LIVING HOPE : FUTURE



ADVENT MIDWEEK online worship • Wednesday, December 16, 2020

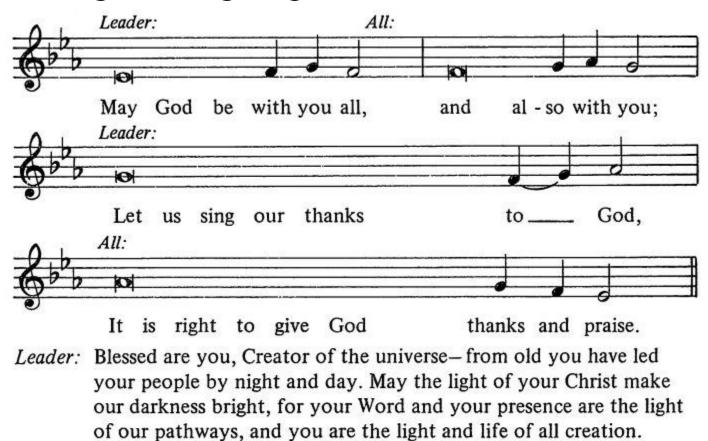
Service of Light



Evening Hymn



Evening Thanksgiving





Psalm 141

The leader sings Group One lines. **The congregation is invited to sing** either Group One or Group Two lines.









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.

First Reading

A vision of hope and new creation spoken by First Isaiah 700 years before Jesus.

Isaiah 2:2-4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A renewed vision of hope and new creation spoken by Third Isaiah 500 years before the birth of Jesus.

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth[...]

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox[...] They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

A new vision of hope and new creation spoken by John 70 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"...someday soon, going with Him someday soon..." Rev. Kim Latterell

Silence for meditation.

The Light shines in the darkness **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

The Annunciation

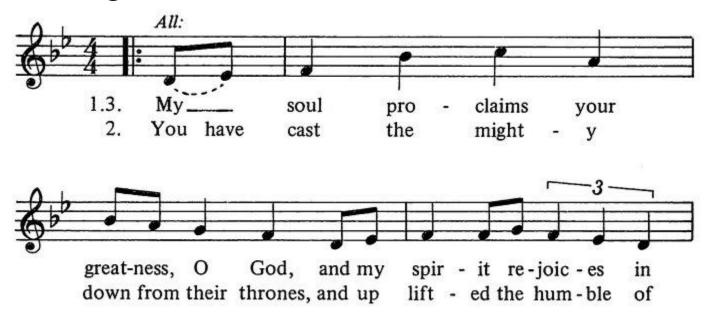
An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary.

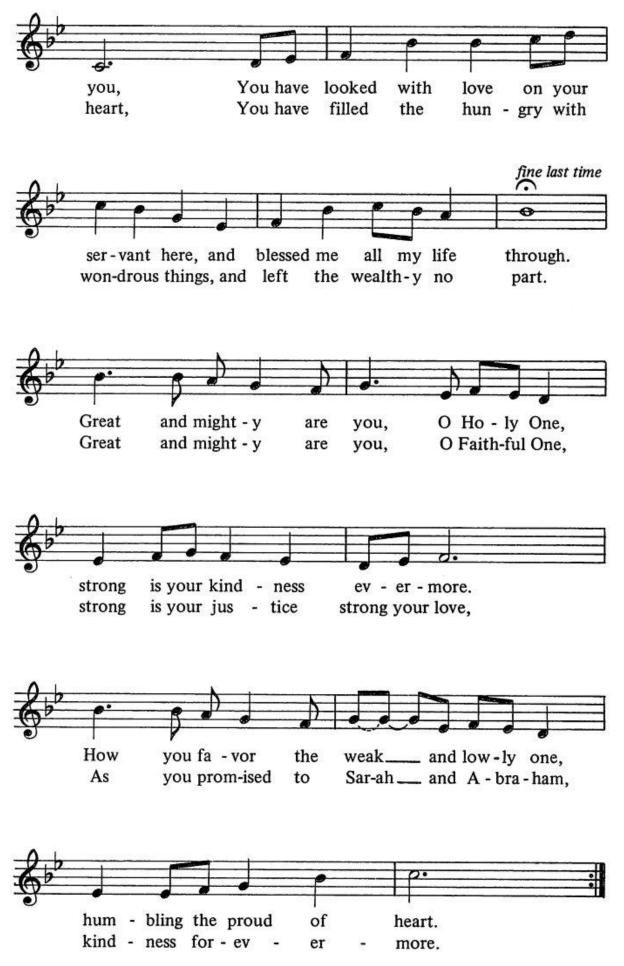
The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you.

You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High."

