

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE 2
Your King Is Coming!

Dec. 12, 2018
6:30 pm

JESUS: *King of Guilt!*



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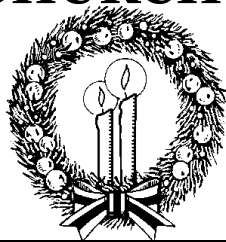


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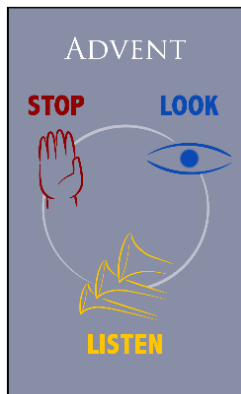


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WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



We look for the coming of the Lord. The Church looks upward and forward until that time “*Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest.*” (LSB 644:4) Advent is that “*looking forward time*” that shares glimpses of that glorious vision of our returning King, the gracious King who comes to take upon Himself our guilt and bring us the gift of forgiveness. Faithfully He promises to renew and restore us to being the crown of His creation. With eager anticipation we look at the Word and at the world prepared to welcome Jesus, our Lord, and rejoice in the wonder of His coming.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

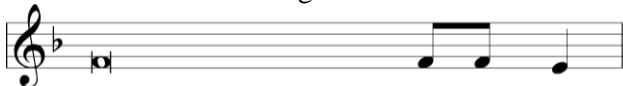
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INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES OF EVENING PRAYER

P In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

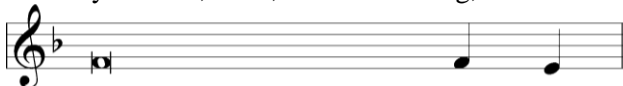
C Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

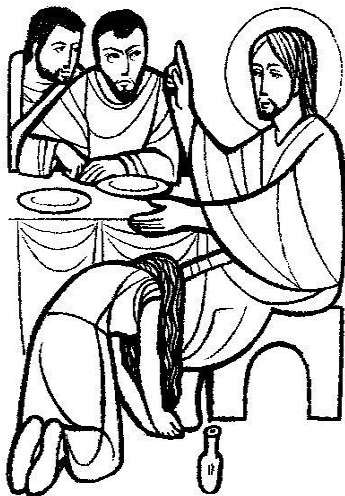


C and the day is almost o - ver.

P Let Your Light scatter the darkness



C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

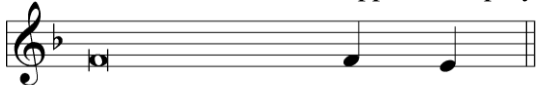


P The Spirit and the Church cry out:



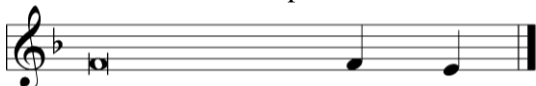
C Come, Lord Je - sus.

P All those who await His appearance pray:

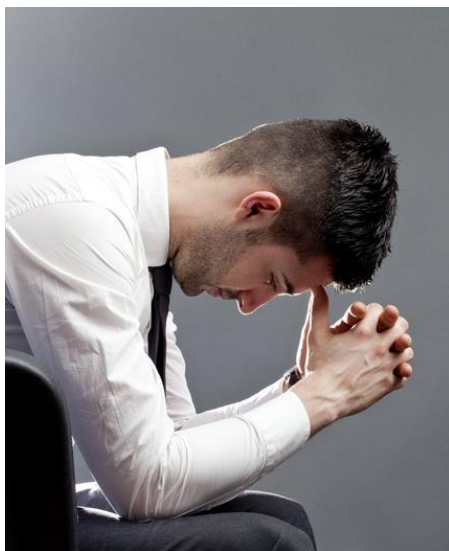


C Come, Lord Je - sus.

P The whole creation pleads:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.

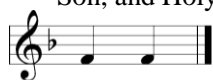


P Joyous Light of glory

C of the im-mor-tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,
 bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the
 set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.
 We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:
 You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

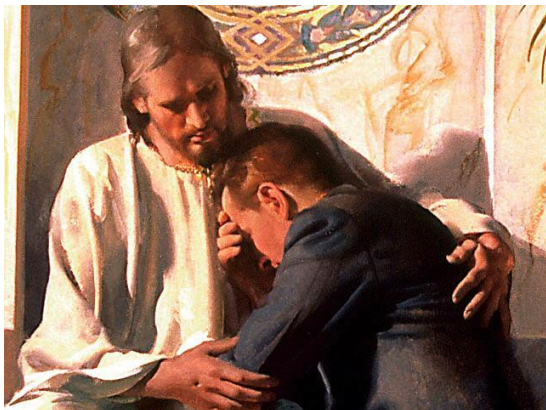
THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



C A - men.

