



Midweek Advent Vespers

"Singing the Story of Christmas"

The Poets that Prepare Us for Christmas

Welcome & Lighting of the Candles

"Jesus Christ is the true light of the world,
In Him there is no darkness, but only the light of life."

Opening Hymn

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Hark the Glad Sound

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Selected Verses from Luke 1:46–55 & 1:67-79

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For He who is mighty has done great things for me,

And holy is His name.

And His mercy is on those who fear Him

From generation to generation.

He has shown strength with His arm;

**He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts.**

He has put down the mighty from their thrones,

And exalted the lowly.

“Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,

For He has visited and redeemed His people.”

Scripture Reading

Hymn

(See Attached Hymns At End)

Sermon

12/4 Mary’s “Magnificat” (Luke 1:46-55)

Reflection on the Little Things of the Christmas Story

12/11 Zechariah’s “Benedictus” (Luke 1:67-79)

Naming the Goodness of the Christmas Story

12/18 Simeon’s “Nuns Dimittis” (Luke 2:29-32)

Transitioning Beyond the Christmas Story

Response:

“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,

According to Your word;

For my eyes have seen Your salvation

Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,

And the glory of Your people Israel.”

Offerings <> Prayers <> Benediction

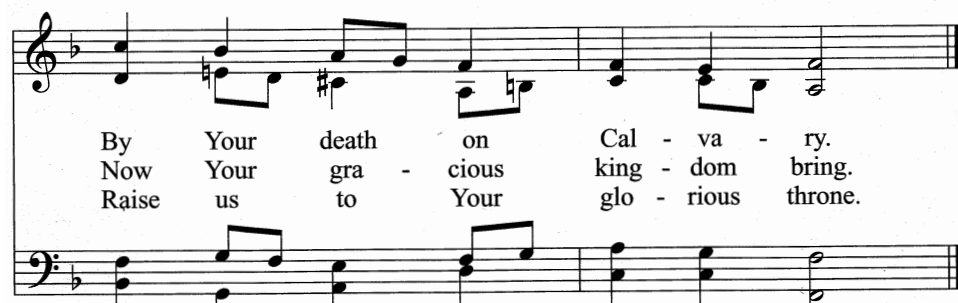
COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Your
2 Born Your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and
3 By Your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our



peo - ple free; From our sins and fears re - lease us
yet a king, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
hearts a - lone; By Your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it



By Your death on Cal - va - ry.
Now Your gra - cious king - dom bring.
Raise us to Your glo - rious throne.