

# +Advent Midweek Vespers+

*December 1, 2021 | 7pm*



**The Lord's Prayer**  
**The Introduction, First and Second Petitions**

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Wednesday, December 2, 2020 | 7pm

*Tonight begins the first of four Advent midweek services. We pray the Office of Vespers.  
The theme of our midweek series this year is the Lord's Prayer—  
tonight, we take up the Introduction and the first two Petitions.*

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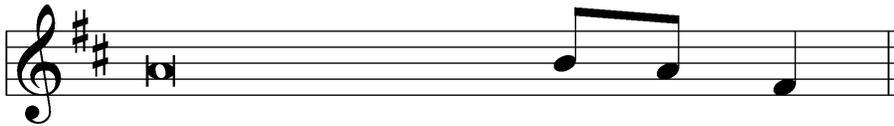
Stand

Opening Hymn | 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

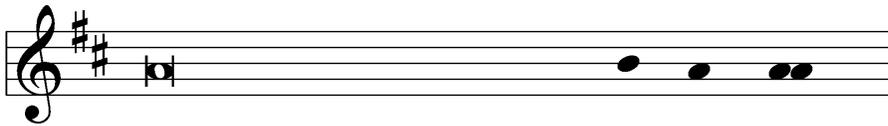
## Advent Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



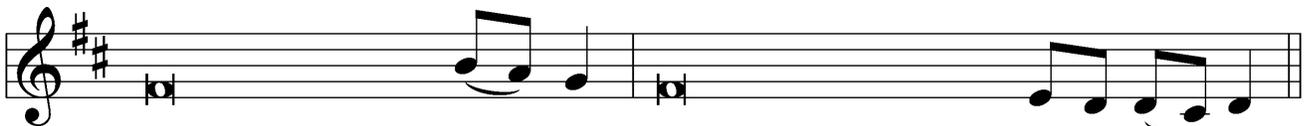
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

# Psalmody

## Psalm

*Psalm 25:1–10, antiphon v6*

<sup>6</sup>*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**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.**

<sup>6</sup>*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.*

*Sit*



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
 3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And  
 keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We  
 righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought-less words to  
 walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -  
 gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
 vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
 rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.

## Readings

### First Reading

*Galatians 4:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Luke 11:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

A O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Thanks be to God.**



# The Catechism

*Pastor or assistants ask the questions, the congregation speaks the answers:*

## The Introduction

*What is the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer?*

**Our Father who art in heaven.**

*What does this mean?*

**With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

## The First Petition

*What is the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**Hallowed be Thy name.**

*What does this mean?*

**God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

*How is God's name kept holy?*

**God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

## The Second Petition

*What is the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?*

**The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

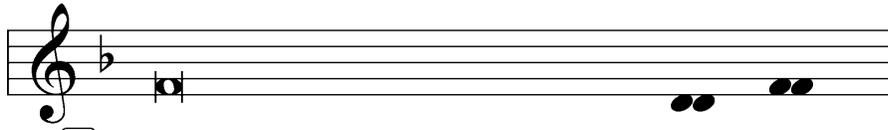
*How does God's kingdom come?*

**God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

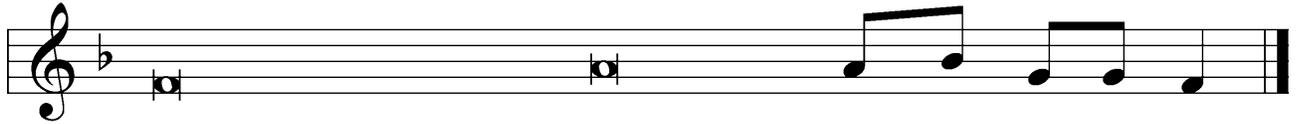


# Canticle

*Stand*



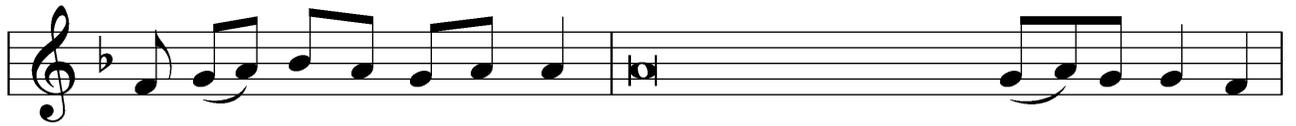
**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



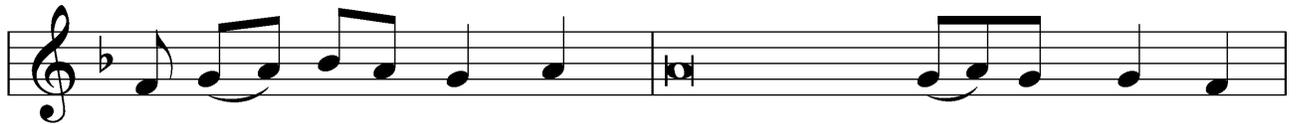
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**Magnificat**

