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Welcome to Advent Worship December 13 - 14, 2025

*The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Unless noted otherwise, the page and hymn numbers listed are for the Red ELW Hymnal, and during Advent, for 'Holden Evening Prayer'. The Congregation responds in parts **marked in bold**.*

** Indicates to stand as you are able.*

WE GATHER

Prelude (5:00)

The First Noel
Cam Green, piano

English Carol

"The First Noel," 17 cent. English Carol; music from W. Sandy's Christmas Carols © 1991 Hal Leonard Corp.

(9:00)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. John Innes

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," Arranged by John Innes. © 1980 Fred Bock Music Co.

(11:00)

Emmanuel
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

"Emmanuel," Arranged by Lloyd Larson. © 2017 Meadowgreen Music.

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

Children's Message / Lighting of the Advent Candles

***Kyrie: Procession**

Holden Evening Prayer

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

The Light no darkness can overcome;

Come to us now for we are waiting,

and the day is almost over/and the day is just beginning.

Let your light scatter the darkness,

And shine within your people here.

"Holden Evening Prayer-Procession" setting by Marty Haugen. © 1990, 2016 GIA Publications, Inc.

Canticle: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Holden Evening Prayer

- 1 Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story, shine on every land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you,
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.
- 2 In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.
- 3 You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect our light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent..., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Music: Marty Haugen. © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

Prayer of the Day: Evening Thanksgiving

Holden Evening Prayer

May God be with you all,
and also with you;
Let us sing our thanks to God,
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.
Amen

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THE WORD

First Reading

Psalm 146:5-10

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 2946). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

***The Holy Gospel**

The Magnificat

The gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:46-55

The Message Bible

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language Copyright © 2002 by Eugene H. Peterson. All rights reserved.

Message

Pastor Ben Sloss

Hymn of Day: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

Holden Evening Prayer

- 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.
- 2 You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,
you have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice, strong your love,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.
- 3 My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,

You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

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*Prayers of the People

We continue to pray for We continue to pray for John Van Beek, Mike and Nancy Sayer, the family of Evan Spayer, and those we name silently in our hearts.

*Prayer Song: *Let My Prayer Rise Up*

Holden Evening Prayer

Refrain Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

- 1 O God, I call to you, come to me now; hear my voice when I cry to you. *Refrain*
- 2 Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.
Refrain
- 3 All praise to the God of all, Creator of life; all praise to the Christ and the Spirit of love.
Refrain

"Holden Evening Prayer-Psalm 141" setting by Marty Haugen. ©
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*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk / Offering Invitation

Music Offering

(5:00)

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Cam Green, piano

Richard Storrs Willis

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Music by Richard Storrs Willis. ©
1991 by Hal Leonard Corporation.

(9:00)

Soon and Very Soon
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Jack Shrader

"Soon and Very Soon" Andrae Crouch; arranged by Jack Shrader
© 1994 Bud John Songs, Inc.

(11:00)

The Angel Gabriel
Nicholas Davis, piano

arr. John R. Howell

"The Angel Gabriel" Arranged by John Raymond Howell © 1986
Bossey and Hawkes.

*Offertory

O Come O Come Emmanuel

ELW #257 vs 1

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Text: Psalterium Canticum
Catholicarum, Koln, 1710; tr. composite Music: French processional,
15th cent. Text sts 2,6,7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

*Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.

(5:00) Music Meditation

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

German Carol

Cam Green, piano

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" 15th cent. German carol; music
from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang. © 1991 by Hal Leonard Corporation.

(9:00, 11:00) Communion Hymn

All Earth is Hopeful

ELW #266, all vs

- 1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.
- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth restores hope and courage
to children of this earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared; new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib. This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

"All Earth Is Hopeful" Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine
Forell Marshall, b. 1946 Music: Alberto Taulé. © 1993 and tr. © 1995 Centro de Pastoral Litúrgica, admin. OCP Publications.

***Prayer after Communion**

WE ARE SENT

***Blessing: Final Blessing**

Holden Evening Prayer

Let us bless our God

praise and thanks to you.

May God, Creator, bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives,
may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

Amen

"Holden Evening Prayer-Final Blessing" setting by Marty Haugen. ©
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***Sending Song**

People Look East

ELW #248, all vs

- 1 People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Guest, is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Rose, is on the way.

- 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Star, is on the way.
- 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Lord, is on the way.

"People Look East" Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, Music:
French Carol; arr. Barry Rose, B. 1934 © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust,
by permission of David Higham Assoc., arr., © 1999 Novello & Company Ltd., London, United Kingdom

*Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the lord
Thanks be to God, we will

Postlude (5:00)

We Three Kings
Cam Green, piano

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are." John H. Hopkins, Jr. © 1982 Hal
Leonard Corporation.

(9:00)

The Sussex Carol
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. Robert Lau

"The Sussex Carol" Arrangement by Robert Lau. © 2013 Lorenz
Publishing.

(11:00)

Reprise 'People Look East'

Thank you to all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

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Pastor Brian Wise, pastorbrian@oursaviours.com
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Pastor Elisabeth Himmelman, pastorelisabeth@oursaviours.com

Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

Special thanks to Jessi Raulet, of Etta Vee Art,
for the beautiful cover page artwork.

Announcements

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the Home menu, News & Events page of our website at www.oursaviours.com.

- **Advent "Lectio Divina"** on Zoom, [Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, from 8:30-9:30 am](#). Lectio Divina (Latin for "divine reading") is an ancient Christian spiritual practice that invites prayerful engagement with Scripture and an encounter with God through the appointed Revised Common Lectionary texts for the Advent season. To receive the Zoom link, email Susan Pynn at sdpynn@gmail.com
- **Caroling with Surge- open to the congregation!** [Wednesday, Dec. 17](#), we will meet in the narthex on the Our Saviour's Campus at 4:20 pm to assign routes, then head out by 4:30 pm so everyone can get back in time for the Midweek Meetup Dinner & our usual MWM activities. See the website for sign up.
- **Longest Night Service**, [Saturday, Dec 20, at the 5 pm worship service](#). Join us for a candlelit worship service on the longest night of the year as we acknowledge the ways God is at work in the midst of our grief and joy in this season.
- **Renewed by Grace: An OSLC New Year's Wellness Event**, happening [Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 3-5 p.m.](#) at the Our Saviour's Campus. Close out this year with a time for reflection and renewal as we seek to release what no longer serves us and open our hearts to the Spirit of

new beginnings. Contact congregational wellness manager **Alexandra Colaianni** with any questions or to reserve your spot by Dec. 21.

- **Order Christmas pies**; all proceeds benefit OSLC's Mozambique Mission! (all available in regular or gluten-free). Order form on our website due by Dec 20. Pickup date is Dec. 23, 10 to 11:30 am at the Celebration Campus.

Poinsettia plant preorders - If you would like to purchase a plant for \$25, forms are available on our website, in the narthex, or via the QR code on the left. The order deadline to order is Dec. 15.



**You and your family are invited
to Christmas Eve Worship at Our Saviour's**

Family-focused services

2:30 p.m. Celebration Campus

4:30 p.m. Our Saviour's Campus

Traditional Christmas Eve Services:

8 & 11 p.m. Our Saviour's Campus

Note: There will not be a Christmas Day worship service.

We encourage you to join us for regular worship the weekend of December 27/28

For more information and to make a Christmas offering:
oursaviours.com/Christmas or use the QR code to the right.



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