

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE

Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21 + 7:00 p.m. + Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

GATHER

MUSIC REFLECTION

CANDLE LIGHTING

*You are invited to light a candle as you enter the space. As you do, consider offering a prayer.
Your prayer may be the name of someone, the name of a place in the world,
or a sentence containing a concern or joy you currently hold.*

GATHERING HYMN

Sung many times through

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and in your light

we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and

in your light we shall see true light.

WORD

PRAYER

God of peace, we trust that the words you have spoken will be fulfilled. Grant food to those who are hungry, and generosity to those who are not. Grant power to the lowly, and humility to the powerful. Live in us, that we might be your co-creators of justice and joy. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Amen.

PSALM 141

The use of incense goes back to biblical times. It was a major part of Israelites' religious practice in the Temple. In the Christian scriptures, the book of Revelation talks about angels using incense to offer prayers to God (Rev. 8:3-5). The smell of incense and watching the smoke rise reminds us that God is in the world and among us. It is a symbol of our prayers in God's presence.

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
of-fer-ing to you. O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my
O God, I call to you, come to me
voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like
now; O hear my voice when I pray to you. Let my prayer rise
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep is my heart may the
 of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me God;
 light of your love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise
 deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing bright.
 up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
 Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my
 of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the God of all cre - a - tor of
 hands as an of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the
 life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
 God of all Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir-it of
 Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my
 love. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the
 hands as an of-fer-ing to you.
 lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

READING

STORYTELLING

November 30: Peace in the Earth

Reflection: Shaun Morrell, on our relationship with the natural world

Musician: Phil Radtke

December 7: Peace in the Home

Reflection: Pam Kildahl, on the experience of domestic violence

Musician: Kathë Jarka, cello

December 14: Peace in the Neighborhood

Reflection: Jamie Schwesnedl from Moon Palace Books, on the Longfellow community

Musician: Immanuel Davis, flute

December 21: Peace in Our Hearts

Reflection: Peder Kjeseth, on the complexity of deep grief in a season of joy

Musician: Bob Aldrich, guitar

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*For the next several minutes, you are invited to listen,
sing, pray, light a candle, or reflect on these questions:*

*Was there a word or phrase that spoke to your heart?
What might God be saying to you through that word or phrase?*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Iona Community

Let us join our voices and share what we have come to know of God and of God's good creation:

**We believe in God
in whom is power and compassion.**

**We believe in the Creator
who gave birth to the universe,
set solar systems dancing in space,
shaped molecules and mountains,
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.
God's power topples tyrants,
and brings down walls of separation;
God's love embodies the tenderness
of a mother and father,
encouraging and caring for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus,
born in obscurity in an occupied land;
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst,
persecution and grief.
He understood the power of love
and confronted the powers of evil,
spoke the truth with courage and clarity,
forgave his enemies and changed lives.
In his living, dying and rising again
he showed love strong enough to save the world.**

