

# Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

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## Katerina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church

*Today the Church commemorates Katerina von Bora Luther. Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin. The reading and Psalm 67 are appointed for her day.*

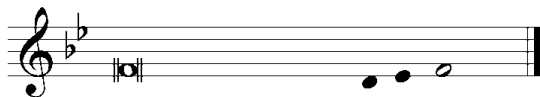
## † Opening

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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

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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 67

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



Silence, then Psalm Prayer

Hymn

“People, Look East”

*(standing)*

HYMN 248

## ✝ Word

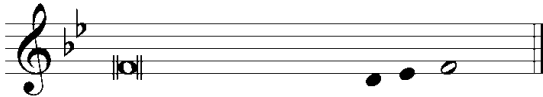
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Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

*(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

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

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Blessing

*(standing)* page 319

## Hymn

“As the Dark Awaits the Dawn”

HYMN 261

*Stanza 1 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanzas 3, 4 – All*

### **Participants**

Leader: Vicar Lauren Mildahl  
Organist: Cantor David Cherwien  
Sacristan: Jim Bargmann  
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