

A Service for the Longest Night

Sunday, December 22
6:30 PM

Gathering Music

Christian McIvor

Welcome & Passing the Peace

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Opening Meditation & Candle Lighting

One: Even in our endings,

All: fill us with hope for new beginnings.

One: Even as our minds race with anxiety,

All: fill us with peace that passes understanding.

One: Even in our deepest grief,

All: fill us with joy and laughter.

One: Even in a world of hate and fear,

All: fill us with your love, O God.

One: Come, let us worship Emmanuel, God with us.

Opening Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Words by Isaac Watts (alt.)
Music attr. William Croft

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

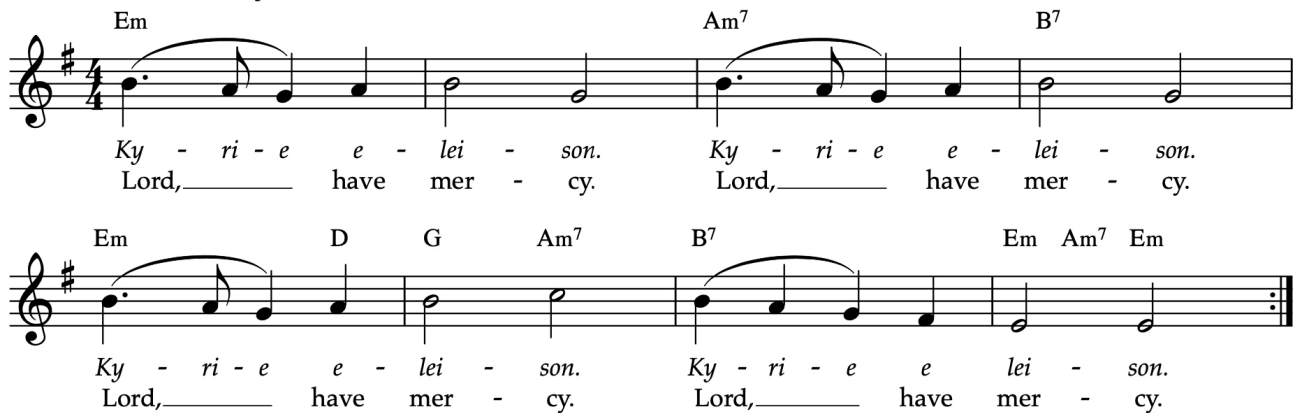
**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Christian McIvor

Time of Reflection & Silent Prayer



Em Am7 B7

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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Sung Response

“Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)”

Music by Christian Mclvor

Prayers of the People

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Sung Response

“Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)”
See notated music for the first Sung Response above.

Music by Christian Mclvor

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Words of Comfort

One: The first words of Genesis tell us that in the beginning, God was creating.

All: We believe in a God who is at work in all our beginnings.

One: In Revelation, we hear Jesus proclaim, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

All: We believe in a Savior who is with us through it all, in every beginning, and in every ending that comes before.

One: And so from beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation, from the first day to the last, we are held by our God who knows our name.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Song

“Over the Rainbow”
Christian Mclvor

Words by Yip Harburg
Music by Harold Arlen

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

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