

Advent Midweek 2
December 8, 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.
C 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 (Responsively)

Psalm 105:1–11, 39–42

- ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
²Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
³Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
⁴Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
⁵Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
⁶O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
⁷He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
⁸He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
⁹the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
¹⁰which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, ¹¹saying,
“To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.”
³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
⁴⁰They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.
⁴²For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

331 The Advent of Our King

- 1** The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

- 2** The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on
To set His servants free.
- 3** O Zion’s daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4** As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav’n to reign.
- 5** Before the dawning day
Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- △ 6** All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

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

Gospel Reading

John 1:14–18

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

Responsory (Advent)

- L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
C 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.
C 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.
C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Sermon: “Symbols of Salvation: God in a Tent”

349 Hark the Glad Sound

- 1** Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

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

Offering

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects

L O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord +I Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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