

Please stand.

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Officiant* Stay with us Christ, for it is evening.

*People* **Make the Church bright with your radiance.**

*We will light the individual, pen, and altar candles at this time.*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

**THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

**CAROL**

*Oh mi Belen  
Sung by Cantate Carlisle*

Conrad Susa

<p><b>¡Oh, mi Belén!</b>          ¡Oh, mi Belén!          Llegó tu hora bien amada,          ¡oh, mi Belén!          La luz que irradas sin cesar,          es como un faro que nos guía          en nuestra ruta, noche y día.</p>	<p>Oh, my Bethlehem!          Your hour has come, beloved,          oh, my Bethlehem!          The light that shines without ceasing,          is like a beacon that guides us          on our way, night and day.</p>
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Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas,  
Let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.

Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture,  
how the prophets of Israel foretold  
that God would visit and redeem his waiting people.

Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns,  
that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.

Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
will bring all people and all things into glory of God's eternal kingdom.  
the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk,  
the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves,  
for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it;  
for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death;  
and for the Church in this place and everywhere,  
that it may be freed from all evil and fear,  
and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God,  
in the words which Christ himself taught us:

**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 for ever. Amen**

*You may extinguish your candles now or at any other time in the service. Please be seated.*

### **THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 3:1-15**

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden.*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

The Word of God. [*No congregational response.*]

**CAROL**

*Procession*  
*Sung by Cantate Carlisle*

Benjamin Britten

<p><b>Procession</b>          Hodie Christus natus est:          hodie Salvator apparuit:          hodie in terra canunt angeli:          laetantur archangeli:          hodie exsultant iusti dicentes:          Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia!</p>	<p>Today Christ is born;          Today the Saviour has appeared.          Today the angels sing,          The archangels rejoice.          Today the righteous rejoice, saying,          Glory to God in the highest, Alleluia!</p>
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**THE SECOND LESSON: ISAIAH 40: 1-11**

*The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.*

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
 says your God.  
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
 and cry to her  
 that she has served her term,  
 that her penalty is paid,  
 that she has received from the LORD's hand  
 double for all her sins.  
 A voice cries out:  
 "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
 and every mountain and hill be made low;  
 the uneven ground shall become level,  
 and the rough places a plain.  
 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
 and all people shall see it together,  
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."  
 A voice says, "Cry out!"  
 And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
 All people are grass,  
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of God. [*No congregational response.*]

**CAROL**

*What Songs were Sung*

John Jacob Niles

*Sung by The Rev. Canon Christopher Streeter*

We cannot tell, we do not know  
What stars shone down so long ago,  
When Mary birthed her own sweet Son  
And peace and love became as one.

The Son of God, as scriptures said,  
Was Virgin-born in a tiny shed,  
Where simple shepherds stood hard by  
While heavenly sound filled up the sky.

Now let us stand, uncovered all,  
Before this creche in lowly stall,  
Where kings and angels dignify  
God's gift, His Son, in humility.

We do not know, we cannot tell  
What songs were sung, what starlight fell,  
Or why the holy mystery stands  
For so many years in so many lands.

We cannot tell, we do not know  
What stars shone down so long ago,  
When Mary birthed her own sweet Son  
And peace and love became as one.

### **THE THIRD LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

*A New covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of God. [*No congregational response.*]



*Please stand.*

**CAROL**

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
Sung by Congregation*

1982 Hymnal #81

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

*Please be seated.*

**THE FOURTH LESSON: MICAH 5:2-4**

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.*

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”  
Therefore, Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.  
He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.

The Word of God. [*No congregational response.*]

**CAROL**

*There is no Rose  
Sung by Cantate Carlisle*

by Benjamin Britten

<p><b>There is no Rose</b> There is no rose of such vertu as is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia, alleluia.</p> <p>For in this rose containèd was heaven and earth in litel space, Res miranda, res miranda.</p> <p>By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three, Pares forma, pares forma,</p>	<p>There is no rose of such virtue As is the rose that bore Jesus. Alleluia.</p> <p>For inside the Rose (called Mary) Were heaven and earth in a single, little space. Miraculous thing.</p> <p>By that rose, we now may see, There be one God in persons three. Created in the Parent’s image.</p>
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<p>The aungels sungen the shepherds to:  Gloria in excelsis Deo!  Gaudeamus, gaudeamus.</p>	<p>The angels sang to the shepherds,  Glory to God in the highest!  We rejoice.</p>
<p>Leave we all this werldly mirth,  and follow we this joyful birth.  Transeamus.</p>	<p>Leave we all this wordly mirth,  And follow we this joyful birth.  We cross over to Christ's world.</p>
<p>Alleluia, res miranda,  pares forma,  gaudeamus,  Transeamus.</p>	<p>Alleluia, miraculous thing,  created in the Parent's image,  we rejoice,  we cross over to Christ's world.</p>

Please stand.

