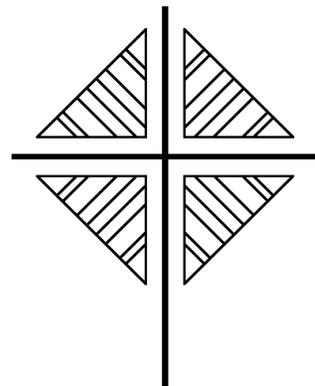


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Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 17, 2017 8:00 AM

PRELUDE

HYMN TO OPEN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

LSB 341

Please stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

ANTIPHON (ADVENT)



L Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

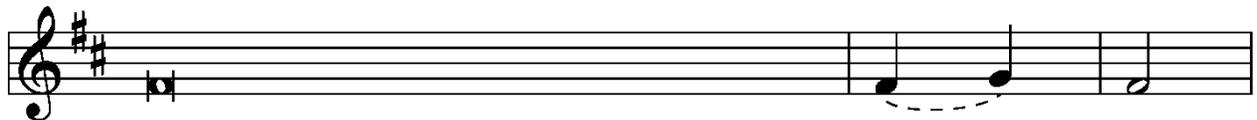


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

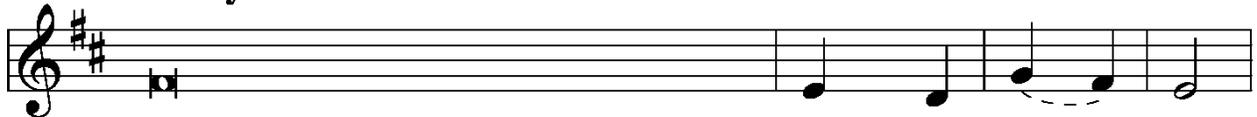
VENITE HYMN

“O Come, Let Us Sing”

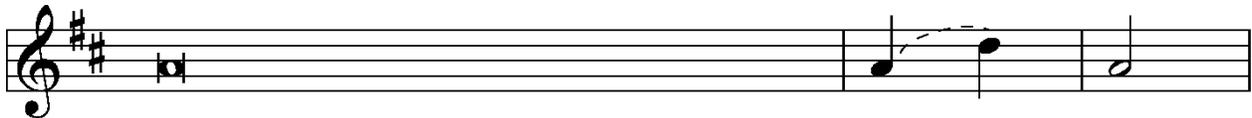
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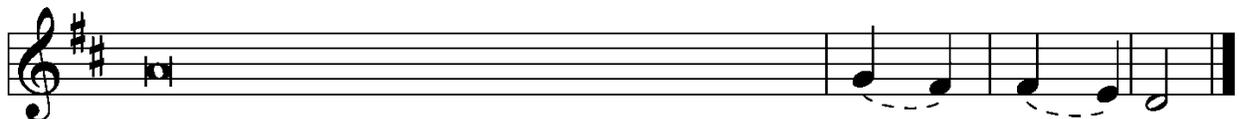
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

ANTIPHON (ADVENT)

L Behold, the Lord comes to save us.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

PSALM (*chanted responsively*)**Psalm 126**

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes
of | Zion,*
we were like | those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with |
laughter,*
and our tongue with | shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great | things for
them.”*

³The LORD has done great things for
us; | we are glad.

⁴Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,*
like streams in the | Negeb!

⁵Those who | sow in tears*
shall reap with | shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing
the seed for | sowing,*
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his | sheaves with him.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON*
AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT.
AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING;*
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING

(*The year of the Lord's favor*)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me to
bring good news to the poor; he has
sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and
the opening of the prison to those who
are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the
LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance
of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to
grant to those who mourn in Zion—to
give them a beautiful headdress instead
of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of
mourning, the garment of praise instead
of a faint spirit; that they may be called

oaks of righteousness, the planting of
the LORD, that he may be glorified.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former
devastations; they shall repair the ruined
cities, the devastations of many
generations.
⁸For I the LORD love justice; I hate
robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give
them their recompense, and I will make
an everlasting covenant with them.

(*continued...*)

⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a

beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING (*Instructions for Christian living*) **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your

whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE HYMN “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” *LSB 375*
Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL (*The ministry of John the Baptist*) **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are

you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(continued...)

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me,

the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
G Thanks be to God.

COMMON RESPONSORY



L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



G Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFICE HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349

SERMON

"GOD REALLY HAS GOOD NEWS FOR YOU"

(Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva

CANTICLE

"Te Deum – We Praise You, O God"

LSB p. 223f

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please fill out Friendship Pads - to be collected by Ushers following the Offering.)

Please stand



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

(See inside back cover of hymnal)

SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Together let us pray...

C Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Each intercession ends with the words **P** "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation responds, **C** "hear our prayer."

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

Please be seated

HYMN TO DEPART

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

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