</sup>In many-colored robes she is led to the king,  
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

<sup>15</sup>With joy and gladness they are | led along \*  
as they enter the palace | of the king.

<sup>16</sup>In place of your fathers shall | be your sons; \*  
you will make them princes in | all the earth.

<sup>17</sup>I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations; \*  
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

**L** A reading from 2 Corinthians, chapter 4.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled



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*

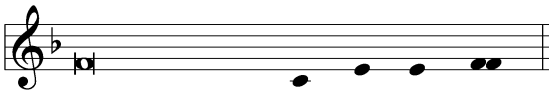


# Prayer

## Litany

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*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- 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.**

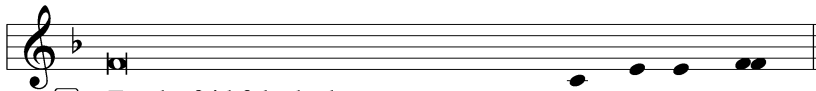
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

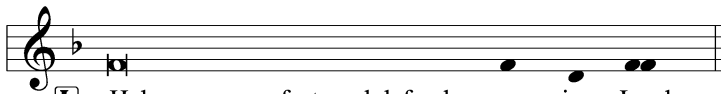
*The prayers then continue:*



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

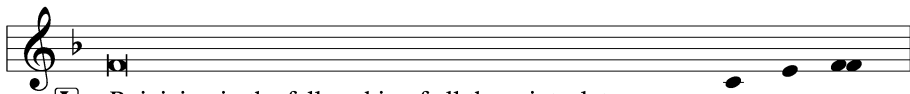


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious 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.**

## Benedicamus

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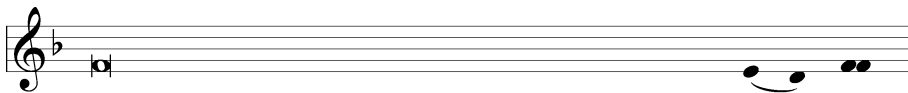
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn: “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

LSB 877

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Special Music ..... [6:30] Handbell Choir