**CAROL**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1982 Hymnal #79

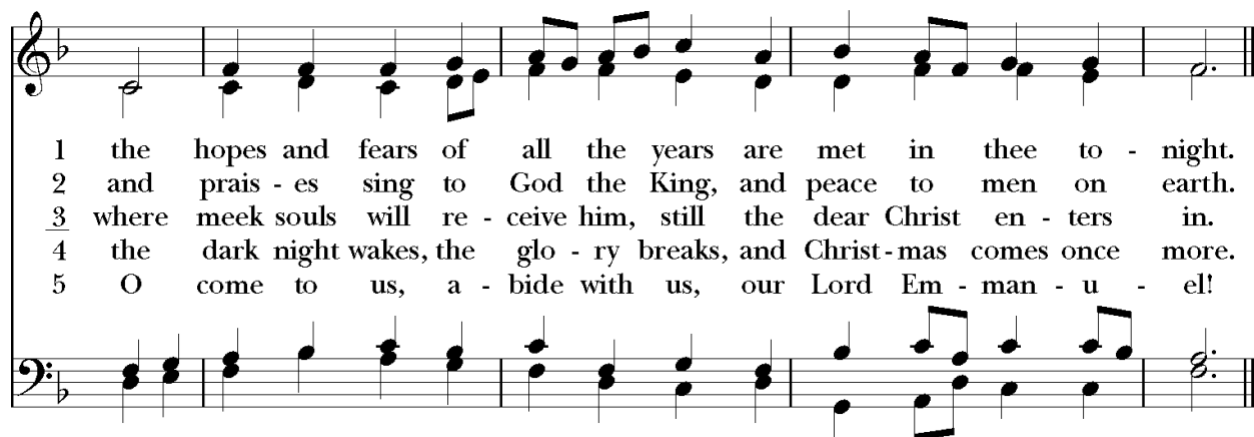
*Sung by Congregation*

*Unison or harmony*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*Please be seated.*

### **THE FIFTH LESSON: ISAIAH 35: 1-10**

*The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
 like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
 and rejoice with joy and singing.  
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
 the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
 They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
 the majesty of our God.  
 Strengthen the weak hands,  
 and make firm the feeble knees.  
 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
 "Be strong, do not fear!  
 Here is your God.  
 He will come with vengeance,  
 with terrible recompense.  
 He will come and save you."  
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the desert;  
 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
     the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
 A highway shall be there,  
     and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
 the unclean shall not travel on it,  
     but it shall be for God's people;  
     no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
 No lion shall be there,  
     nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
     but the redeemed shall walk there.  
 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
     and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
     they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
     and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of God. [*No congregational response.*]

**CAROL**

*Spring Carol*  
*Sung by Cantate Carlisle*

Benjamin Britten

<p><b>Spring Carol</b></p> <p>           Pleasure it is to hear iwis,            the Birds sing,            The deer in the dale,            the sheep in the vale,            the corn springing.            God's purveyance for sustenance,            It is for man, it is for man.            Then we always            to give him praise,            And thank him than.         </p>	<p>           It is always a pleasure            to hear the birds sing,            To see the deer in the dale,            the sheep in the vale,            the corn springing from the earth.            God supplies sustenance            For us all.            Then we should always            give him praise            And give him thanks.         </p>
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## THE SIXTH LESSON: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

*The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.*

Sing, Daughter Zion;  
shout aloud, Israel!  
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,  
Daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away your punishment,  
he has turned back your enemy.  
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;  
never again will you fear any harm.  
On that day  
they will say to Jerusalem,  
“Do not fear, Zion;  
do not let your hands hang limp.  
The Lord your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.”  
“I will remove from you  
all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,  
which is a burden and reproach for you.

The Word of God. [No congregational response.]

### CAROL

*Bless the Lord my soul  
Sung by Congregation*

*Taize Chant #9*

#### Bless the Lord

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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 76 and a dynamic marking of *p*. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system also has a dynamic marking of *p*. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. Chord symbols are placed above the treble clef staff: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system.

## THE SEVENTH LESSON: LUKE 1:26-38

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm.



he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly.  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Word of God. [*No congregational response.*]

Please stand.

**CAROL**

*O come, all ye faithful  
Sung by Congregation*

1982 Hymnal #83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

## THE CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the words of darkness and to put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ came to us in great humility that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**CAROL**

*Chichester Psalm 131*

Leonard Bernstein

*Sung by Cantate Carlisle*

Adonai, Adonai, Lo gavah libi, V'lo ramu einai, V'lo hilachti Big'dolot uv'niflaot Mimeni. Im lo shiviti V'domam'ti, Naf'shi k'gamul alei imo, Kagamul alai naf'shi. Yahel Yis'rael el Adonai Me'atah v'ad olam.	Lord, Lord, My heart is not haughty, Nor mine eyes lofty, Neither do I exercise myself In great matters or in things Too wonderful for me to understand. Surely, I have calmed And quieted myself, As a child that is weaned of his mother, My soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the Lord From henceforth and forever.
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## THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Lo, He comes with clouds descending  
Sung by the Congregation*

*1982 Hymnal #57*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### Worship Ministers

*Officiants* The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson  
The Rev. Dana Blouch-Hanson

*Greeters* Jim and Carolyn Holt

*Crucifer* Jeanine Goodwin

*Lessons* Donna Harpster  
Ken Dotson  
Barbara Hutchinson  
Chris Streeter  
Kathy Hettinga  
Jeanine Goodwin  
Dana Blouch-Hanson

*Musicians* Kevin Gorman, *pianist*  
Chris Streeter, *vocalist*  
Michelle DiBona Trefren, *conductor*  
Cantate Carlisle, *vocalists*  
Christina Benson  
John Houpt  
Myu Kulathungam  
Heather Leatherman  
Linda Rosenberry  
Virginia Stankiewicz  
Brian Silva  
Dean Van Orden  
Sue Fry Wickard

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Bill Hutchinson