Selah Service - Advent

Prelude – (Brian & Susan)

"O Tanenbaum" - Worship Band

Welcome/Announcements/Greeting - Kim Greenwood

Intro Selah Service Series

Selah is a Hebrew word found in the Psalms. It is likely a musical term meaning to pause or to rest, or perhaps to quietly reflect on the words just expressed, allowing their meaning to sink in.

As you may know, we have designed this series of Selah Services around the Christian Year in hopes of helping you to pause and reflect on the meaning of these seasons – to quiet your spirit and get re-centered.

We are likely more aware of this need at this busy Christmas season than any other time of the year. And yet, sometimes we are so accustomed to noise and busyness that we find it difficult to quiet ourselves, to pause, to listen.

In this service, we will use Scripture, Song, and Silence to help us "Selah". Each period of silence will be marked by the ringing of a bell. So, as we begin, let me ask you to close your eyes and begin to calm your spirit as the choir sings this invitation to Selah.

Song - "Slow Down" (choir)

Slide – Silent Meditation I (Psalm 23)

Psalm 23 is a well known Psalm that calls us to rest in the care of our Great Shepherd, where we find restoration and repair. Take a few minutes now to meditate silently on that Psalm. (Ring Bell)

Advent Message I – We're in the Dark (John)

Song - "Do You Hear What I Hear?" (Sunday Only - Brian & Susan)

Song – "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Saturday AND Sunday)

Slide – Silent Meditation II (Proverbs 13:12)

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But a dream fulfilled is a tree of life."

What's making you heart sick? What are the dreams you long to see fulfilled? Take a few minutes to reflect on those longings and take them to the Lord. (Ring Bell)

Advent Message II – Jesus Comes as The Light (Renjy)

Response – Corporate Prayer

Song - "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Table

We are prone to think of communion as remembrance of the cross, and of Jesus' sacrifice for us. And in fact, Jesus told us to do this meal in remembrance... not just remembrance of an event, but in remembrance of Him. The Apostle Paul tells us that when we eat this bread and drink this cup, we have fellowship – koinania with Him, with His body, with His blood. Therefore, on a night where we long for His coming, for His Light, it is appropriate for us to come to the table, a place where He is present, and take Him into us.

These symbols of His body and blood allow us to spiritually take Him in as our Guide, our Peace, our Life.

As we sing these Advent prayers, we invite you to come to one of the 4 tables to be served the bread and wine.

Songs

"Here I am to Worship"
"Shine on Us"
"O Come. Let Us Adore Him"

Offering – "Joy to the World, the Lord is Coming"

Benediction – Ephesians 1:18

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

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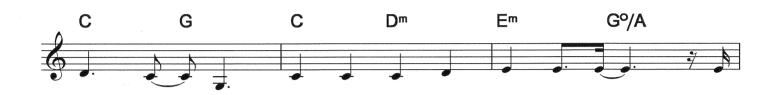












