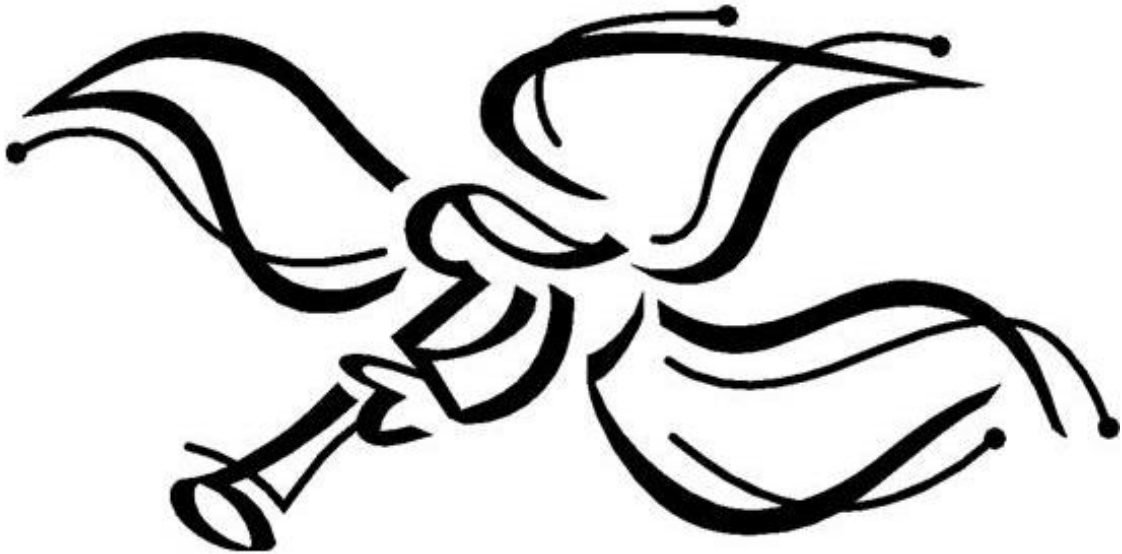


# Fourth Wednesday of Advent

December 23, 2020

*“Tidings of Comfort and Joy”*



*Holden Evening Prayer*

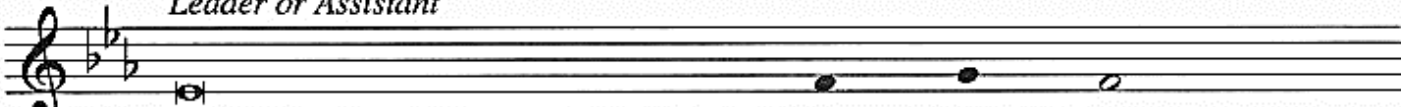
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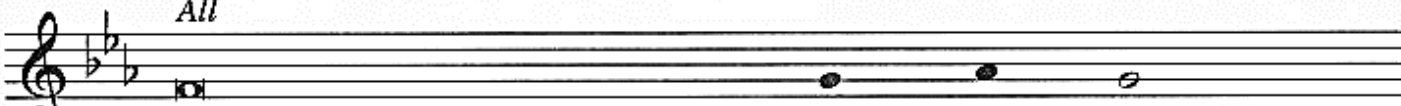
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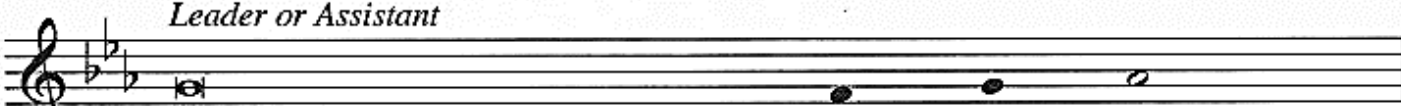
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

*All*



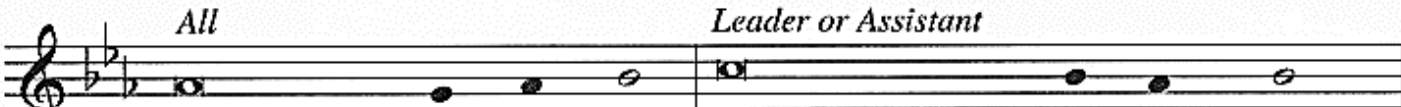
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

