

Midweek Advent Worship

Advent Lessons and Carols



“Prepare, for Our Savior is Coming”

A Service of Hymns and Lessons

Presented at

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OPENING HYMN

28 – Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, What the
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's
4 Wel - come, O my Sav - ior, now! Joy - ful,
5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set



tru - ly kept his word And at last to
proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
help - er, Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold
Lord, to you I bow, Come in - to my
free from doubt and dread, I may cling to



us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
race be - hold— Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
heart, I pray; Oh, pre - pare your - self a way,
you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death,

6 And, when you shall come again
As a glorious king to reign,
I with joy may see your face,
Freely ransomed by your grace.

Please stand

THE EXHORTATION and PRAYER

M Dear people of God, in the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy child, Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, for the people in our country and in the city of Dallas, and especially for the brothers and sisters in our synod and in our own congregation.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us praise God for the faith of Mary, mother of our Lord, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one forevermore.

To sum up all these petitions, let us pray as Christ himself taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

M The almighty God bless us with his grace, Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and may the King of angels bring us all to the fellowship of the citizens above.

C Amen.

Be seated

LESSON

Genesis 3:1-24

Adam and Eve disobey God and are banished from the garden

GENESIS 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.⁵ "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.'¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.'¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.²² And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

CAROL

8 - Come, O Precious Ransom, Come (*with brass*)



1 Come, O pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly Hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail, ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Help, Lord; hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray you. Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let your king - dom, scep - ter, crown



O - pen are to you all por - tals. Come, your beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay you, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion That for - ev - er



let us view; Anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
will be mine When you are my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, your mer - it through your grace.
we may sing Hail, ho - san - na! to our King.

LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and urges them to prepare for their redemption

ISAIAH 40:1 Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice of one calling:

“In the desert prepare
the way for the LORD;

make straight in the wilderness
a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all mankind together will see it.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out.”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All men are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

⁷The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.”

⁹You who bring good tidings to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and his arm rules for him.

See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

CAROL

29 – Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



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
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a - dore you



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain.
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on your e - ter - nal throne.



Thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who rid - i - culed and sold him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion;
 Ev - 'ry knee shall bow be - fore you;



Swell the tri - umph of his train.
 Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 To his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 Come and take your peo - ple home!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what won - der, With what won - der,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
 You shall reign and you a - lone!

LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-15

The Lord promises that a Son will be conceived and his name will be Emmanuel

ISAIAH 7:10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.

SENIOR CHOIR

Call to Advent

*O come, O come Emmanuel. And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.*

LESSON

Psalms 24

The one whose coming we anticipate is none other than The King of Glory

PSALM 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and
everything in it,

the world, and all who live in it;

²for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.

³Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to an idol
or swear by what is false.

⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God his Savior.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, O God of Jacob. *Selah*

⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty –
he is the King of glory. *Selah*

CAROL

4 – Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be -
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make
5 Re - deem - er, come! I op - en wide My

hold, the King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is
char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is
Christ the rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and
it a tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for
heart to you; here, Lord, a - bide! Oh, en - ter with your

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here,
ho - li - ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.
hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
sav - ing grace; Show me your kind and friend - ly face.



Life and sal - va - tion he will bring; There -
The end of all our woe he brings; There -
The cloud - less sun of joy is he Who
So shall your Sov - 'reign en - ter in And
Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on Un -
fore re - jice and glad - ly sing. To God the Fa - ther
fore the earth is glad and sings. To Christ the Sav - ior
comes to set his peo - ple free. To God the Spir - it
new and no - bler life be - gin. To God a - lone be
til our glo - rious goal is won. E - ter - nal praise and
raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
praise For word and deed and grace!
fame We of - fer to your name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: MILWAUKEE (88 88 88 66) August Lemke, 1820–1913.

LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

God will prepare a way in the wilderness for his people

ISAIAH 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, ²it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.
³Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
⁴say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,

he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness.
The unclean will not journey on it;
it will be for those who walk in that Way;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

⁹No lion will be there,
nor will any ferocious beast get up on it;
they will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
¹⁰and the ransomed of the LORD will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

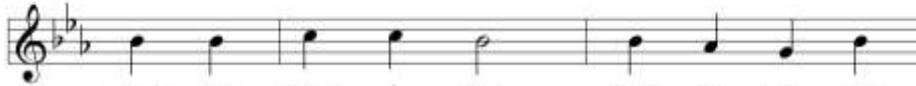


CAROL

15 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
2 Lo, the Lamb, so long - ex - pect - ed, Comes with
3 That, when next he comes with glo - ry And the
4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day."
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n,
with his mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 6th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Tune: MERTON (S7 87) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

LESSON

Psalm 118:17-29

Because the LORD has promised his help, we can cry out "LORD, save us"

- PSALM 118:17 I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
- 18 The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.
- 21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
- 23 the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵O LORD, save us;
O LORD, grant us success.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

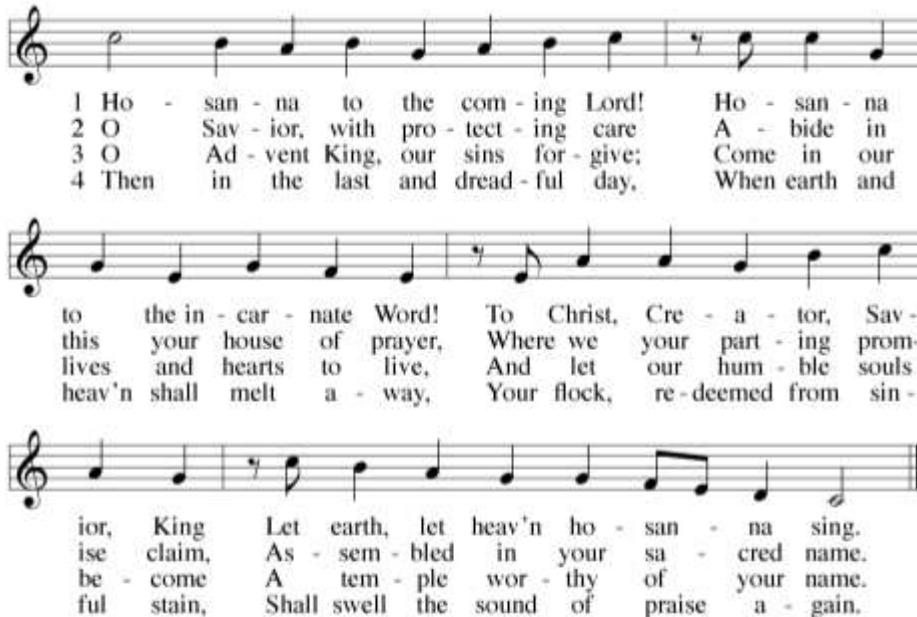
²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine upon us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give you thanks;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

CAROL

21 – Hosanna to the Coming Lord



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na
2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in
3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our
4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and

to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -
this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -
lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls
heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -

ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.
ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.
be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.
ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, abr., alt.

Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH (LM) Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder aufs neu gebessert*, Leipzig, 1539.

LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary

LUKE 1:26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

CAROL

24 – The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
2 "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's de - cree: A
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; "To
4 Of her Im - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And



hail," said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, "Most
Son shall be Im - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most
soul shall praise and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name," Most
Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say, "Most

high - ly fa-vored maid-en." Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa-vored maid-en." Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa-vored maid-en, Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa-vored maid-en." Glo - ri - a!

Text: Basque carol, paraphrase Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
 Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE (10 10 12 10) Basque carol.

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER

M O God, you make us glad with the expectation of the coming of your one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who with joy receive him as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he will come to be our judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

23 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (*with brass*)



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
 4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
 draw - ing night; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: VENI, EMMANUEL (LM with Refrain) Plainsong melody, 15th century, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.