Welcome To Our Advent Worship

Wednesday's
December 2, 9 and 16, 2020

Lament

Comfort

Deliverance

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Unprecedented Times

HOLDEN EVENING WORSHIP

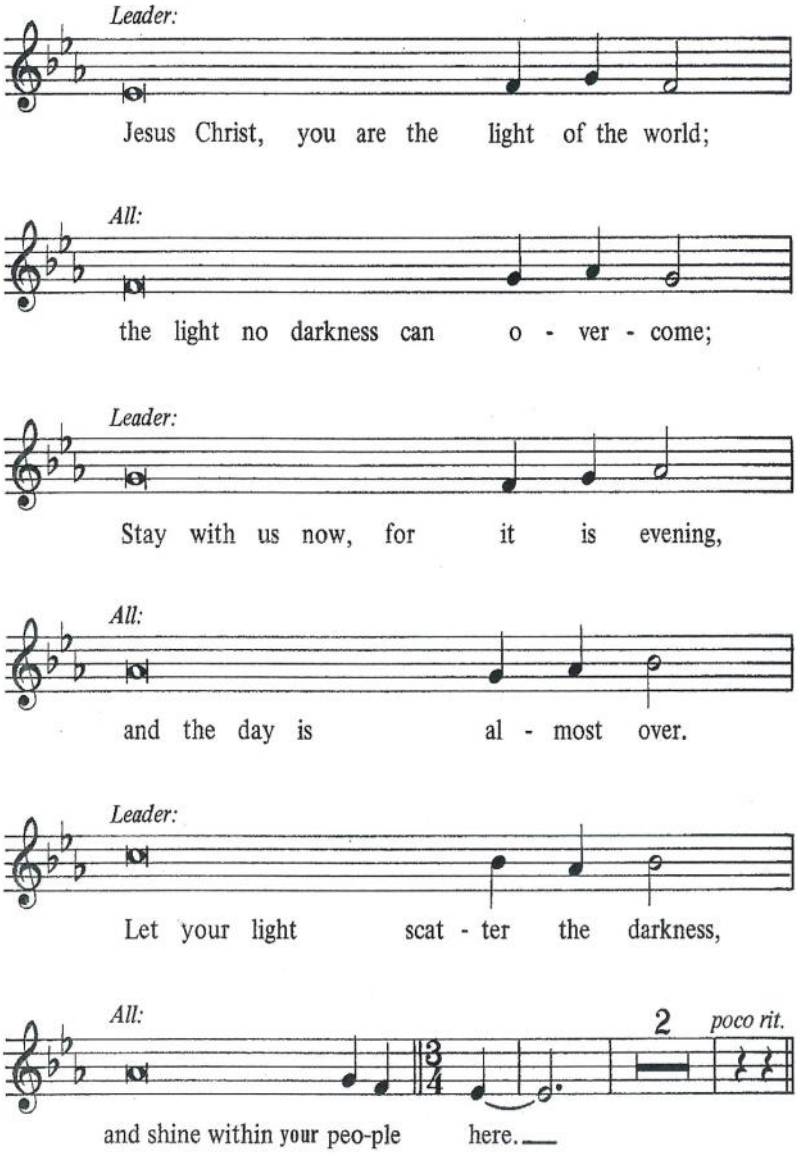
Setting by Mary Haugen

PRELUDE **"Largo"** **Thomas Eisnor**

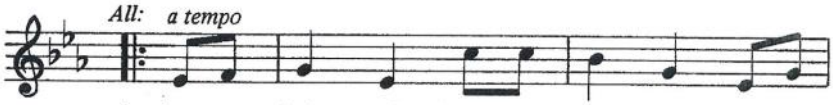
Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