Please be seated



THEME SEQUENCE

P Throughout the Scriptures there are words of encouragement to look for signs of the Lord and of His coming. One of the grandest invitations to look is written by John in the first chapter of Revelation as he writes: “*Grace to you and peace ... from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. ... Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.*” “Every eye” includes *our* eyes! We are certain to see His return as we continue to look in faith. The hymn “*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*” invites us to look for the coming of the Lord and was authored by Charles Wesley, one of the most prolific hymnwriters of the English language. Wesley, whose life spanned most of the eighteenth century, wrote over six thousand hymns, many of which are still sung today. He wrote this hymn specifically for this particular week in Advent, reminding Christians of the final coming of our Advent King in all His glory.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” STZ. 1-3 **LSB 336**



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!

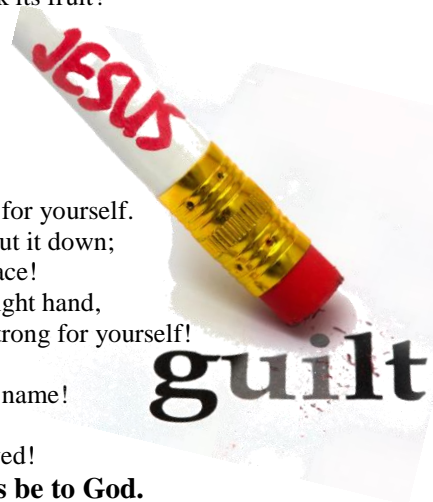
OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 80

L The Old Testament Reading for our Midweek Advent Service is from Psalm 80.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.
It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.
Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

L O Lord, have mercy upon us. **C** Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE READING

II Peter 3:10–13

L The Epistle is from Second Peter, chapter three.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

L O Lord, have mercy upon us. **C** Thanks be to God.

VERSE “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

STZ. 4 **LSB 336**

4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

GOSPEL READING

st Matthew 26:59–64

P A reading from the Gospel according to st Matthew, chapter 26:

Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “*This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’*” And the high priest stood up and said, “*Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?*” But Jesus remained silent. And



the high priest said to him, “*I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.*” Jesus said to him, “*You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.*”

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

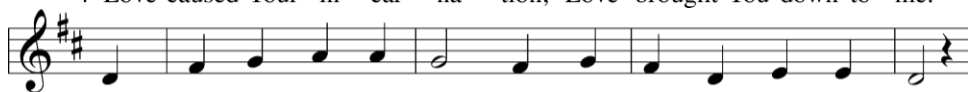
SERMON HYMN

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

LSB 334



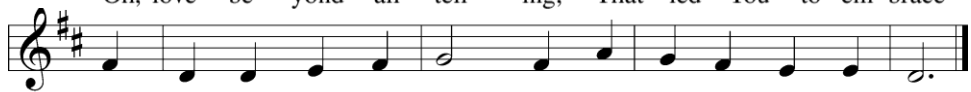
1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot His love erase;
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by His grace.
 He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
 His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
 A terror to His foes,
 A light of consolations
 And blessed hope to those
 Who love the Lord's appearing.
 O glorious Sun, now come,
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,
 And guide us safely home.

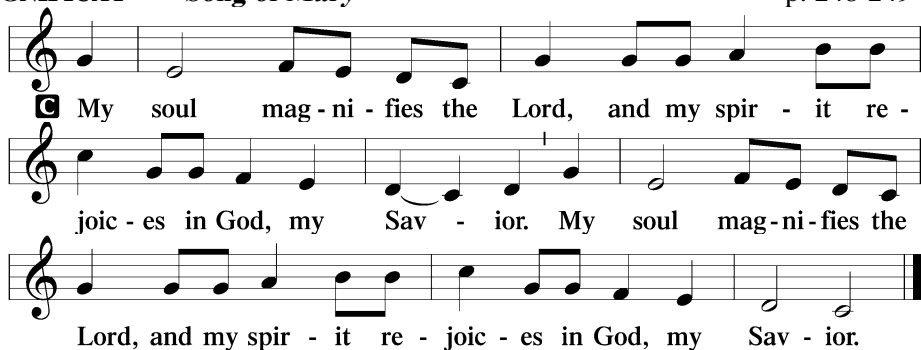
SERMON

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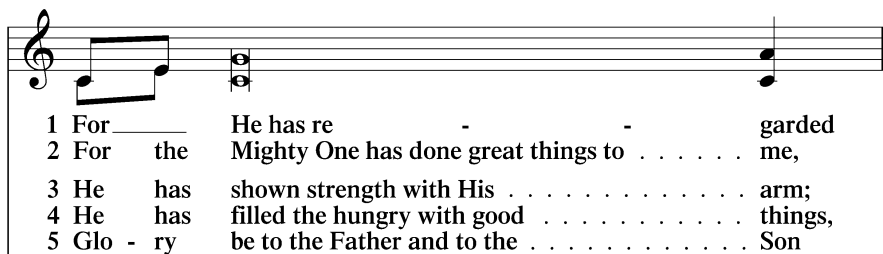
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MAGNIFICAT — *Song of Mary*

