

## Second Midweek Advent

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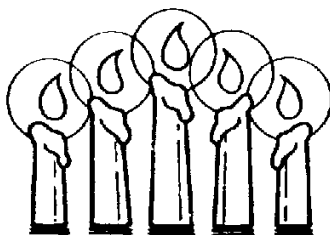
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**Prelude** Mrs. Kathy Lueck

**Opening Hymn** 90:1-4 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

### **The Responsoy**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us humbly confess our sins unto the Lord.

C: **Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to You, with my whole heart, my neglect and forgetfulness of Your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against You; and raise me to newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, Who sent His Son into the world to save sinners, gives you His forgiveness and peace, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the true Light of the world,

C: **In Him there is no darkness, but only the light of life.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, and illuminate our dark world.

C: **Let Your light shine in the darkness as we prepare for Your coming.**



1. Cre - a - tor  
2. Come in Your  
3. To God the



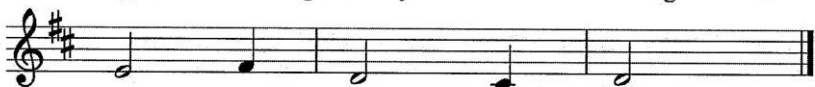
of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's  
ho - ly might we pray, Re - deem us  
Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re -  
for - e - ter - nal day; De - fend us  
Spir - it, Three in One, Praise, hon - or,



deem - er of us all, We pray You  
while we dwell be - low From all as -  
might, and glo - ry be From age to



hear us when we call.  
saults of our dread foe.  
age e - ter - nal - ly.

## Scripture Lesson

Hymn 98:1-4 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Sermon Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

# The Fruit of the Spirit is Long-Suffering

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore.

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

### Choir Just Beyond the Manger

Just beyond the manger, I hear no lullabies,  
I see no golden hay, I feel no starlight.  
Just beyond the manger, I hear the hammer fall,  
I see a rugged cross, I feel the chill of night.  
Just beyond the manger.

Just beyond the manger, I see no swaddling clothes,  
I hear no angels sing, I feel no candle glow.  
Just beyond the manger, I see a lonely hiss,  
The Savior crying still, I hear the thunder roll.  
Just beyond the manger.

Forgive us, Lord, and grant us eyes to see  
In ev'ry Christmas Calvary; implant it in our hearts.  
Help us recall 'mid trees of red and gold,  
On another tree raised long ago we hung God's brightest star.  
Just beyond the manger. I hear no lullabies,  
Just beyond the manger.

Hymn 707 *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

### Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

Closing Hymn 558 *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*

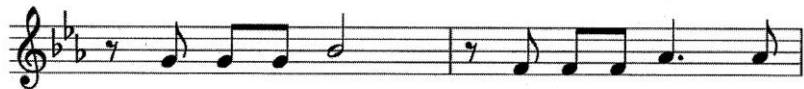
# C: The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther which art in Heav - en,



Hal - lowed be Thy name.



Thy King - dom come. Thy will be done in



earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our



dai - ly bread. And for - give us our



debts as we for - give our debt - ors.



And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,



but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For Thine is the



kingdom, and the pow - er, and the



glo - ry, for - ev - er, for - ev - er, A men.