*Leader or Assistant*



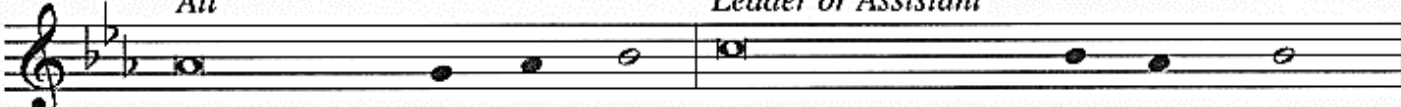
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All*




and the day is al - most over.

*Leader or Assistant*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All*



and shine within your peo - ple here.

## Evening Hymn: "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory".....ELW 561



1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly 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, in 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

*Leader or Assistant* *All*  
May God be with you all. And al - so with you.  
*Leader or Assistant* *All*  
Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

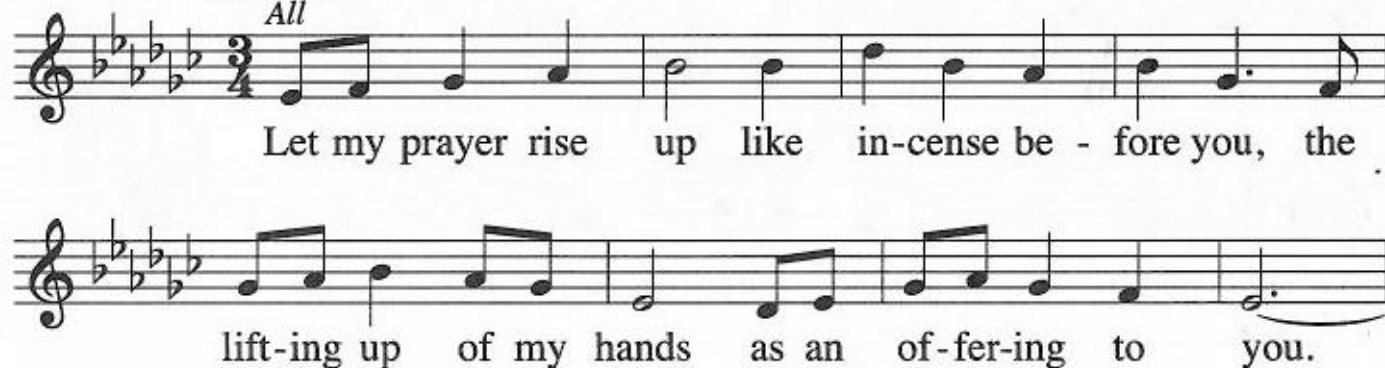
Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All*  
A - men.