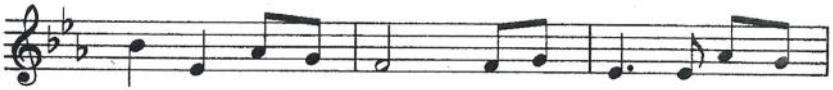
Procession



Evening Hymn

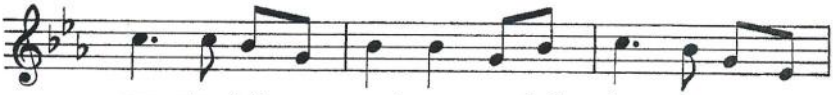


1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, of 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

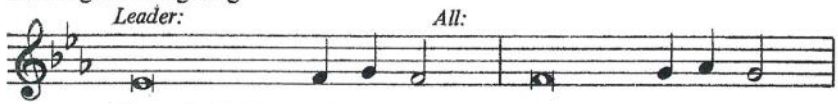


eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

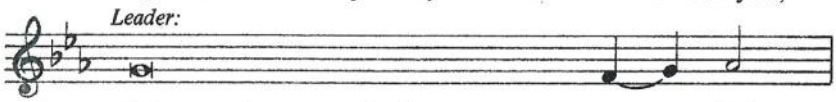
you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

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

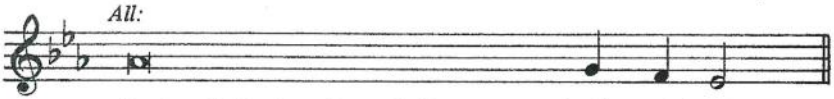
Evening Thanksgiving



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

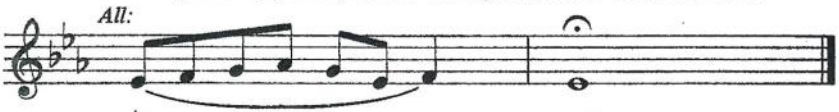


Let us sing our thanks to God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

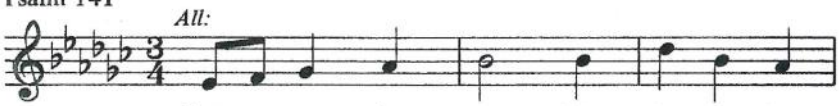
Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



A - men.

2. PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

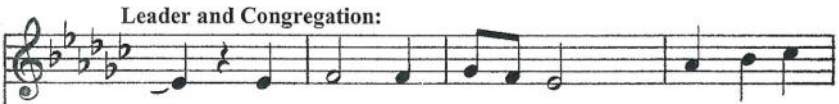
Psalm 141



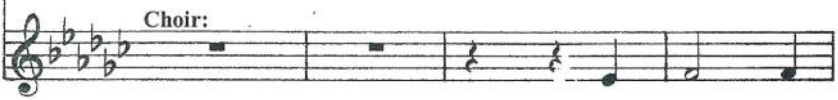
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

fore you, the lift - ing up of my

hands as an of - fer - ing to you.