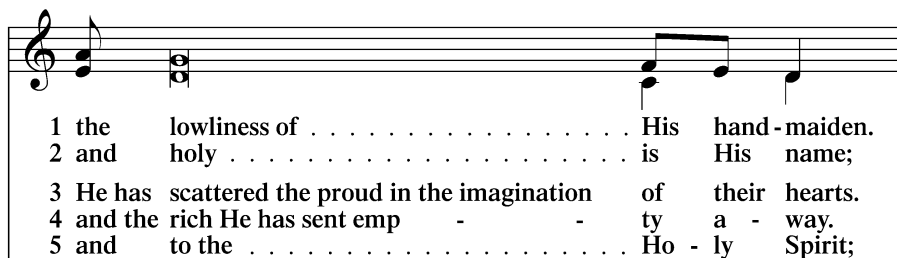
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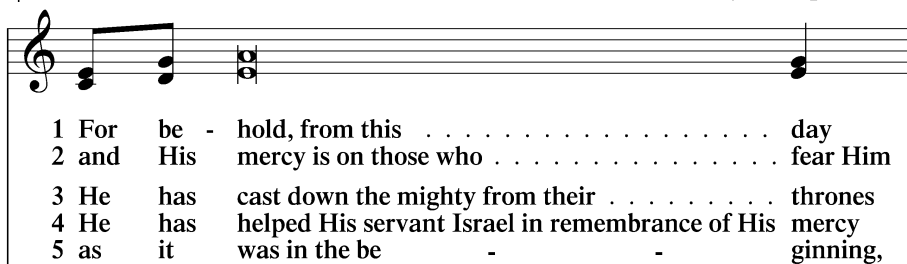
My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



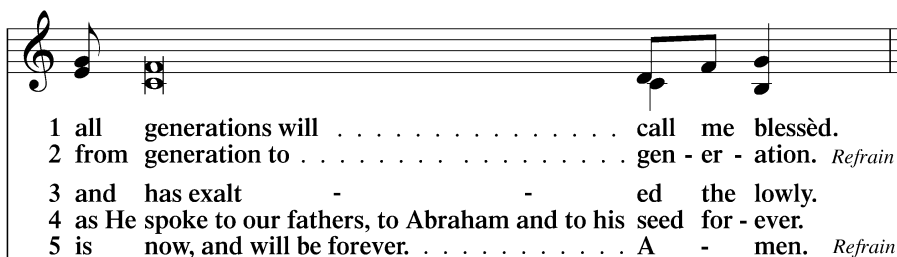
1 For He has re - garded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
3 He has shown strength with His arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
2 and holy is His name;
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day
2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



1 all generations will call me blessèd.
2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please be seated

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

(As the Offering is gathered, please sign the attendance folder near the center aisle and pass it to the next person.)

Please stand...

OFFERTORY “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

STZ. 6-7 **LSB** 357



- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

LORD’S PRAYER

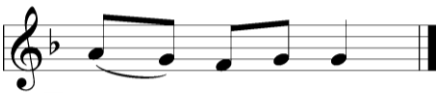
- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR EVENING {spoken by Pastor}

COLLECT FOR PEACE {spoken by Pastor}

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Let us bless the Lord.



- C** Thanks be to God.

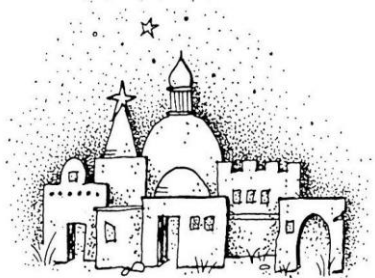
BENEDICAMUS

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.



- C** A - men.





CLOSING HYMN

LSB 361

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



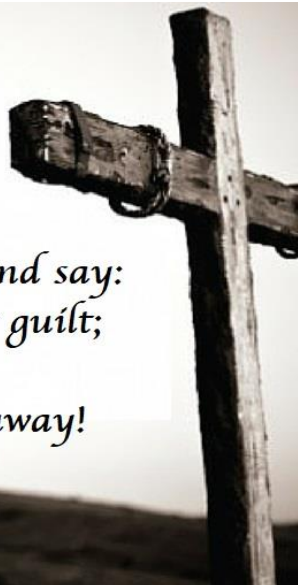
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

POSTLUDE

Guilt



*Only one would look at us in our guilt and say:
"My beloved, I am not afraid of your guilt;
I am the King of your guilt;
I have carried your guilt away!"*