



CONFERENCE ON  
WORSHIP, THEOLOGY, AND THE ARTS

A graphic featuring the text "SCATTER the IMAGINATION of our HEARTS" in a bold, dark red, sans-serif font. The text is set against a background of numerous small, irregular orange and yellow splatters. The words "the" and "of our" are in a smaller, lowercase font. The word "HEARTS" is in a larger, bold font. The entire graphic is centered on the page.

**SCATTER** *the*  
**IMAGINATION**  
*of our* **HEARTS**

LUKE 1:51

**EVENING PRAYER**

***VESPERS***

ADVENT 3 + JULY 27, 2022 + 7:30 PM + BOE MEMORIAL CHAPEL + ST. OLAF COLLEGE

## **Welcome to the St. Olaf Conference on Worship, Theology, and the Arts**

The theme, "Scatter the Imagination of our Hearts" will inform all that we do together. In our worship and in our plenary sessions, in our rehearsals and in our small group gatherings; we will consider the many ways that we are being scattered. Scattering can be a breaking apart; a breaking apart of our prejudice, bias, limited viewpoints and imaginations, but also a breaking apart of our patterns (helpful or not) that are ripe for challenge. Scattering is also necessary in planting, like seeds that are scattered, the imagination of our hearts are scattered to plant and sow God's good work in the world. There is an element of prophetic challenge and good news in the act of scattering. We will ask, "What patterns need to be broken and scattered and what needs to be scattered and shared?"

We will experience a scattering as we gather to worship. While our worship services will move through the season of Advent, the familiarity of the Revised Common Lectionary will be scattered.

Throughout the week, we will follow Wilda C. Gafney's "A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W." The Magnificat will be woven into each service and the Advent season will offer a unifying theme of the "annunciations" of God's action. It includes in the annunciations to Hagar, Sarah and Abraham, the mother of Samson, Hannah, as well as Mary and Joseph. Gafney explains that, "Annunciations communicate an understanding of God involved in history and deeply involved in the lineage - ancestral and descendant - of God's people." Related to our theme, "Scatter the Imagination of the Hearts," annunciations scatter what we have imagined for our lives and for how the world could be, and reorient us around God's vision and action in our lives and in our world. We will find that Mary's Magnificat does not only name the scattering, but shows us a way to respond!

Throughout the week, worship, theology and art will come together to proclaim the prophetic challenge and good news of the scattering of the imagination of our hearts. Through word and sacrament, sung and heard, we will proclaim together our faith - a faith transformed and scattered!

## **Advent 3 Scripture Readings**

### **Judges 13:2-7**

Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, and his name was Manoah. His wife was barren; she had never given birth. And the messenger of the HOLY ONE appeared to the woman and said to her, "Look now, you are barren, having never given birth, you shall conceive and give birth to a son. Now please be on guard, not to drink wine or strong drink, and you shall not eat anything unclean. For look! You shall yet conceive and give birth to a son. No razor shall be upon his head, for a nazirite to God shall the boy be from the womb. And he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines." Then the woman came and spoke to her husband saying, "Someone from God came to me, and their appearance was like that of a messenger of God, incredibly awesome; I did not ask the messenger from where they came, and their name they did not tell me. Yet they said to me, 'You shall conceive and give birth to a son; do not drink wine or strong drink, and do not eat anything taboo, for a nazirite to God shall the boy be from the womb unto the day of this death.'"

# EVENING PRAYER

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*❖ indicates the congregation shall stand*

## LIGHT

### ❖ ADVENT DIALOGUE (1 John 3)

- 📖 See what kind of love has our Maker given us
- 🗣️ **that we should be called children of God; and we are.**
- 📖 The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God.
- 🗣️ **Beloved, now we are God's children and it has not yet been revealed what we will be.**
- 📖 We do know that when God is revealed, we shall be like God, for we shall see God just as God is.

### ❖ THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

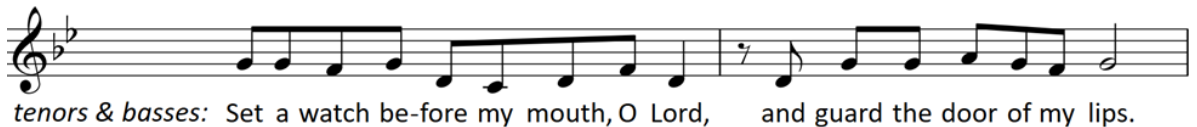
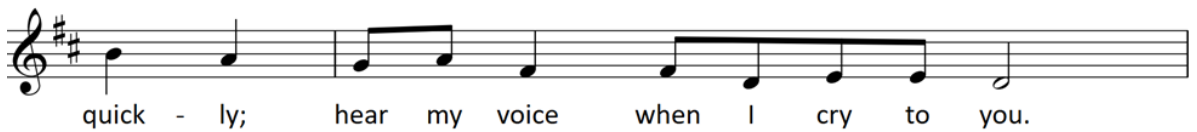
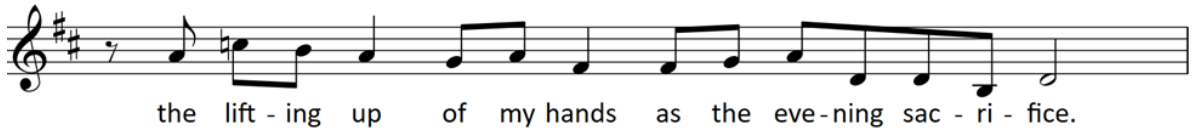
### ❖ PHOS HILARON *Hymn of Light* ELW #229 "Joyous Light of Glory"

