

# **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 are banished from the garden, but not before they're given a promise*

GENESIS 3:15 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.”

<sup>16</sup>To 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.” <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>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.” <sup>20</sup>Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. <sup>21</sup>The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. <sup>22</sup>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.” <sup>23</sup>So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. <sup>24</sup>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

## 754 – The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry  
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred  
3 What mer - cy God showed to our  
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus'



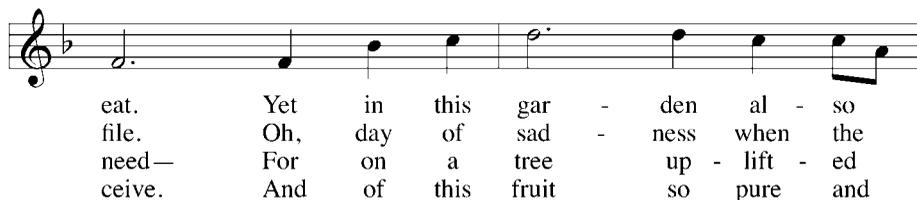
good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard  
grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent  
race, A plan of res - cue by his  
shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his



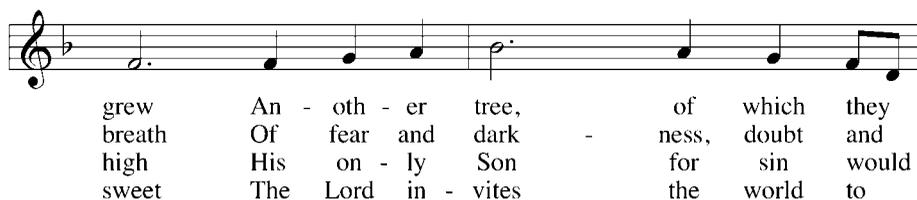
stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
stroke With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
name; For all who trust and will be -



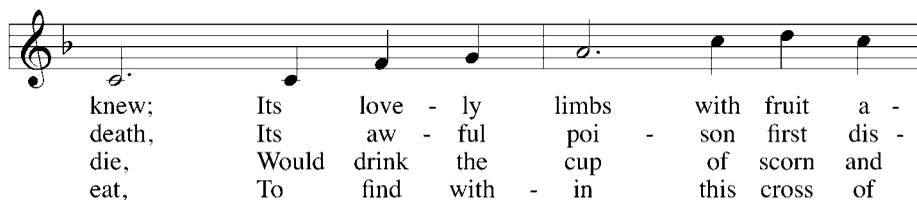
sweet God let the man and wom - an  
guile And Ad - am to by sin de -  
seed, The One to fill our great - est  
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -



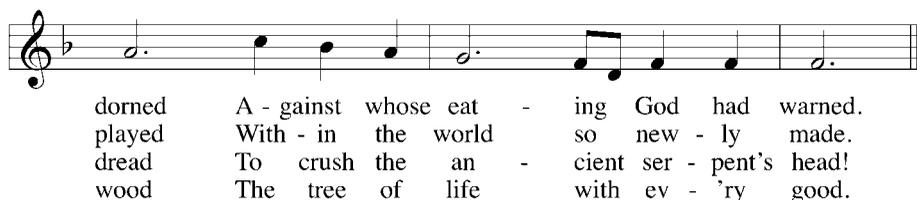
eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so  
file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the  
need - For on a tree up - lift - ed  
ceive. And of this fruit so pure and



grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
high His on - ly Son for sin would  
sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

*God's first promise to send a Savior, offered in the shadow of Eden, finds its fulfillment on the tree of Calvary, Jesus' cross.*

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## LESSON

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

*God is called upon to come among us and deliver us from our iniquities.*

ISAIAH 64:1 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!

<sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze  
and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!

<sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

<sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who  
gladly do right, who remember your ways.  
But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry.  
How then can we be saved?

<sup>6</sup> All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

<sup>7</sup> No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.

<sup>8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever.  
Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

## CAROL

**704 – Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending**



1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -  
3 Those dear to - kens of his  
4 Yea, A - men, let all a -



scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner  
hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -  
pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y  
dore you High on your e - ter - nal



slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand  
ty; Those who ri - di -  
bears, Cause of end - less  
throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall



saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph  
culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him  
ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed  
bow be - fore you; Come and take your



of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!  
to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,  
wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,  
peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Tune: HELMSLEY (87 87 12 7) Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

# LESSON

# Micah 5:2-4

*The One who will be ruler over Israel will be born in Bethlehem*

MICAH 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

<sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor gives birth  
and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they will live securely,  
for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

# CAROL

## 3 – 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 o - pen 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 - joice 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: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR (88 88 88 66) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704.

## LESSON

## Zechariah 9:9-12

*The King comes, gentle and riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey*

ZECHARIAH 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation,  
gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope;  
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

CAROL

26 – Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant When the heav'ns shall



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
 pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;



Low - ly came on earth to die, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n,  
 ev - er sing - ing Till the dawn of end - less day.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, abr., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.

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,<sup>2</sup> it 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.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;

<sup>4</sup>say 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.”

<sup>5</sup>Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
<sup>6</sup>Then 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.  
<sup>7</sup>The 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.

<sup>8</sup>And 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.

<sup>9</sup>No 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, <sup>10</sup>and 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 (87 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.  
24 This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
  
25 O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.  
27 The 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.  
28 You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
29 Give 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.

## 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,<sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.<sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

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

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

<sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> For nothing is impossible with God."

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



*"The Mighty One*

HAS DONE  
GREAT THINGS  
FOR ME,  
AND HOLY IS  
HIS NAME."

LUKE 1:49, NRSV

CAROL

274 – My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord;  
 2 Hence - forth shall peo - ple call me blest,  
 3 His mer - cy is on all who fear,  
 4 He brings down rul - ers from their seat  
 5 He helped his serv - ant Is - ra - el,



My spir - it shall in God re - joice.  
 For great things he has done for me.  
 Who trust in him from age to age.  
 And rais - es those of low de - gree,  
 Re - memb - 'ring his e - ter - nal grace,



My hum - ble state he did re - gard,  
 The might - y God is now my guest;  
 His arm of strength to all is near;  
 He fills the hun - gry souls with meat;  
 As from of old he did fore - tell



Ex - alt - ing me by gra - cious choice.  
 The Ho - ly One has set me free.  
 The proud he scat - ters, though they rage.  
 The rich de - part in pov - er - ty.  
 To A - bra - ham and all his race.

6 So praise with me the Holy One,  
 Who comes in all humility.  
 To our Redeemer, God's own Son,  
 Be glory in eternity!

Text: Hermann Bonnus, c. 1504–48; tr. John T. Mueller, 1885–1967, alt.  
 Tune: ANGELUS (LM) Georg Joseph, 17th century, adapt.

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## 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.*