

**Advent Midweek 1**  
**December 6, 2023**  
**Evening Prayer, p. 243**

**Prelude**

**Versicles for Advent** (*stand*)

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L The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L All those who await His appearance pray:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L The whole creation pleads:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Phos Hilaron**

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L Joyous light of glory:

C **of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

**We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.**

**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**

**You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

**Thanksgiving for Light**

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L Blessed are You . . . glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** (*sit*)

**Psalm 141**

*All* **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

*Choir* O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to You.

*All* **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

*Choir* Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.  
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.  
But my eyes are turned to You, O God;  
in You I take refuge.  
Strip me not of my life.

*All* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**Psalmody Prayer**

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L Let the incense of our repentant prayer . . . may glorify You forever.

C **Amen.**

**Reading** *Make Yourselves Clean*

Isaiah 1:16–18

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup>learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
correct oppression;

bring justice to the fatherless,  
plead the widow's cause.

<sup>18</sup>"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool."

L O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading Response** p. 247

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.  
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

**Office Hymn** "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915, *choir st. 3*

**Sermon** "STOP!" Isaiah 1:16–18

**Magnificat** (*stand*) p. 248

**Litany** p. 249

### Collect of the Day

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Collect for Peace** p. 251

### Lord's Prayer

**Benedicamus** p. 252

L Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** *Grant Peace, We Pray* to follow text, see LSB 777

**Closing Hymn** "Now the Light Has Gone Away" LSB 887, *choir st. 3*

### Postlude