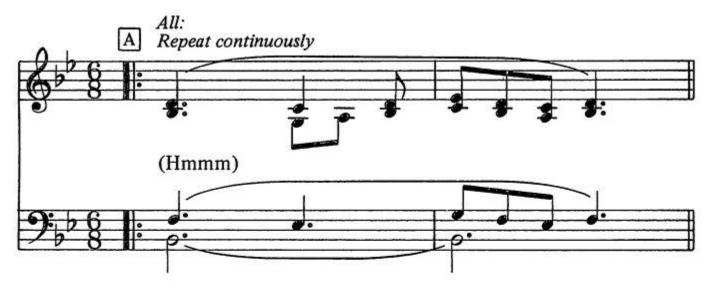
And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

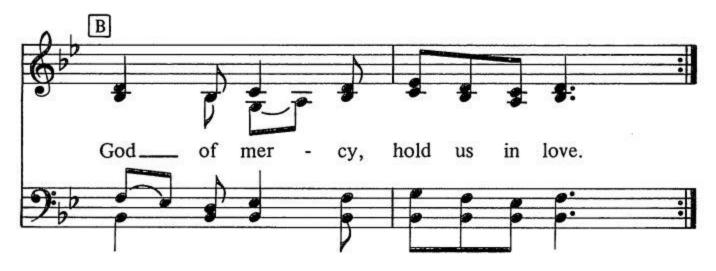
The Magnificat



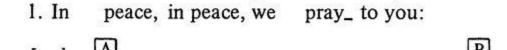


Litany and Prayers

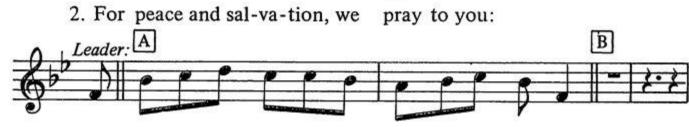


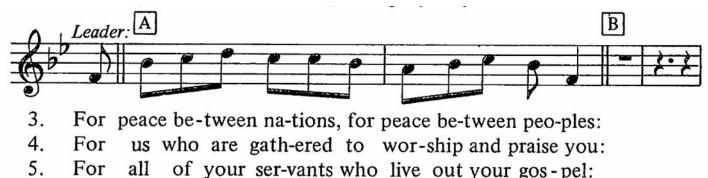












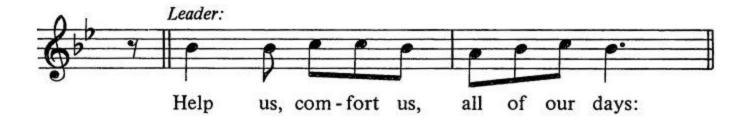
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:

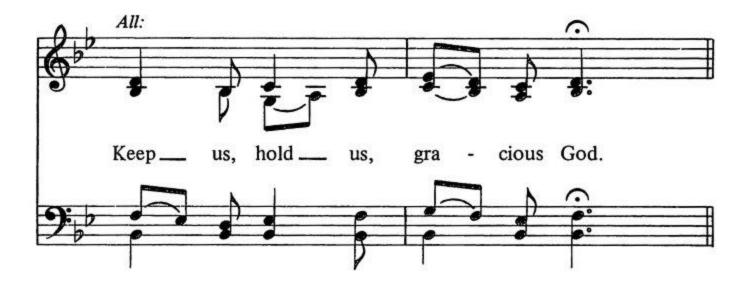
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:

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:





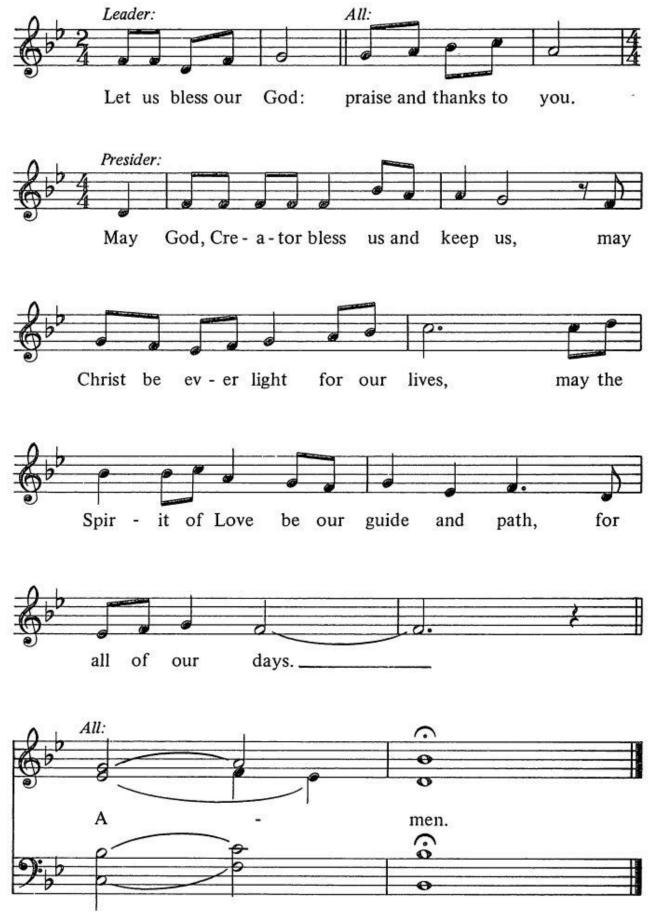
Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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



Sending

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Offering

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Mountain View Lutheran Church 3505 - 122nd Ave E Edgewood WA 98372

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-) If you want it to remember your information, visit "SIGN IN" and create an account.
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-) The challenge was to reimagine the 2020 Stewardship theme of "Living Hope: Past, Present, Future" for the Advent midweek worship services. I wanted some continuity between the three weeks, while also maintaining an individual "feel" and story for each particular week.
- For the city of New Jerusalem, the twelve jeweled foundations of the city's walls are represented, echoing the twelve wedges of "The Histories" and the vibrant, saturated colors of "Covenant." At the center of the city lies the temple that "is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Revelation 21:22).

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