

# DIVINE SERVICE

## for the Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve



### SERVICE OF LIGHT

*A large lighted candle is carried into the darkened church.*

VERSICLES (CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY)

**L** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**C** The light shines in the darkness,  
but the darkness has not under - stood it.

**L** On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

**C** We have seen His glory, the glory of the  
one and only Son who came from the Fa - ther.

**L** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is giv - en.

**C** In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

## PHOS HILARON

*Candles are lit in the sanctuary and throughout the congregation. Please take care to keep lit candles upright and not to allow wax to drip onto the seats or floor.*

L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:  
C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,  
bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the  
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.  
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:  
You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -  
ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

L We praise and thank You, O God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
that You have enlightened us by revealing the Light that nev - er fades.

Night is falling, and day's allotted span draws to a close.  
 has fallen, The daylight which You created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us,  
 and yet, of Your free gift, now the evening lights do not fail us.  
 We praise You and glorify You through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 through Him be glory, honor, and power  
 to You in the Holy Spirit now and always and for - ev - er and ev - er.  
**C** A - men.

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**ENTRANCE HYMN: IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

*LSB 366*

*1- 2 Duet; 3-4 All*

*The GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is restored to the service.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

**GRADUAL HYMN: THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT**

*LSB 412*

**EPISTLE**

*Titus 2:11–14*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*Luke 2:11*

*Alleluia.* For unto you is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Alleluia.*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:1–20*

**HYMN: FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME**

*LSB 358 sts. 1–6*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**DISTR HYMN: FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME** *LSB 358 sts. 7–15*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: WHERE SHEPHERDS LATELY KNELT** *LSB 369*

*During the singing of the NUNC DIMITTIS, candles are lit throughout the congregation. Please take care to keep lit candles upright and not to allow wax to drip onto the seats or floor.*

**DUET: BREAK FORTH, O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT**

*LSB 378*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as in this Sacrament as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**HYMN: SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT**

*LSB 363 sts. 1–3*

*1. German; 1-3. English*

*Christmas Day Divine Service, 11am at Resurrection*

*New Year's Eve Service, 7pm at Grace St. Catharines*

*Epiphany Divine Service, Tuesday, January 06, 7pm at Resurrection*

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