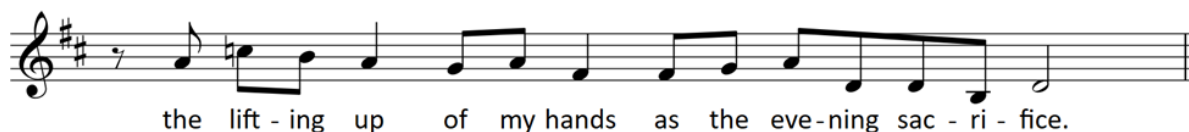
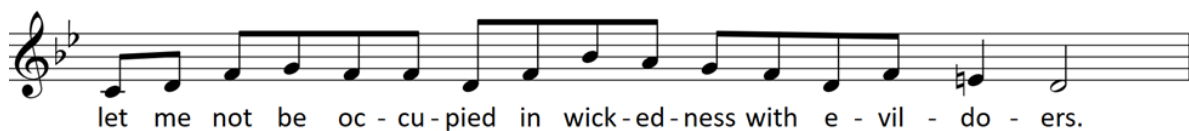
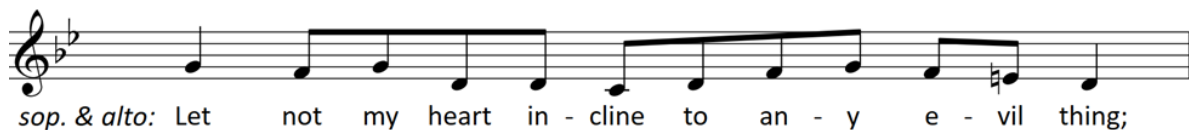
### ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 📖 Stir up the wills of all who look to you, God Who Is Holy, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 🗣️ **Amen.**

# PSALMODY

## PSALM141





PSALM 115:9-15



*schola* 9 Israel, trust in the HOLY ONE OF OLD!

*all* Their help / and their shield is she.

*schola* 10 House of Aaron, trust in the HOLY ONE OF SINAI!

*all* Their help / and their shield is she.

*schola* 11 You who revere the HOLY ONE, trust in the HOLY ONE!

*all* Their help / and their shield is she.

*schola* 12 The FAITHFUL ONE remembers us; she will bless;

*all* she will bless the house of Israel;

she will bless the / house of Aaron.

*schola* 13 She will bless those who revere GOD WHO IS HOLY,

*all* / both small and great.

*schola* 14 May the GENEROUS ONE add to, increase, you all,

both you / and your children.

*all* 15 May you all be blessed by the AGELESS ONE,

Maker of the / heavens and the earth.

## WORD

READING Judges 13:2-7

 The Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God!

# ❖ MAGNIFICAT



My soul mag-ni-fies the Ho-ly One, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior,



for God has looked with fa-vor on the low-li ness of God's own womb- slave.



Sure-ly, from now on all gen-e - ra - tions will call me



blessed; for the Might-y One has done great things for me, and



ho - ly is God's name.

God's lov-ing-kind-ness is for those who



fear God from gen - e - ra - tion to gen - e - ra - tion. God has



shown the strength of God's own arm; God has scat-tered the



ar - ro-gant in the in - tent of their hearts.

God has brought down the



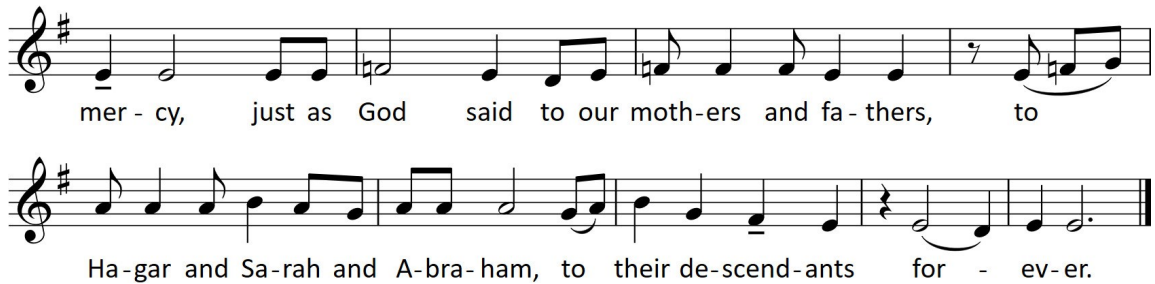
pow-er - ful from their thrones, and lift - ed up the low - ly;



God has filled the hun-gry with good things, and sent the rich a-way emp-ty.



God has helped God's own child Is - rael, a me - mo - rial to God's



## SERMON

HANDBELLS “Breath of Heaven”

arr. Sandra Eithun

## PRAYER

❖ PRAYERS ELW pg. 316-317

❖ THE LORD’S PRAYER ELW pg. 318

❖ BLESSING ELW pg. 319

❖ HYMN ELW #569 “The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended”

ST. CLEMENT

### LEADERS IN THE LITURGY

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**organ** – James Bobb

**Schola** - Logan Combs '22, Kyle Dacon '22, Austin Meyer '22, Oliver Steissberg '23

**percussion** - Danny Barry '22, Austin Meyer '22

**sacristan** - Logan Combs '22

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