



December 11, 2024
The Tree of Promise

310 Arise, O Christian People

CW 310



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him, pre - pare for him the
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; turn not from me a -



day; pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, who
 best; cast out what would of - fend him, this
 high; be - neath his feet in ter - ror the
 side, and help me to re - ceive you this



takes your sins a - way. To us by grace a -
 great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the
 haugh - ty soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and
 bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger



lone the truth and light were giv - en; the prom - ised
 way: the low - ly val - leys rais - ing, the heights of
 right, that heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion and makes true
 low come now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing your



Lord from heav - en to all the world is shown.
 pride a - bas - ing, his path all e - ven lay.
 prep - a - ra - tion— it is the Lord's de - light.
 prais - es glad - ly and forth your glo - ry show.

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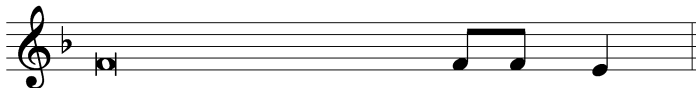
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Opening Sentences

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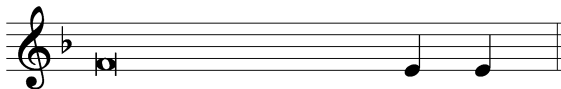
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



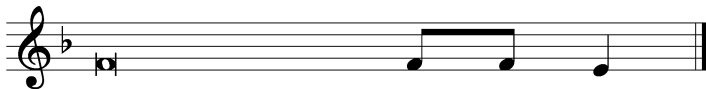
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



and the day is almost o - ver.



Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



and hear our evening prayer and praise.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

141A Let My Prayer Rise before You

Psalm 141A

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let My Prayer Rise before You'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is followed by a double bar line. The second line of music ends with a quarter rest. The third line of music ends with a quarter rest. The fourth line of music ends with a quarter rest. The fifth line of music ends with a double bar line.

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Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you." ⁴ So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, "Do you come in peace?" ⁵ He said, "Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, "Certainly this is the LORD's anointed." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Is that all of the young men?" Jesse said, "There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes." ¹² He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, "Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one." ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

Bell Choir
Wagner

"Advent Meditation"

arr. By Douglas E.

PRAYER

Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse,

and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears,

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the poor,
and he will render fair decisions in favor of the oppressed on the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath from his lips he will put the wicked to death.

⁵Righteousness will be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his hips.

⁶The wolf will dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together,
and a little child will lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear will graze together,
and their young ones will lie down together.
The lion will eat straw like the cattle.

⁸The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole,
and the weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰This is what will take place on that day. The peoples will seek the Root of Jesse, who will
be standing like a banner^[a] for the peoples, and his resting place will be glorious.

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:1-17

¹ A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ² Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram. ⁴ Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon. ⁵ Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother

was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse. ⁶ Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. ⁷ Solomon was the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the father of Abijah. Abijah was the father of Asa. ⁸ Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram. Joram was the father[Ⓜ] of Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah was the father of Jotham. Jotham was the father of Ahaz. Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh. Manasseh was the father of Amon. Amon was the father of Josiah. ¹¹ Josiah was the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the Babylonian exile. ¹² After the Babylonian exile, Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud. Abiud was the father of Eliakim. Eliakim was the father of Azor. ¹⁴ Azor was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Achim. Achim was the father of Eliud. ¹⁵ Eliud was the father of Eleazar. Eleazar was the father of Matthan. Matthan was the father of Jacob. ¹⁶ Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom Jesus was born (who is called Christ). ¹⁷ So altogether there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen generations from the Babylonian exile to Christ.



1 O bride of Christ, re-joice! Ex-ult-ant raise your voice
2 Let shouts of glad-ness rise tri-um-phant to the skies.
3 A hum-ble beast he rides, yet as a king pre-sides;
4 The weak and tim-id find how meek he is and kind;
5 Then go your Lord to meet, strew palm leaves at his feet,



to hail the day of glo-ry fore-told in sa-cred sto-ry.
Now comes the King most glo-rious to reign o'er all vic-to-rious.
tho' not ar-rayed in splen-dor, he makes the grave sur-ren-der.
to them he gives a trea-sure of bliss be-yond all mea-sure.
your gar-ments spread be-fore him, and hon-or and a-dore him.



Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Now a-dore him; with prais-es bow be-fore him!
Ho-san-na! Sing the sto-ry of Christ, the King of glo-ry!

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SERMON

“The Tree of Promise”

Please stand, if you are able

Song of Mary



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

(continued)

proud in their con - ceit. 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

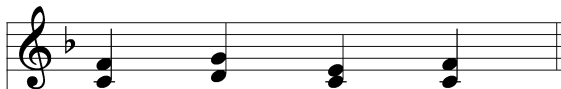
prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,

to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

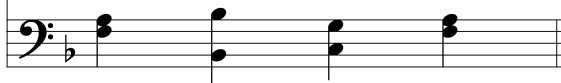
Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord:



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

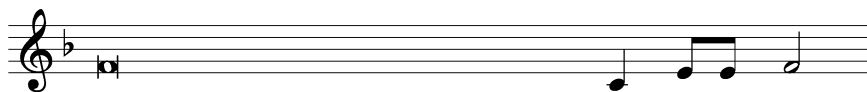
Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

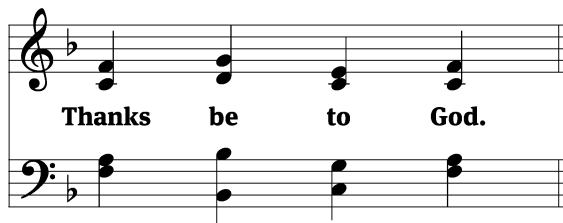
Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

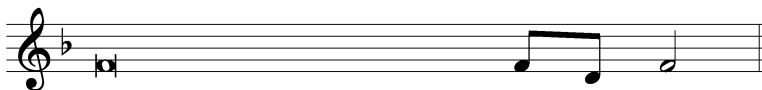
Lord, have mercy.



For the faithful who have gone before us
and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

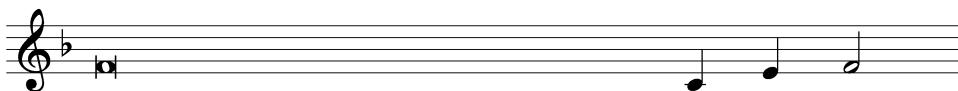


Thanks be to God.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our Lord:



to you, O Lord.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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.
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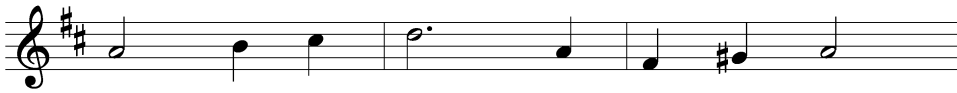
Please be seated

342 O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is

CW 342

1 O Je - sus Christ, your man - ger is
 2 He whom the sea and wind o - bey
 3 Dear Chris - tian friend, on him de - pend;
 4 Pon - der a - gain what glo - ry then
 5 The world may hold her wealth and gold;

my par - a - dise at which I am re - clin - ing.
 comes down to serve the sin - ner in great meek - ness.
 be of good cheer and let no sor - row move you.
 the Lord will give you for your earth - ly sad - ness.
 but you, my heart, keep Christ as your true trea - sure.



For there, O Lord, we find the Word
 Now God's own Son with us is one
 For God's own Child in mer - cy mild
 The an - gel host can nev - er boast
 To him hold fast un - til at last



made flesh for us— your grace is bright - ly shin - ing.
 and joins us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.
 joins you to him— how great - ly God must love you!
 of great - er glo - ry, great - er bliss or glad - ness.
 a crown is yours and hon - or in full mea - sure.

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Ladies Gathering at the Pappenfuss parsonage Sunday, December 15th, 4-6 p.m. Bring a baby/childhood picture of yourself as part of our ice breaker. Tea and a snack will be served.

Sunday School Christmas Eve Service Practice—we will have a short, one hour practice on Saturday, December 21st from 10-11 a.m.

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES—

Sunday Worship—Sundays, December 8, 15, and 22 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 29, ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:30 a.m.

Midweek Advent Worship—Wednesdays, December 18 at 7 p.m.

Children's Program—Sunday, December 22 at 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship—Tuesday, December 24 at 7 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship—Wednesday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

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