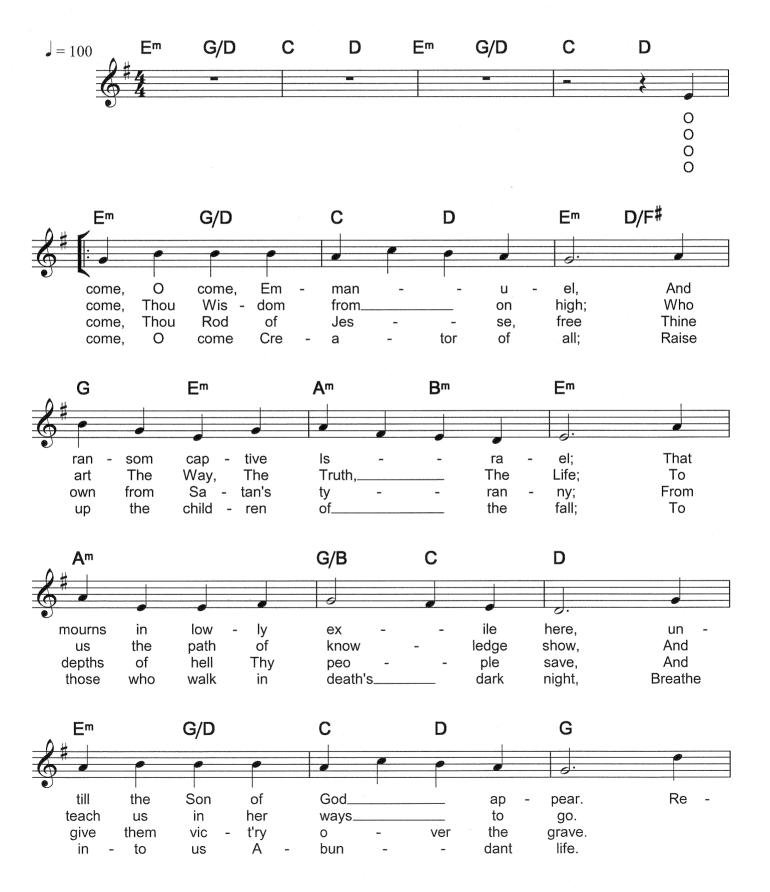






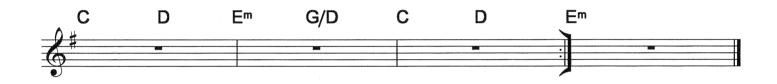


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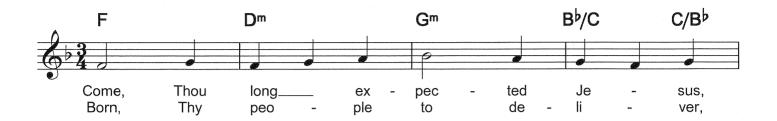


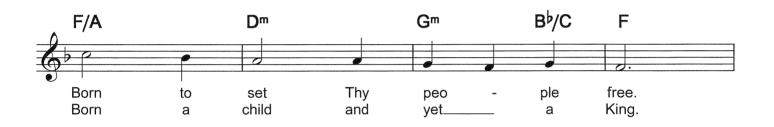


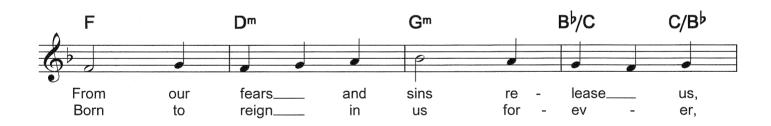


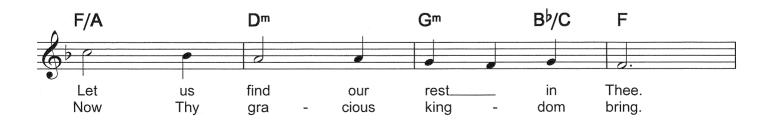


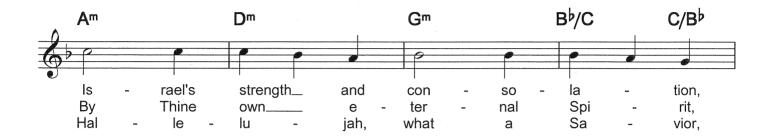
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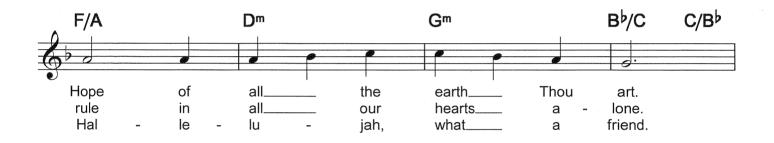


