

3rd Midweek Advent Service

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Midweek Advent 3

Prelude

The Prayer of St. Gregory - Brass Buddies (*Alan Hovhaness*)

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

sts. 1–4



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

Opening Versicles

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting

C The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: the Lord our Righteousness.

P He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: the Lord our Righteousness.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting

C 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.

Advent Prayer

P Almighty God,

C Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P Prepare us for Your coming;

C And save us from our sins.

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:21-35

At the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the Law, He took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Choir Anthem - Nunc Dimittis - Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sermon – “Simeon’s Song: The Nunc Dimittis”

Responsive Prayer 1 - Suffrages

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C have mercy and hear us.

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.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

P Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
C and grant us Your salvation.
P Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
C and let Your saints shout for joy.
P Lord, keep this nation under Your care,
C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.
P Let the peoples praise You, O God;
C let all the peoples praise You!
P For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
C and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C and renew a right spirit within me.
P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to You.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

P Let us bless the Lord.

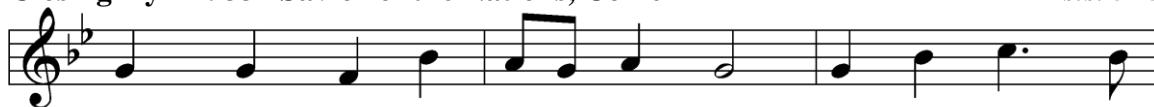
C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

sts. 5–8



5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He
 6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
 7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry
 △ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,
 vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
 through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



Back then to His throne and crown.
 All our ills of flesh and soul.
 In this light faith now a - bides.
 Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Postlude - Soliloquy - Gordon Young