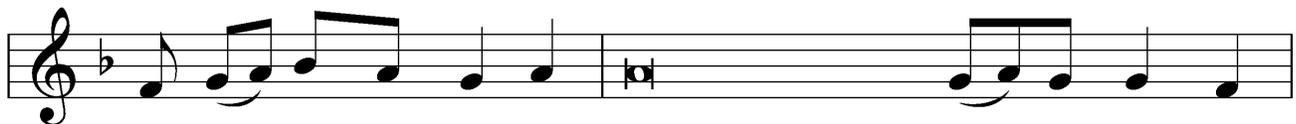
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**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



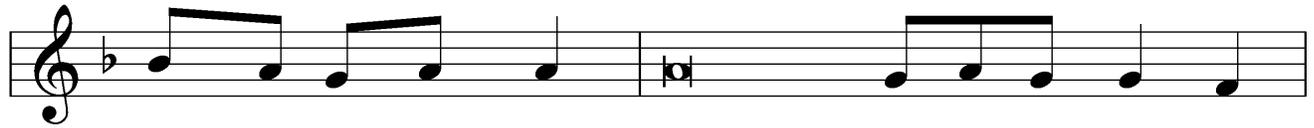
**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



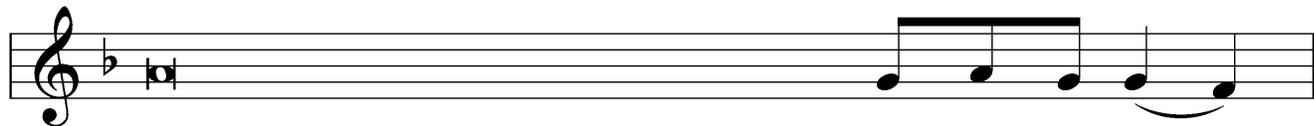
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



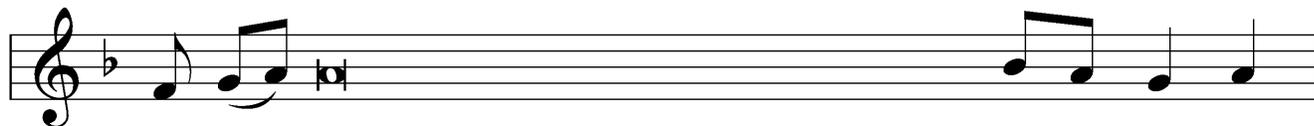
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



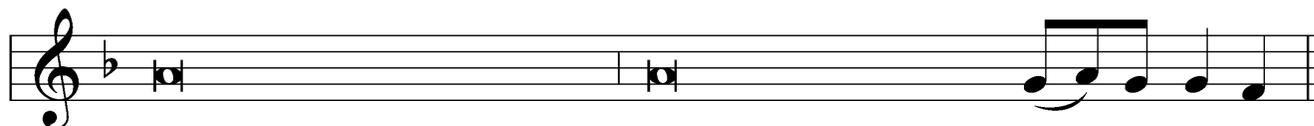
**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 233



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer sung according to tune *St. Paul*

**C** 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.

Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

**P** 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.

Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be

set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### Benedicamus

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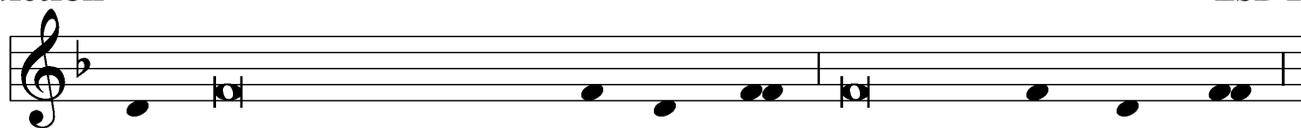
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



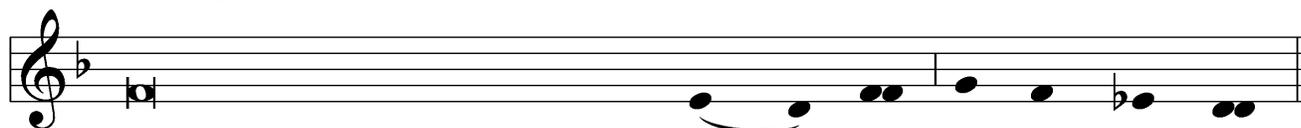
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

### Hymn to Depart | 360 All My Heart Again Rejoices

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# Advent and Christmas at St. Paul

*Pastors Yeager and Brege wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving!  
Starting with this Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, the Church enters the Season of Advent.  
Over the next four Wednesdays, we will offer Advent Midweek Services at 7pm.  
This year, the theme of our Midweek meditation will be the Lord's Prayer.*

Join us for the Mid-weeks in Advent:

Wednesday, December 1

## **The Introduction, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Petitions**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.*

Wednesday, December 8

## **The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Petitions**

*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

Wednesday, December 15

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Petitions**

*Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.*

Wednesday, December 22

## **The 7<sup>th</sup> Petition and the Conclusion**

*But deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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*The Season of Christmas will begin with the following Services:*

*Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 7pm*

## **Service of Lessons and Carols**

with the recitation of the Christmas Gospel by the children of St. Paul

*Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, 9am*

## **The Divine Service for Christmas Day**

*Feast of St. Stephen, Sunday, December 26, 9am*

## **The First Sunday after Christmas**

(Due to the dates of Christmas Eve/Day, we are having only one service this Sunday.  
We will return to two services the following Sunday.)

*The Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus, December 31, 7pm*

## **New Year's Eve**