

# Midweek Advent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Tucson, AZ

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# With Longing Eyes

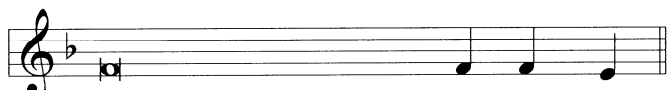
## WELCOME

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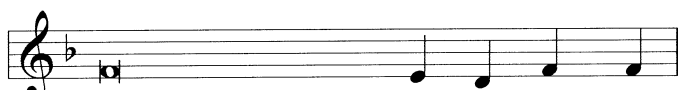
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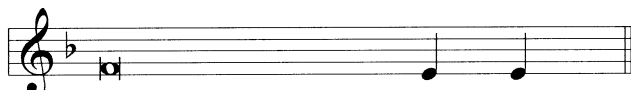
M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



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



M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C: and the day is almost o - ver.



M: Be our light and scat - ter the dark - ness,



C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



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, blest is he,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it: God  
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through all the earth



And blest are you, his on - ly Son.  
Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

M: Lord God, 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 through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

### 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.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

### **HYMN**

**As Angels Joyed with One Accord**  
*Christian Worship #5*

### **PSALM 19**

M: The heavens declare the glory of God;

C: **the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

M: Their voice goes out into all the earth,

C: **their words to the ends of the world.**

M: The law of the Lord is perfect,

C: **giving joy to the heart.**

M: The commands of the Lord are radiant,

C: **giving light to the eyes.**

M: They are more precious than gold;

C: **they are sweeter than honey.**

M: By them is your servant taught;

C: **in keeping them there is great reward.**

M: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
C: be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Redeemer.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### PSALM PRAYER

M: O Lord, you speak to us in the wonders of your creation and in the words of your precious  
book. Give us ears to hear your voice and eyes to see your goodness that we may joyfully  
serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
C: Amen.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39-56 (NIV 2011)

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the

humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

### HYMN

Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes  
*Christian Worship #9*

### SERMON

Deuteronomy 18:14-22 (NIV 2011)  
With Longing Eyes We Witness Your Present Coming

The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so. The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell

them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death." You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?" If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

Please remain seated after the sermon

## SONG OF MARY

### Magnificat



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior,



for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.



From this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.



The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.



He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the proud in their con-keit.



He has cast down the might-y from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.



He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.



He has come to the help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el,



for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy,



the prom-ise made to our fa-thers, to A-bra-ham, and to his chil-dren for-ev-er. A-men.

## OFFERING

*Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass along. Thank You!*



*If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.*

*Please stand*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

### *Kyrie*

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word.



For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Come, O Precious Ransom, Come**  
*Christian Worship #8*

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING**

**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Tim Patoka  
**Accompanist**..... Katie Patoka  
**Acolyte** ..... Naomi Kassulke  
**Sound & Recording Tech**..... Jeremy Snavelly

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**HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Midweek Advent Service**  
**Wednesday, December 20**

7:00 PM at Grace-Benson  
(Supper at 6:00 PM)

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
at Grace-Sahuarita

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson  
(Supper at 6:00 PM)

**Christmas Eve Services**  
**Sunday, December 24**

7:30 AM at Grace-Benson  
4:00 PM at Grace-Vail

7:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita  
7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

**Christmas Day Services**  
**Monday, December 25**

10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita  
10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson

**New Year's Eve Worship — All Site Service**  
**Sunday, December 31**

7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

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