*Psalmody: "Psalm 141"*

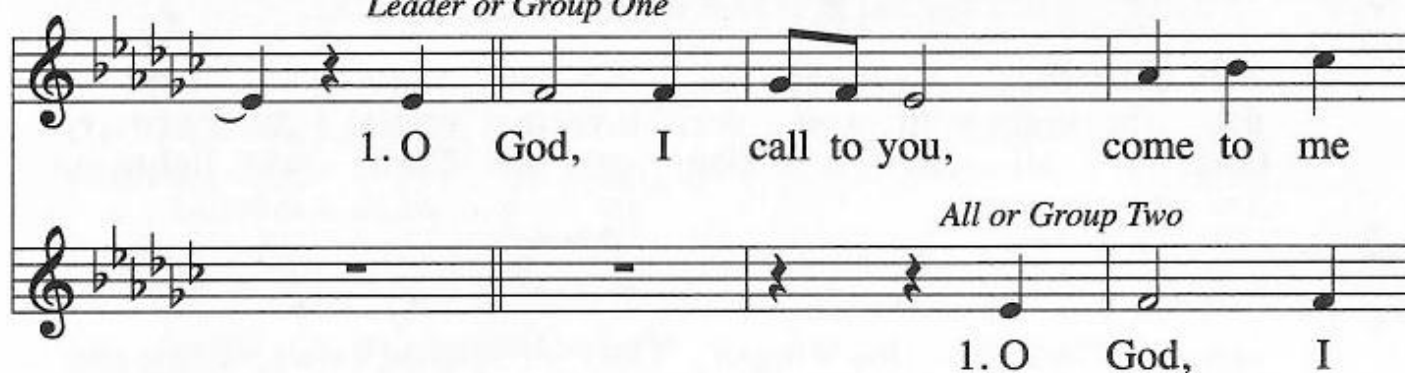
**Refrain**

*All*



**Verse 1**

*Leader or Group One*

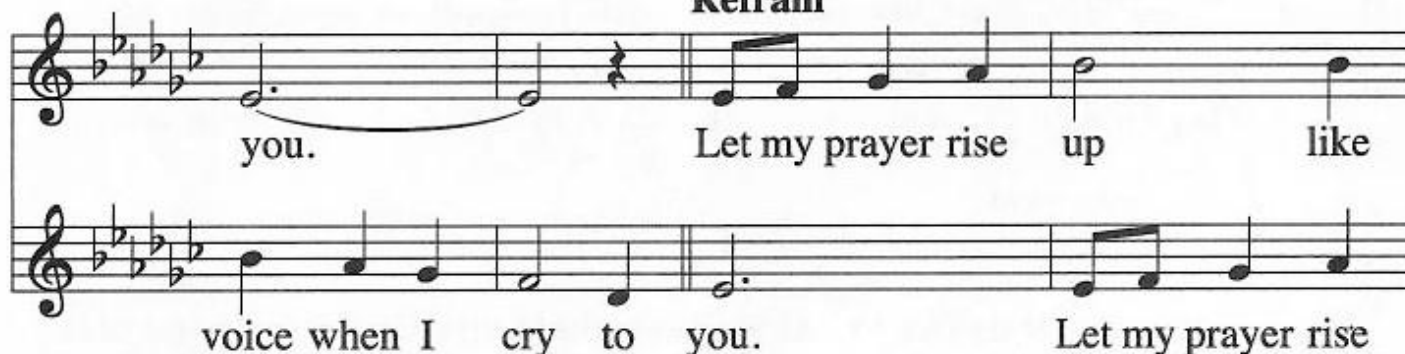


*All or Group Two*

1. O God, I



**Refrain**



in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an  
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

## Verse 2

of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -  
hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your  
2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.  
heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

### Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the  
bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -  
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

### Verse 3

3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of  
you. 3. All praise to the  
life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of  
God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to



**Refrain**

love. Let my prayer rise up like

Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of-fer-ing to you.

hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

*Silence for meditation*

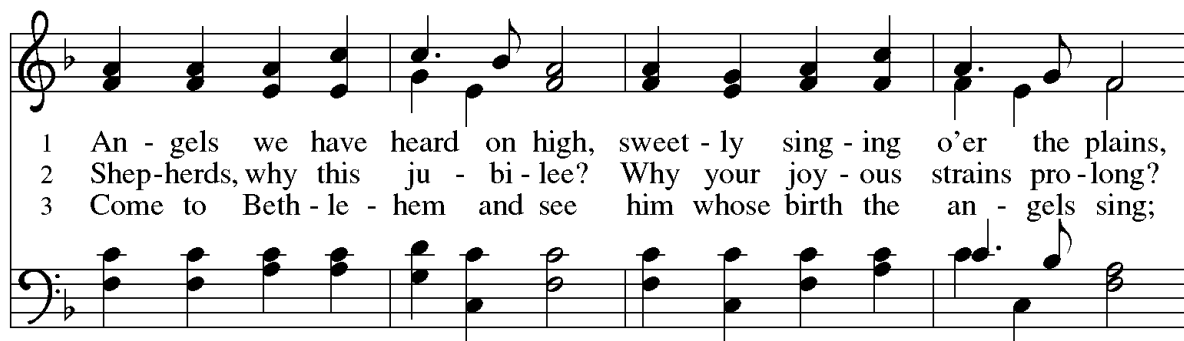
### **Prayer**

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.

