



Advent
Evening
and Carols

December 22, 2013
6:00 p.m.

The Second Presbyterian Church
Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble and String Orchestra

About Evensong

Evensong, “evening song,” is a service that thanks God for the day just past and asks His protection during the coming night. It is a quiet, reflective set of prayers, songs and psalms, asking the worshiper to be still in spirit.

The service generally opens with a responsorial praise of God. Then the Magnificat (Mary’s song from Luke 1:46-55) is often sung, followed by Nunc Dimittis (Simeon’s Song from Luke 2:28-30) or Phos Hilaron (from Luke 24:29), and a Psalm. A hymn is sung and a prayer of response is said. The worshipers are then sent forth to serve.

The tradition of Evensong comes from Thomas Cranmer’s work of combining the evening prayers of Vespers and Compline into one act of worship as found in the Book of Common Prayer which was put together in England after the protestant Reformation.

Order for the Public Worship of God

As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.

Please silence your mobile devices.

PRELUDE AND PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:

"What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES, arr. Arron Powell

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation,
that Your Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself;
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Kim and Mark Petzinger, Annie Petzinger, Charlie Petzinger, Catie Petzinger

WELCOME AND PRAYER FOR LIGHT. Michael G. Stokke

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us,
as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light;
and as we implore of Your great mercy,
that as You enfold us with the radiance of this light,
so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence". arr. Arron Powell



Let all mor-tal flesh keep sil-ence, and with fear and tremb-ling stand;
King of kings, yet born of ___ Ma-ry, as of old on earth He stood,
Rank on rank the host of ___ hea-ven spreads its vanguard on the way,
At His feet the six wing'd ser-aph, cher - u - bim with sleep-less eye,



pond-er noth-ing earth-ly ___ mind-ed, for with bless-ing in His hand,
Lord of lords, in hu - man ves-ture, in the bo - dy and the ___ blood;
as the Light of light de - scend-eth from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pre-sence, as with cease-less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full ho-mage to de - mand.
He will give to all the faith - ful His own self for heav-en-ly food.
that the pow'rs of hell may va - nish as the dark-ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

✦ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised. Amen.

THE PSALM: "Deus Misereatur" (Psalm 67). Traditional English Chant
Setting by Edward Bairstow

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
Show us the light of His countenance and come to us.

Let Your ways be known upon earth,
Your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For You judge the peoples with equity
And guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.

The earth has brought forth her increase;
May God, our own God, give us His blessing.

May God give us His blessing,
And may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of Him.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

CHORAL REFLECTION: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Mack Wilberg
Traditional Polish Carol

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

THE MAGNIFICAT Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT: "Mary's Song" Setting by Arvo Pärt

*Magnificat anima mea Dominum,
Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo;
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.
Quia fecit mihi magna,
Qui potens est
Et sanctum nomen eius,
Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies
Timentibus eum.
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,
Dispersit superbos mente cordis sui;
Deposuit potentes de sede
Et exaltavit humiles;
Esurientes implevit bonis,
Et divites dimisit inanes.
Suscepit Israel puerum suum,
Recordatus misericordiae suae
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,
Abraham et semini eius in saecula.*

REFLECTIONS ON THE MAGNIFICAT Mitchell Moore

THE PHOS HILARON (Prayer for Light) Ancient Greek Vespers Hymn
Sung text based on Luke 24:29
Musical setting by Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus. It soon is evening and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light, shines where the darkness cannot overcome it.
Let Your light pierce the darkness and fill the Church with its glory.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against Your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
There is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy on us offenders.
Spare us, O God, who confess our faults.
Restore us who are penitent,
according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord,
and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SONGS FOR THE TABLE

“Away in a Manger”arr. Arron Powell



A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed the lit - tle Lord
 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close by me for -



Je - sus lay down His sweet head; The stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look
 e - ver, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear child - ren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 thy ten - der care, and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

“Silent Night”arr. Arron Powell



Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won - drous star, lend thy light;



Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, — Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! — Christ, the Sav - ior, is born.
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, — Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sa - vior is born, — Christ the Sa - vior is born!

"Behold the Lamb"..... Keith Getty



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
 2. The bod - y of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
 3. The blood that cleans-es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
 4. And so with thank-ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



And we re-mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -
 Eat and re-mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
 Drink and re-mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
 and to re-mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



-give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 -ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro -



drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love
 drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace
 -claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n



a-round the ta - ble of the King.
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MUSICAL REFLECTION OF JOY: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Arron Powell

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
 Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
 To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
 O tidings of comfort and joy.*

♠HYMN OF JOY: "Joy to the World"..... arr. Arron Powell
based on themes by Handel and Vienne



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, And
 ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re -
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow Far
 prove The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness, And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
 as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far
 won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 as, far as the curse is found.
 won - - - ders, won - - - ders of His love.

♠BENEDICTION

May He who by His incarnation, death, and resurrection
 gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,
 fill you with sweetness of inward peace and goodwill;
 and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 be upon you and remain with you always.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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The Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble

Dr. Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

Marjorie Bowman, Liz Deacon, Annie Petzinger, Ginger Statom, BJ Webster, Kathy Hammond,
Amy Stanfill, Terri Theil, Christy Young, Jerry Bowman, Justin Pepper, Robert Sutton,
Tucker Williams, John Beckham, Clay Deacon, David Dennis, Brett Trimble, Keith Young

The String Orchestra

Priscilla Tsai, Dan Gilbert, Amanda Kull, Jessica Munson, Long Long Kang, Arron Powell, violin;
Michelle Walker, Beth Anthony, viola; Chris Langston, Iren Zombor, cello; John Chiego, bass

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m., Family Service featuring Christmas video and children's message in the Sanctuary
5:30, 8:00, 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Services in the Sanctuary

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To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community,
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