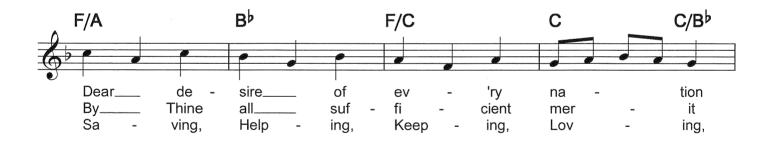


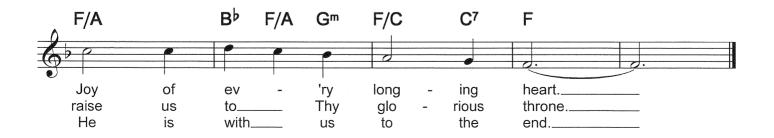








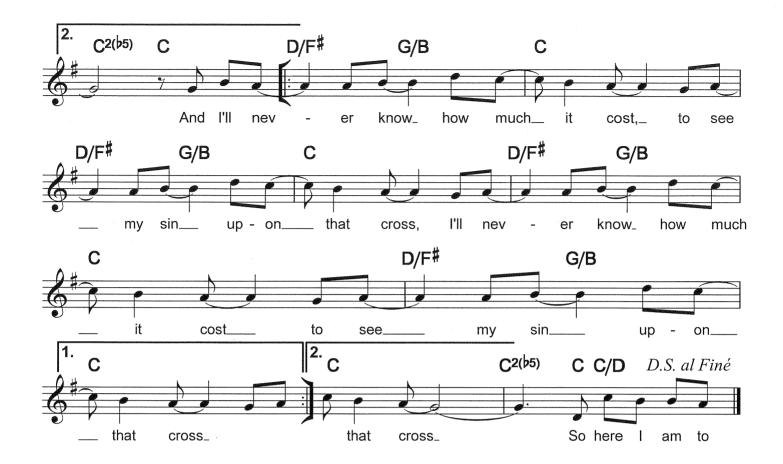




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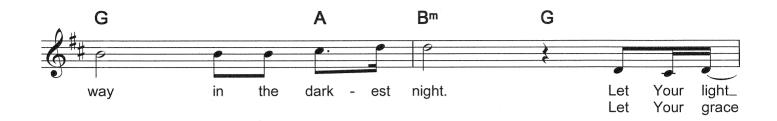
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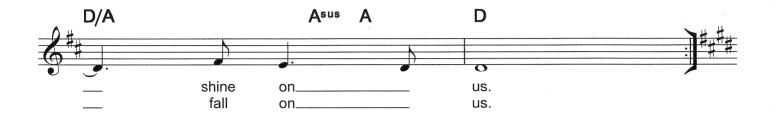


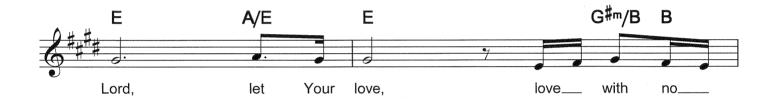


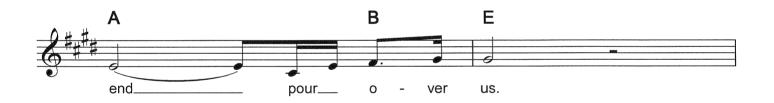
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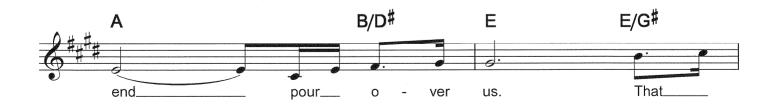




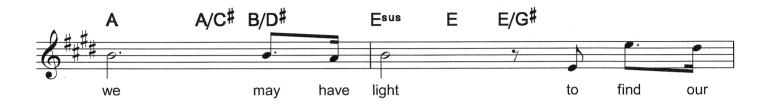


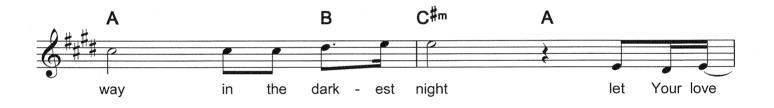


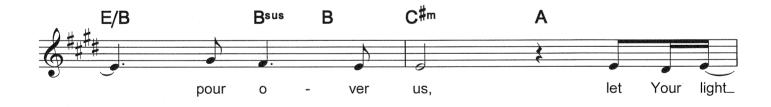














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