

Advent Midweek 4
December 22, 2021

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalm 42 (Read Responsively)

- ¹As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.
²My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?
³My tears have been my food day and night,
while they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”
⁴These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.
⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation ⁶and my God.
My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
⁷Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.
⁸By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

- ⁹I say to God, my rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”
¹⁰As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”
¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

389 Let All Together Praise Our God

sts. 1–3, 5, 7

- 1** Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav’n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.
 - 2** He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.
 - 3** Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.
 - 5** He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child’s love!
No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.
- △7** Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore

**And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.**

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First Reading: Judges 6:11-24; 7:2-9

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- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Micah 5:1-5a

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Responsory (Advent)

- L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
G **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
G **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
G **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Sermon: "Symbols of Salvation: As One Man"

333 Once He Came in Blessing

- 1** Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2** Now He gently leads us;
With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given,

**Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.**

- 3** **Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.**
- 4** **Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.**

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- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
G and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Offering

Kyrie

- G** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- G** 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.**

Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
G **And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
G **Amen.**

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
G **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
G **Amen.**

352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

- 1** **Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.**

- 2** **What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.**
- 3** **Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.**
- 4** **As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.**
- 5** **Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.**
- 6** **Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

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