**Hymns for**

**December 4, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**These are the hymns that will be sung during the service.**

 Hymn 314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*(verses 1, 2)

 (*Christ, Be Our Light)*

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

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 Hymn 377: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verses 1, 3)

Verse 1

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

**In Him there is no darkness at all,
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Verse 3

**I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**In Him there is no darkness at all,
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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 Hymn 506: *Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table*  (verse 1: choir; verses 2-4, all)

Verse 1: Choir

Look who gathers at Christ’s Table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing,
Some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they’re invited,
Burdened by the wrong they’ve done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for everyone.

**Verses 2-4: everyone**

Verse 2

**Clouds of light surround the table;
Ancient followers appear,
Saints confessing how they wrestled
With their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
To obliterate the light.**

Verse 3

**Their sad stories are repeated
In a thousand different ways,
But they share one thing in common:
They all end in thanks and praise
For the host who has invited
North and south and east and west
To converge around this table,
Where all life is fed and blest.**

Verse 4

**Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
And prepare to be surprised
By the host whose hands are wounded,
Who will open wide your eyes
When he blesses bread and breaks it,
Truth and manna from above!
And the passes wine that wakens
In your heart the taste of love.**

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 Hymn 129: *Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming* (all 3 verses)

**Lo how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
By faithful prophets sung
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah ‘twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright
She bore to us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.**

**This flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere
Enfleshed yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens every load.**

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