

# Midweek Advent Worship



## “Advent Questions”

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## Order of Service for FIRST MIDWEEK ADVENT

### OPENING HYMN

308 – There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
2 O — Chris - tians, you bring — good ti - dings; get  
3 But the Word of our God is e - ter - nal; the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong. He stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King.  
na - tions, and he shall right the wrong.



The — val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
Like the flow'rs of the field they — per - ish; like  
He shall feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass their works de - cay. The pow'r and — pomp of  
lambs shall gent - ly hold, to pas - tures of peace shall



plac - es where the Lord our — God — may go!  
na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way.  
lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

STAND

## OPENING RESPONSES

This is the day which the Lord has made  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.  
**Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Make His paths straight.**

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.  
**Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.**

BE SEATED

## ANTHEM

The Magnificat

*My soul proclaims, my soul proclaims, my soul proclaims.  
My soul now glorifies, my spirit sings in God my Savior.  
For he is mindful of the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed.*

*My soul proclaims, my soul proclaims, the greatness of the Lord.  
For the Mighty One has done great things and holy is his name.  
His mercy touches all who live in reverence and fear from generation to generation.*

*He has done mighty deeds; he has scattered those who are proud within their thoughts.  
He's brought down rulers from their thrones and lifted up the meek.  
He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich are empty.*

*My soul proclaims, my soul proclaims, the greatness of the Lord.  
For he has come to Israel remember mercy.  
My soul proclaims, my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.  
For he has come to Israel to remember mercy  
The promise made to Abraham to his sons forever.*

## ✠ Readings from Holy Scripture ✠

### FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-5

*God promises to send a messenger who will prepare people for His coming.*

MALACHI 3:1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE



## SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-17

*Who can stand? Those whom God fits with His armor!*

<sup>EPHESIANS 6:10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-20

*John prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. He did so with a strong call to repentance... that's how we endure!*

<sup>LUKE 3:1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.  
<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.  
The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.  
<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation.’”

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup> John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

<sup>13</sup> “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

<sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

<sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ A Reading from the Catechism ✠

### THE MINISTRY OF THE KEYS AND CONFESSION

#### *The Keys*

*First: What is the use of the Keys?*

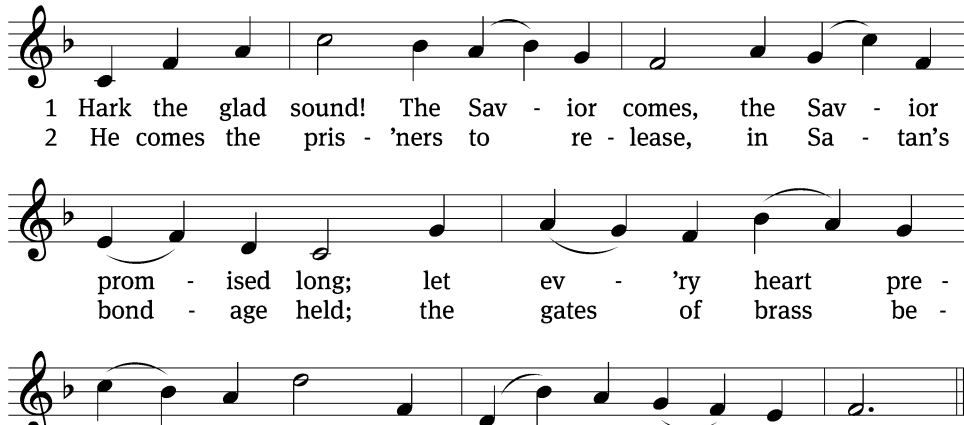
The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, “Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”

## ADVENT HYMN

313 (vs. 1,2) – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.

## ADVENT MEDITATION

Malachi 3:2

# Who Can Endure His Coming?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



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1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him, pre - pare for him the  
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; turn not from me a -



day; pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, who  
 best; cast out what would of - fend him, this  
 high; be - neath his feet in ter - ror the  
 side, and help me to re - ceive you this



takes your sins a - way. To us by grace a -  
 great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the  
 haugh - ty soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and  
 bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger



lone the truth and light were giv - en; the prom - ised  
 way: the low - ly val - leys rais - ing, the heights of  
 right, that heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion and makes true  
 low come now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing your



Lord from heav - en to all the world is shown.  
 pride a - bas - ing, his path all e - ven lay.  
 prep - a - ra - tion— it is the Lord's de - light.  
 prais - es glad - ly and forth your glo - ry show.

STAND



## PRAYER

In peace let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, for the proclamation of the Gospel, and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation, our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For these and all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## EVENING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**Amen.**

## ADVENT HYMN

313 (vs. 3,4) – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your wel - come



soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

**BE SEATED**



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*Scripture references: Isa 40:3-11*

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**Hymn 310 – Arise, O Christian People**

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*Tune: New Catechismus Gesangbuchlein, Hamburg, 1598, alt.; setting Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949*

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# HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2022

## “Come Lord Jesus”



November 26,27	Advent 1	Regular schedule
November 30	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 3,4	Advent 2	Regular schedule
December 7	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 10,11	Advent 3	Regular schedule
December 14	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 16	Children’s Service	6:30 p.m.
December 17,18	Advent 4	Regular schedule
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	3:30 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	7:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline	11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Festival	9:30 a.m.
December 31	New Year’s Eve with the Lord’s Supper	3:30 p.m.
	New Year’s Eve with the Lord’s Supper	7:00 p.m.
January 1, 2023	Christmas 1	Regular schedule