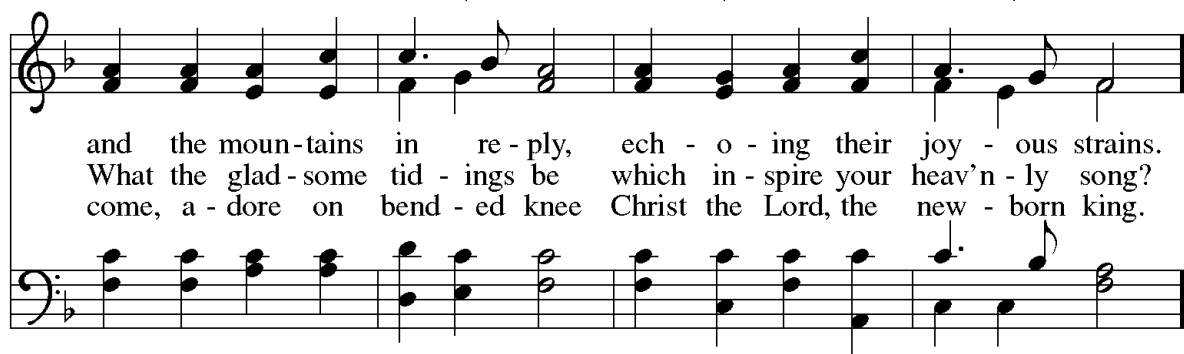
**Amen.**

**Readings / Sermon:** *"The Angel speaks to the shepherd's curiosity" .....* Rev. Becky Sells

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.



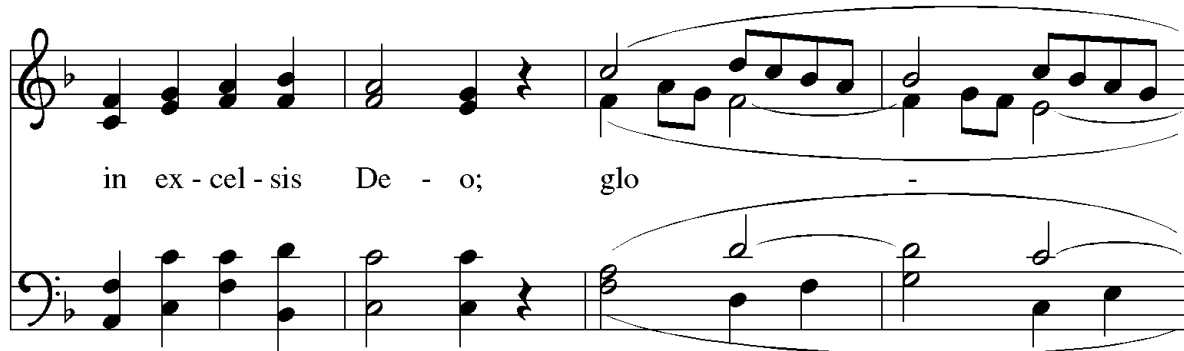
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



*Refrain*  
 Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



*The Annunciation: Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38*

Leaders: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

*The Magnificat: Luke 1:46-55*

*All*



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
lift - ed the hum-ble of 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. How you fa - vor the  
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to

weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!  
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more. *D.C.*

## Litany and Prayers

*All*  
**[A]** *repeat continuously* **[B]**

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

**[A]** *Leader or Assistant* **[B]**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:  
 2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:  
 3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:  
 4. For us, 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:

**[A]** *Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

### *Closing Prayer*

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.  
**Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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

The musical score for the Final Blessing is written for a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in English. The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble staff and a bass staff. The first system is labeled 'Leader or Assistant' and 'All'. The second system is labeled 'Leader or Assistant'. The third system is labeled 'All'. The fourth system is labeled 'All' and 'Amen.'.

Leader or Assistant      All

Let us bless our God: Praise and thanks to you.

Leader or Assistant

May God, Cre - a - tor, bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our

guide and path for all of our days.      All      A - men.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

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