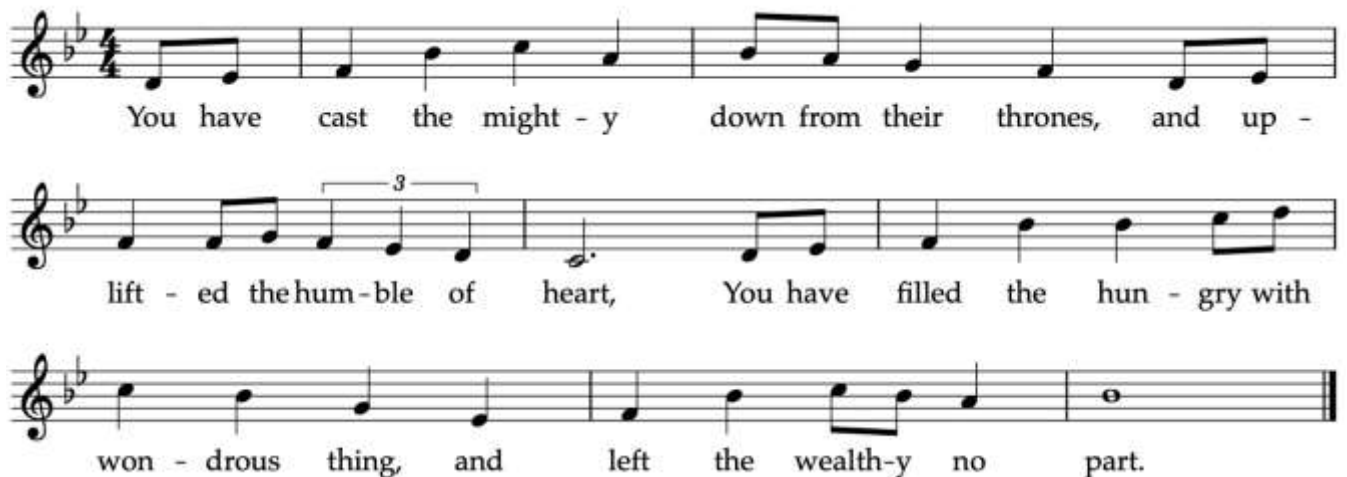
**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who sustains, comforts and empowers us,
opens the scriptures, opens our minds,
and illuminates the earth. Amen.**

PRAYERS



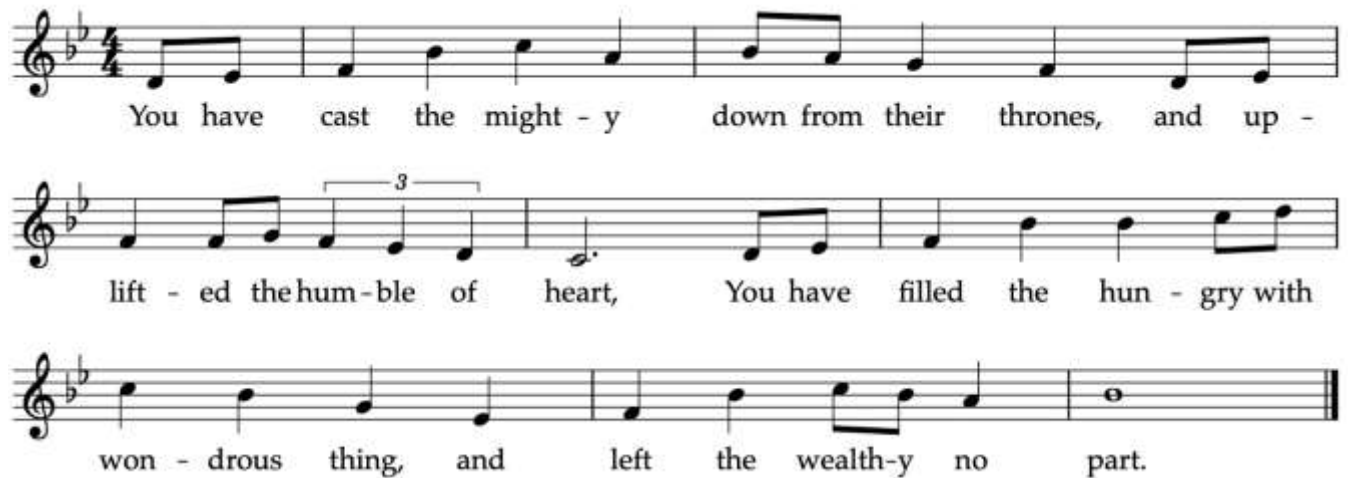
My soul pro - claims your great-ness, O God, and my
spir - it re-joic - es in you, You have look with love on your
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

O God of Sacred Darkness, our souls proclaim your greatness. You have looked upon your creation with mercy and brought us into this season so that we might proclaim all the mighty things you've done. We sing to you for having favored Mary and for having called her blessed among all women. Remind us that you favor the ones we often cast out.



You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart, You have filled the hun - gry with
won - drous thing, and left the wealth-y no part.

O God of Holy Shadows, we have seen the strength of your actions throughout history. You have scattered the proud in their conceit, and brought the mighty down from their thrones. We raise our voices and make noise before you in gratitude for Mary who carried Jesus in her womb. Remind us that you live among the created order and call us to care for it.



