

Prayer Service for Christian Unity
Monday, January 25, 2016 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, 2621 Vermont St. NE

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;
Of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;
Your an - gels a - dor - ing, all veil - ing their sight;



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2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor, of both great and small;
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som, then with - er as leaves on a tree,
We too, God in - vis - i - ble, of - fer our praise;



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
Your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
But you live for ev - er, who is and will be.
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Song of Praise

The Road To Damascus

St Luke Lutheran Church Senior Choir

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(Isaiah 55:1-3)

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Lector II: Listen and you will live.

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(1 Peter 2:9-10)

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Gospel Acclamation

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Meditation Song

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The Lord's Prayer

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Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

For ever. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Leader: Jesus says: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Be salt of the earth. Be light to the world.

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Blessing and Dismissal

Leader: Blessed be the poor in spirit. Blest be those who mourn. Blest be the meek. Blessed be the merciful. Blessed be the pure in heart. Blest be the peacemakers. Blest be the persecuted. Blest be you by God, Father, (+) Son and Holy Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

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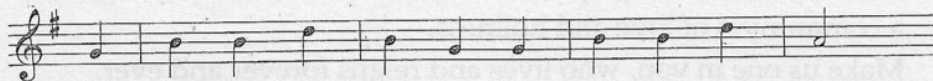
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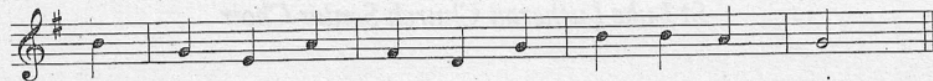
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 ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re - deem - ing
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