

# *Zion Lutheran Church*

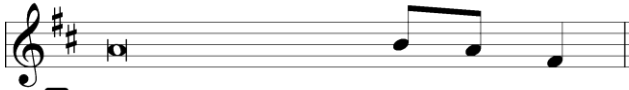


*December 31st, 2017*  
*New Year's Eve Evening Service*

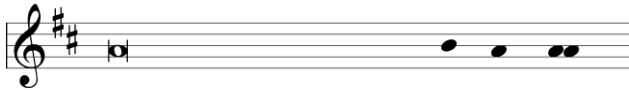
## Vespers



**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.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Opening Hymn – O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly**

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## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 30:8-17

And now, go, write it before them on a tablet  
and inscribe it in a book,  
that it may be for the time to come  
as a witness forever.

For they are a rebellious people,  
lying children,  
children unwilling to hear  
the instruction of the LORD;  
who say to the seers, "Do not see,"  
and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right;  
speak to us smooth things,  
prophesy illusions,  
leave the way, turn aside from the path,  
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,  
"Because you despise this word  
and trust in oppression and perverseness  
and rely on them,  
therefore this iniquity shall be to you  
like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,  
whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;  
and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel  
that is smashed so ruthlessly  
that among its fragments not a shard is found  
with which to take fire from the hearth,  
or to dip up water out of the cistern."

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,  
"In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."  
But you were unwilling, and you said,  
"No! We will flee upon horses";  
therefore you shall flee away;

and, "We will ride upon swift steeds";  
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.  
A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;  
at the threat of five you shall flee,  
till you are left  
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,  
like a signal on a hill.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading – Romans 8:31b-39**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

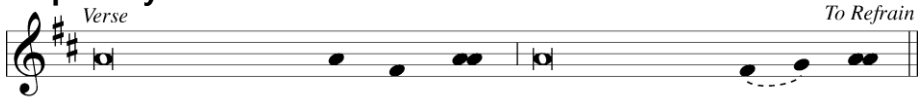
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 12:35-40**

[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will

come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

### Responsory



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
 2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
 3 Glory be to the  
                 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

### Sermon Hymn – The Ancient Law Departs

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### Sermon

### Magnificat



- 1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



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### Offering

#### Kyrie



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

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**



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

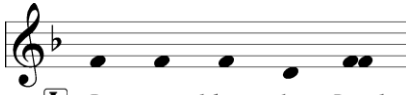


**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Benedicamus



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



**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.

Closing Hymn – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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