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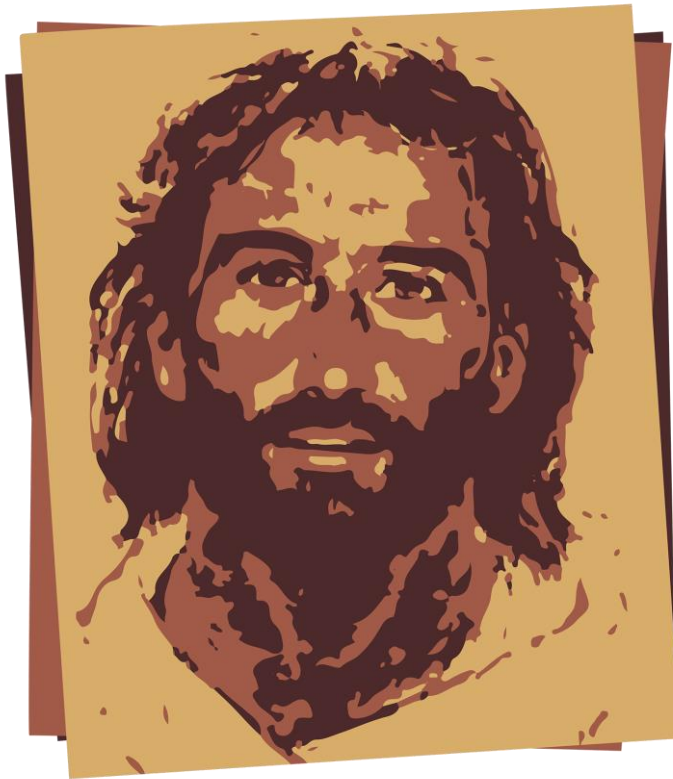
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Advent Midweek 1

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:00 pm

Opening Medley

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB #386 v. 1, 4

**Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!**

**Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!**

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB #379 v. 1, 2

**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: *Refrain***

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

**Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

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Opening Sentences

Jeremiah 23:5–6; Acts 2:34–35; Luke 1:32–33

- P** Jeremiah wrote, “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** **And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”**
- P** David wrote, “The Lord said to my Lord,
- C** **‘Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”**
- P** Gabriel told Mary, “The Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,
- C** **and of His kingdom there will be no end.”**

PSALMODY

Psalm

Psalm 145:1–13a; antiphon: v. 13a

- P** David recognized that God’s kingdom is eternal, continuing beyond earthly governments.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.

- C** **Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.**
- P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.
- C** **One generation shall commend Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**
- P** On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C** **They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,
and I will declare Your greatness.**
- P** They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- C** **The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

- P** The LORD is good to all,
and His mercy is over all that He has made.
- C** **All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!**

- P** They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
and tell of Your power,
- C** **to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Song of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB #368 v. 1

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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The O Antiphons of Advent 1-3

O Wisdom

- P** O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:
- C** **Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

First Reading

Proverbs 1:2–7

- ²To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
³to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
⁴to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
⁵Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
⁶to understand a proverb and a saying,

the words of the wise and their riddles.
7The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Prayer

O Antiphon Sung

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB #357 v. 2

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain**

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Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

O Adonai

P O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

C **Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.**

Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is

holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Prayer

O Antiphon Sung

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB #357 v. 3

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**

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Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

O Root of Jesse

P O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:

C **Come quickly to deliver us.**

Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Prayer

O Antiphon Sung

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB #357 v. 4

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. Refrain

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Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Collects

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders of Your Church. Enable them to lift

people's hearts and minds to look beyond global pandemics, natural disasters, and political upheavals to see the eternal Kingdom, which You have graciously opened to all people who trust in You for life and health and peace. Bless those who till the soil, manage farms, transport supplies, and distribute food and clothing where they are needed. Son of David,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, give wisdom and courage to those who lead governments, command armed forces, and maintain order in society. Give them hearts to seek peace so that warfare with neighbor states and civil strife within them give way to prosperity, health, and cooperation. Increase our faith to depend on Your eternal promises of the better country that awaits us by grace. Son of Abraham,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Jesus, Light of the world, open the hearts of all who are burdened by their scandals and other past sins. Surround them with faithful people to tell them about Your coming in human history to give Yourself for them. Protect and guide all law enforcement personnel, first responders, health care workers, and counselors. Help them balance justice, mercy, and compassionate care so that many may have their lives repaired and hope restored. Son of scandal,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, cared for by Your adopted human father, Joseph, remember people like him, those who have been forgotten, whether dispossessed, incarcerated, or isolated for any reason. Remember not their sins and iniquities but give them a sense of Your abiding presence. Nurture in us all a love for Your will so that we obediently do whatever You ask. Son of Joseph,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Servant Savior, born in a stable to a lowly Virgin, remind us again that You turn the world's ways upside down. Give strength to the weak, lift up the downtrodden, provide hope for the despairing, announce peace to the distraught, and proclaim eternal forgiveness to all burdened by their sin. Son of Mary,

C **hear our prayer.**

Collect for Today

P Lord Jesus, Son of David, in You the Father's promise of an eternal throne for David came true.

C **Grant us lively faith to serve You each day, aware of the citizenship in Your kingdom, which You won for us by Your obedient life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection.**

- P** Son of David,
- C** hear our prayer.

Luther's Evening Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

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.

Benediction

Closing Medley

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

LSB #374 v. 1,3

**Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.**

**Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth;
Hail the King of glory!**

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB #361 v. 1,3

**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.**

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