You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart, You have filled the hun - gry with
won - drous thing, and left the wealth - y no part.

O God of Hallowed Night, you have filled the hungry with good things. Every day we are reminded that your promises are sure and trustworthy; and yet you understand our despair at times. We implore that you come to our help as we muddle our way through pandemics, racism, wars, climate change, and grief. As you promised to Mary and all of our foremothers, come to us now we pray.



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PEACE

Siblings of the Faith, we witness in John's gospel the aftermath of the crucifixion. The disciples, frightened and dejected, are huddled together behind locked doors. Their world is shattered and suddenly the resurrected Christ appears! Our savior announces, "Peace be with you. Your savior is in your midst." "Peace be with you, I am the Resurrection and the Life." "Peace be with you. I have conquered death." This is the peace we share with one another. When we share the Peace of Christ with each other, we are speaking a word of transformation over their lives. A word of freedom; a word of power; a word of our resurrection promise—the very words of Christ himself.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

DONA NOBIS

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Cantor: Give us peace, God, peace for all, like a river running freely. Refrain
God of nearness, God of life, you are with us; we rejoice. Refrain
Set us free, God, from mindless ways; guide us in pursuing good. Refrain
You renew us with great love; God among us: this our joy! Refrain
Be our breath, God, deep and pure; feed our hunger for your truth. Refrain
Maranatha: come to us with your healing gift of peace. Refrain

BENEDICTION

Traditional Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ,
of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

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SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022

Wednesdays, November 30 and December 7, 14, 21 – Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love.

All are invited to partake in the Advent suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room.

This year, there are two opportunities to engage in worship on Wednesday evenings:

- The first is designed for parents and their young children to engage together in an interactive Advent reflection. It will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- As has been our tradition in years past, we will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the sanctuary. People of all ages are invited to worship (including young children, if this time and format works better for them).

Wednesdays, November 30 and December 7, 14, 21 – Book Discussion on *Refugia Faith*

Bring your supper (provided in the Community Room) into the Library and join the conversation on Debra Rienstra's book *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth*. Discussions will be led by Matt Floding, David Kohlstedt, and Bryan Hollaway.

Sunday, December 4 – Advent Worship

Join us for worship with Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Our Advent journey of refuge continues this week as John the Baptist reminds us to prepare the way for the Lord. The Gloria Ringers Handbell Ensemble will ring at both services.

Sunday, December 11 – Adult Choirs Sunday

Hymns, choral anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent this morning. Trinity Singers and the Adult Choir will lead worship at both services as we sing together as a congregation.

Sunday, December 18—Adult Forum Featuring the Advent Hymn Sing

So many hymns, so little time! We'll use the forum hour to get a few more Advent hymns in before the season is over. We meet in the Bartsch Room this week.

Sunday, December 18—Sunday School Advent and Christmas Program

Children and youth age 4 through grade 9 will help lead our 11:00 a.m. worship service on this day, the fourth Sunday of the Advent season. Participants will gather in the sanctuary at 9:55 a.m. for a final rehearsal.

Friday, December 23—Church Office Closes at Noon

The church office closes at noon today. We'll talk to you on Tuesday!

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

We will gather for worship at 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Please join us for a family-friendly service at 4:00 p.m. and a service led by the Adult Choir at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25—ONE SERVICE on Christmas Morning

The celebration of Jesus' birth continues on Christmas Day with one worship service at 10:00 a.m. that will include plenty of familiar Christmas hymns. Be ready to sing!

Sunday, December 25—No Adult Forum

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will gather together for one service at 10:00 a.m., and there will be no Adult Forum this Sunday as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

Sunday, December 25—No Godly Play, Trinity Village, or Confirmation Classes

We rejoice in God with us and enjoy rest. We will not meet until January 15, 2023.

Sunday, January 1—ONE SERVICE on New Year's Day

We will gather on New Year's Day for one service at 10:00 a.m. and there will be no Adult Forum this Sunday.