

Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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St. Lucy, martyr

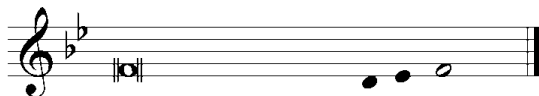
Today the Church commemorates St. Lucy, a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

† Opening

Service of Light

(Standing at the sound of the bell)

Evening Prayer Dialog



- ☐ Jesus Christ is the light | of the world,
- ☑ **the light no darkness can | overcome.**
- ☐ Stay with us, Lord, for | it is evening,
- ☑ **and the day is | almost over.**
- ☐ Let your light scat- | ter the darkness
- ☑ **and illu- | mine your church.**

Hymn of Light

HYMN 229

“Joyous light of glory ...”

Thanksgiving for Light

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† Psalmody

Psalmody

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“Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense”

Group One – Treble voices; Group Two – Low voices

Silence, then Psalm Prayer

Psalm 45:1-8

The verses are sung by all, using the following tone.



Silence, then Psalm Prayer

Hymn

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

(standing)
HYMN 245

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All

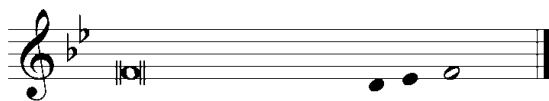
✝ Word

Reading: Romans 8:31b-39

(seated)

Silence for reflection

Dialogue



L Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways |
by the prophets,

C **but in these last days God has spoken to us | by the Son.**

Gospel Canticle

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

(standing)
HYMN 251

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Lord’s Prayer

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Blessing

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Hymn

“Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn”

HYMN 242

Stanza 1 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanzas 3, 4 – All

Participants

Leader: Pastor Joseph Crippen

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