O God, I call to you, come to me



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

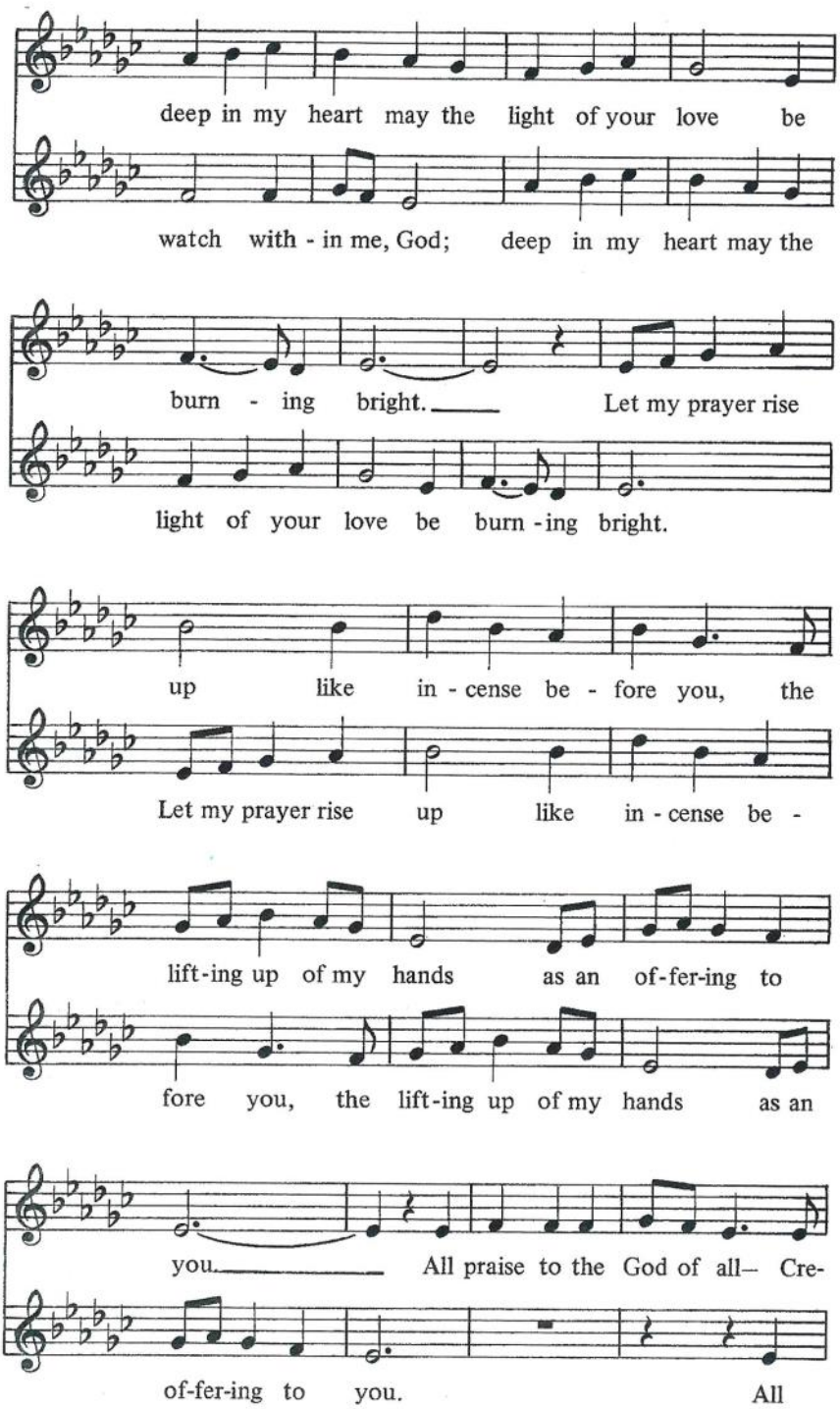
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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


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

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.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

READINGS

WEEK ONE: DECEMBER 2
LAMENT
Isaiah 64:1-9

WEEK TWO: DECEMBER 9
COMFORT
Isaiah 40:1-11

WEEK THREE: DECEMBER 16
DELIVERANCE
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

MEDITATION

SONG OF DAY "Canticle of the Turning" ELW #723

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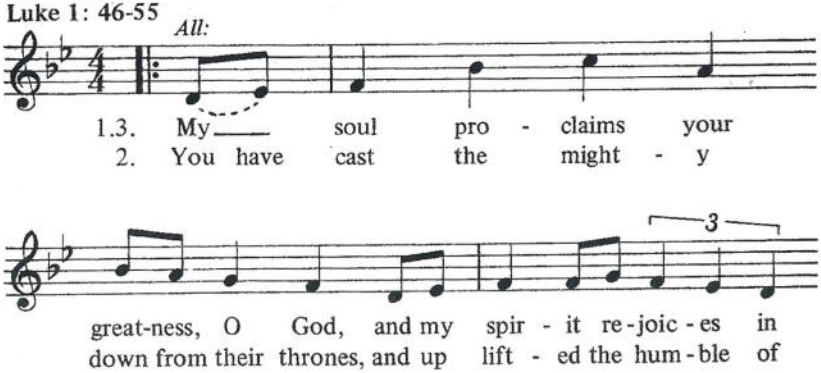
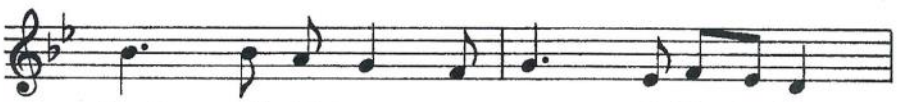
Leader: The Light shines in the darkness
All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Magnificat
Luke 1: 46-55

