

Longest Night - Blue Christmas Evening Prayer

Gathering Music

Welcome

Silent Meditation

Procession#262 Wait for the Lord, sung 3 times

Greeting

From the one who was, who is, and who is to come:

Grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Light#561 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Thanksgiving for Light ELW pp. 310-311

Psalm 27 printed in worship guide

Psalm Prayer

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vv 1-3

Second Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Hymn #256 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Third Reading Matthew 11:28-30

Hymn #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vv 4-5

Fourth Reading John 1:1-5, 14

Hymn #272 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Reflection

Gospel Canticle #251 My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

Prayer Hymn #751 O Lord, Hear My Prayer, sung 3 times

Contemplative Prayer silent prayer and meditation

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Candle Lighting Hymn..... #281 Silent Night

Blessingafter the blessing, individual candles are extinguished

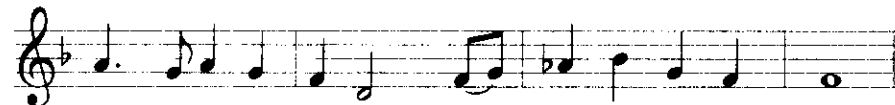
Sending Music

Following the service, join us in the Kottmeier room for refreshments.

Psalm 27

Refrain

Thomas Keesecker



In the day of trou-ble, the LORD shall keep me safe.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?*

The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,*

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me,*

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴and though war should rise up against me,*

yet will I put my trust in him. R

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶to behold the fair beauty of the LORD*

and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head*

above my enemies found about me. R

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;*

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;*

have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."*

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me,*

nor turn away your servant in displeasure. R

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away;*

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴Though my father and my mother forsake me,*

the LORD will sustain me.

¹⁵Show me your way, O LORD;*

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

¹⁶Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,*

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

¹⁷What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD*

in the land of the living!

¹⁸Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;

be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;*

wait patiently for the LORD. R