



Evening Prayer

December 4, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Opening

Litany

Stand

Blessed be God, the eternal ✙ One-in-Three,
who was, and is, and is to come.

Blessed be God forever and ever.

During a season of busyness and in a culture that demands immediate response,
we pause and wait for your appearing.

In the midst of anxiety, chaos, and fear,
we pause and trust that your hand is leading us.

Uncertain about the future and weighed down with worries in the present,
we pause and know your presence fully.

Pause

Come, O Christ, and set us free.

Come, Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace.

Gathering Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Stanzas 1-3

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Thanksgiving for Darkness and Light

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God...



Psalmody

Psalm 25:1-10

Sit

¹ To | you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your good- | ness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**



Psalm Prayer

Word

Preparing for a Word

Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

People in the assembly may circle words or phrases as the lesson is read.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

One minute of silence follows the reading.

Gospel Canticle
Stand

Filled with Hope and Gratitude

ACS 907



1 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y
 2 God's e - ter - nal mer - cy, meant for all of hu - man -
 3 Hun - gry peo - ple eat good things and find an hon - ored
 4 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y

God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -
 kind, is giv - en as de - liv - 'rance from op -
 place; the rich are sent a - way though they are
 God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -

ta - tion, for God has smiled up -
 pres - sion. The pow - er - ful and
 hun - gry. The prom - ise to our
 ta - tion, for God has smiled up -

on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her
 haugh - ty find that they are now cast down, the
 fore - bears God re - news for us to - day: the
 on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her

own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.
 low - ly raised be - yond this world's de - ri - sion.
 world is filled with God's a - bun - dant mer - cy.
 own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.



Prayers

Prayer Hymn

We Are Waiting for Jesus

ACS 905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
 2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
 Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

All are invited to come forward to light a candle for the world, this neighborhood, those in need, those they love, or for themselves.

Lord's Prayer

Stand

**Our Mother,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



Blessing

Sending Song

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Sending

In the night, Christ is present.
Go with the peace that passes all understanding.
Thanks be to God.

*The greeting of peace may be shared by all with a word or gesture of peace,
mindful of consent before handshakes or hugs.*

Confirmation students stay in the sanctuary and come to the front rows.