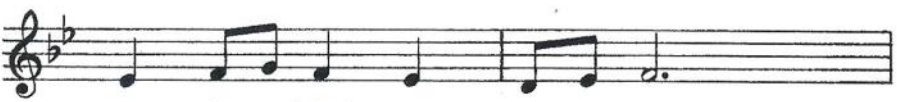


you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

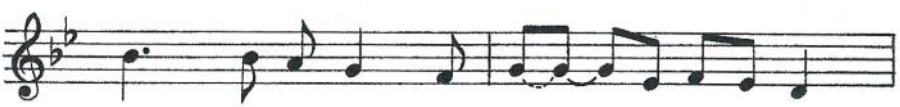
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



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



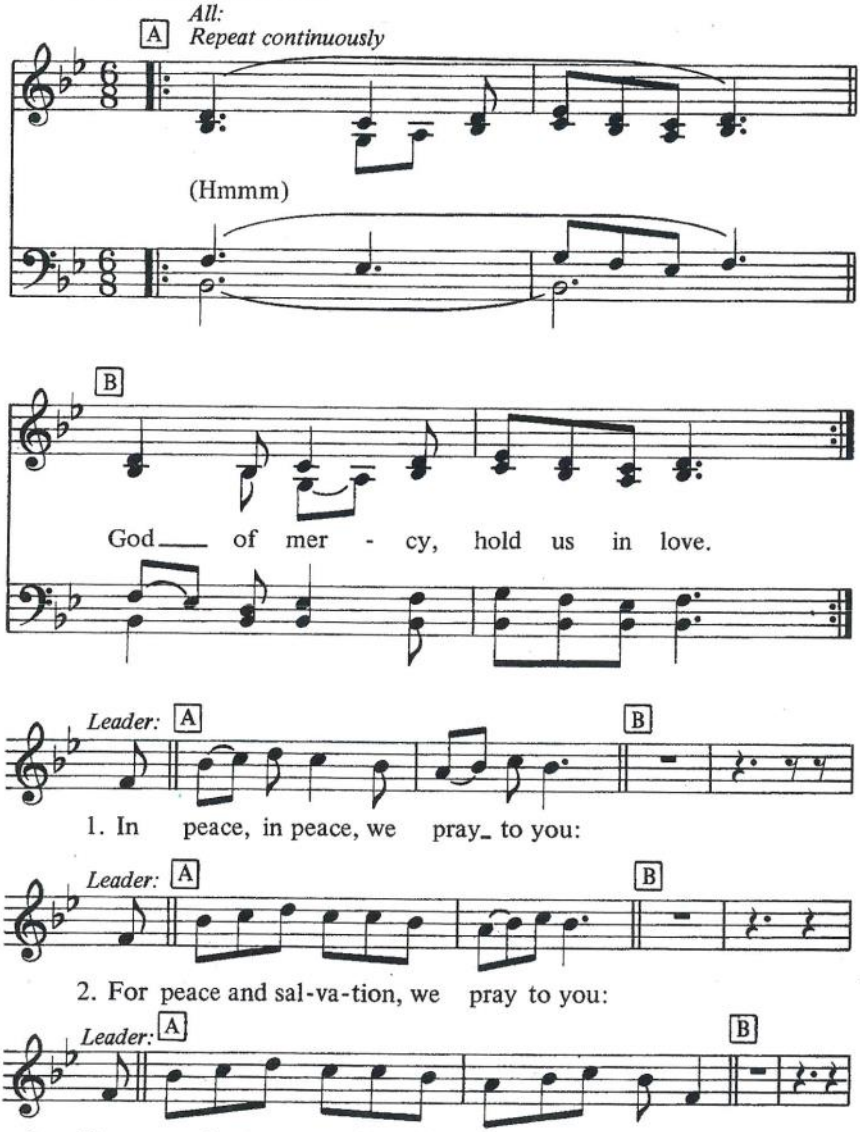
strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



