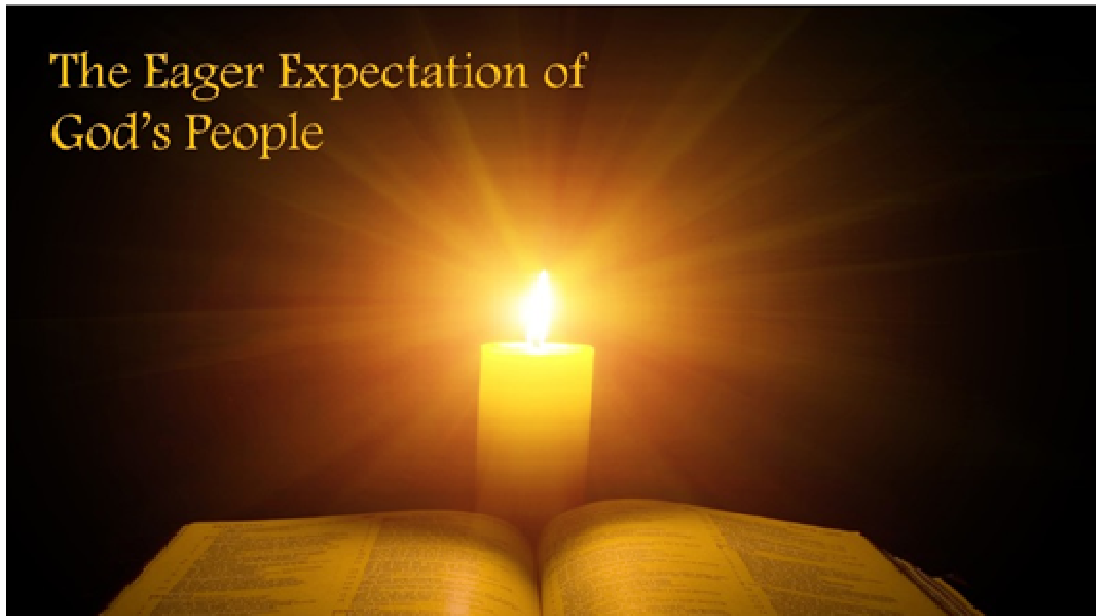


# Midweek Advent



## Eager to Trust the Priest

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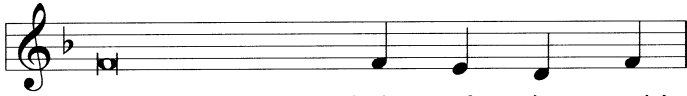


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WELCOME

STAND

M: Minister C: Congregation



M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



C: the light no darkness can overcome.



M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



C: and the day is almost over.



M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,



C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus 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.

**BE SEATED**

**LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU** *Psalm 141*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is the vocal line, and the second staff is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: '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.

**PSALM 130 (read responsively)**

M: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

C: O Lord, hear my voice.

M: Let your ears be attentive

C: to my cry for mercy.

M: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,

C: O Lord, who could stand?

M: But with you there is forgiveness;

C: therefore you are feared.

M: I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

M: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,

C: for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

## PSALM PRAYER

M: Dearest Jesus, we thank you for coming to be the Savior of the world and our Savior. Thank you for not keeping a record of our sins but for showing us mercy and forgiveness. Because of your great love, we wait anxiously for you to come. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10 (NIV)

Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says

in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

## HYMN

Jesus, My Great High Priest  
*Christian Worship #359*

## SERMON

Isaiah 53:11-12 (NIV)  
**Eager to Trust the Priest**

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will

divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AFTER THE SERMON.**

**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 pew and pass along. Thank You!*



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

**OFFERTORY MUSIC****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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are  
*Christian Worship #27*

POSTLUDE

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING**

Worship Leader ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
 Accompanist.....Tina Christianson  
 Bell Ringer .....Cora Stuhr  
 Acolyte ..... Dustin Pauley  
 Brass Ensemble Director ..... Missy Wiechmann  
 Baritone .....Eileen Rayman  
 French Horn .....Cora Stuhr  
 Trombone..... John Rayman  
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**SERVICE MUSIC**

**Prelude: Hark, The Glad Sound!**  
*Arr. by John McIntyre*  
*Played by the Brass Ensemble*