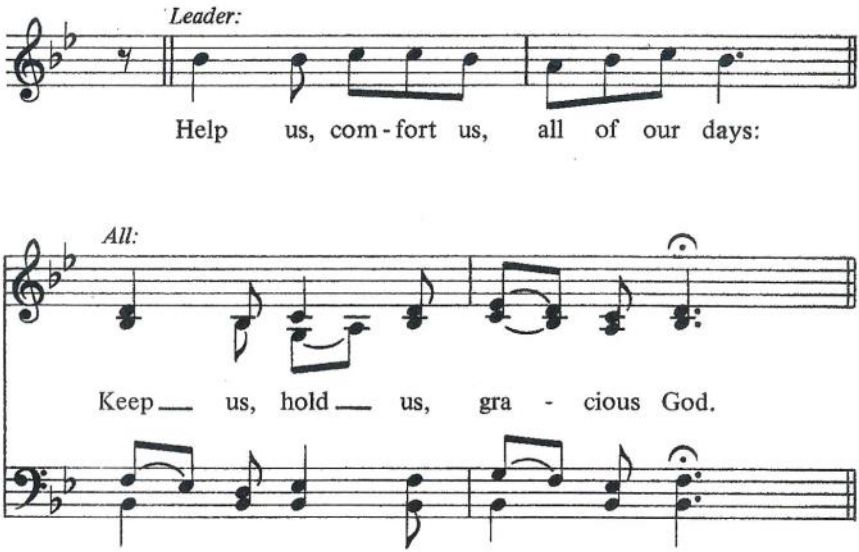
How you fa - vor the weak___ and low - ly one,
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah___ and A - bra - ham,

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

3. LITANY AND PRAYERS



3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For we 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:



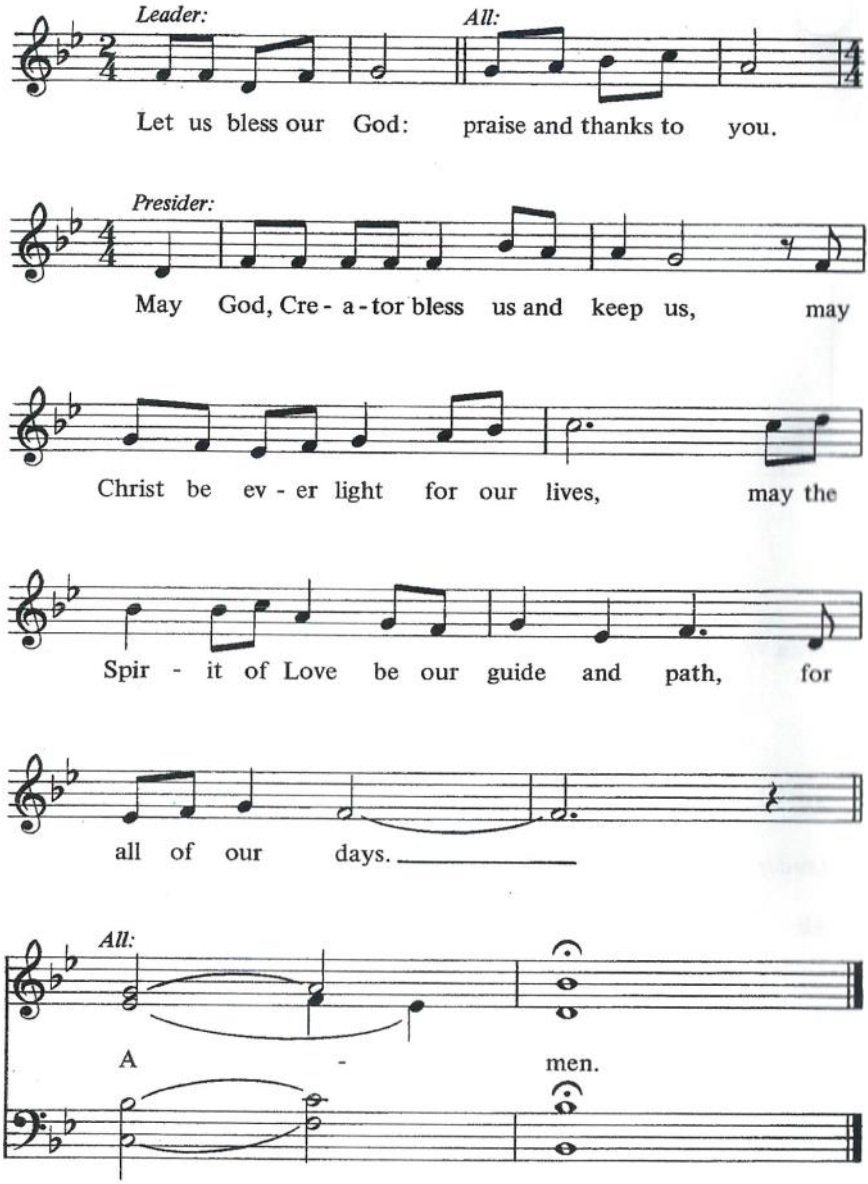
Leader: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Final Blessing



Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

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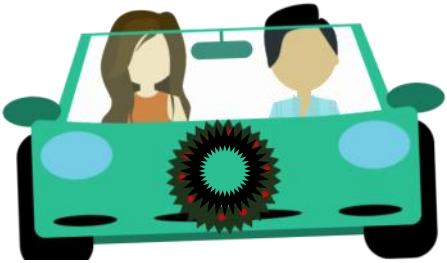
WE'RE HAVING DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

2, 7, 9 PM

Disappointed that we can't have our beautiful and traditional Christmas Eve services? Feeling like the Grinch because we can't sing our favorite carols together? Join us for our first ever drive-in worship services. Come in your car to a 2, 7 or 9 pm service where parking attendants will meet and direct you.

You might even decorate your car to add to the fun. There will be live worship leaders and the service will be transmitted through your FM car radio. You can sing away inside your car. Rather than candle lighting, you should bring flashlights or phones or glow sticks, or any source of light. Watch for more information about these services coming soon.



VIDEO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

For those who would be more comfortable staying home, we will be posting a prerecorded Christmas Eve service online. Of course you could do both; watch online and join us at the drive-in service! This video service will include a program by the children and youth of our congregation and sing-along carols.

CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNION

Since we will be unable to celebrate Holy Communion at our Christmas Eve drive-in services, we will be offering outdoor communion (as we do on Sunday mornings) on Christmas morning from 10 AM to 12 PM. Come and receive the best gift you are going to get: God's gift of forgiveness, salvation and life!

Online Advent Worship Services Continue Wednesday's December 9, 16

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Hardly a day goes by that we don't hear a statement about "unprecedented times." In these unprecedented times, the seasons of Advent and Christmas will be unlike any previous celebrations. Yet even as Advent quickly approaches, we can't predict what will be going on around us or exactly what those celebrations will be like. Many people will forego family gatherings and travel. Many people won't join the hustle and bustle of shopping for those perfect gifts. Many annual parties won't happen. Our worship services are likely to be different from every other year. These are unprecedented times, after all. But are they? In our Wednesday Advent services we will explore the readings from Isaiah assigned for the Sundays of Advent, and trust God's Word to tell us what we need to know in these unprecedented times.

DECEMBER 09

COMFORT

Isaiah 40:1-11

DECEMBER 16

DELIVERANCE

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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