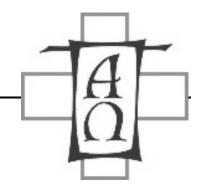
# **DIVINE SERVICE**

Setting Three (LSB #184-202)

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**Advent II** 

Dec. 10th, 2023 Anno Domini



#### **HYMN**

## "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

LSB #345



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#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- **©** who made Heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Kneel/Silence

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- **P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the 

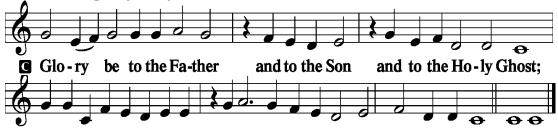
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT Psalm 85 (ant. vs. 7)

- P Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.
- O LORD, you were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.
- You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.
- Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; and to those who turn their heart to Him.

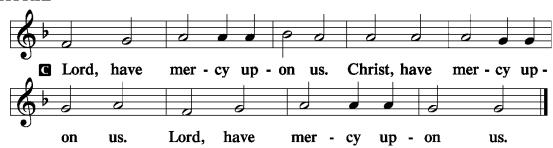
Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

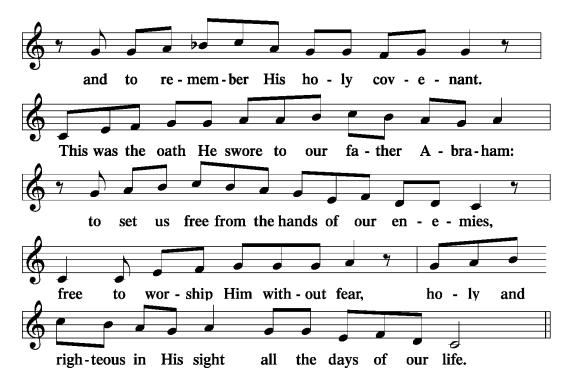
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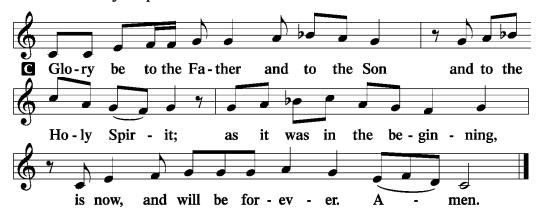


#### **BENEDICTUS**

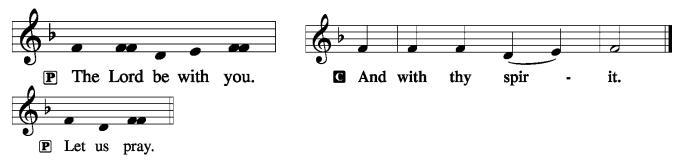




You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.



#### **SALUTATION & COLLECT**



P 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.



Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

EPISTLE 2 Peter 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

#### ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL St. Mark 1:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.



<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."





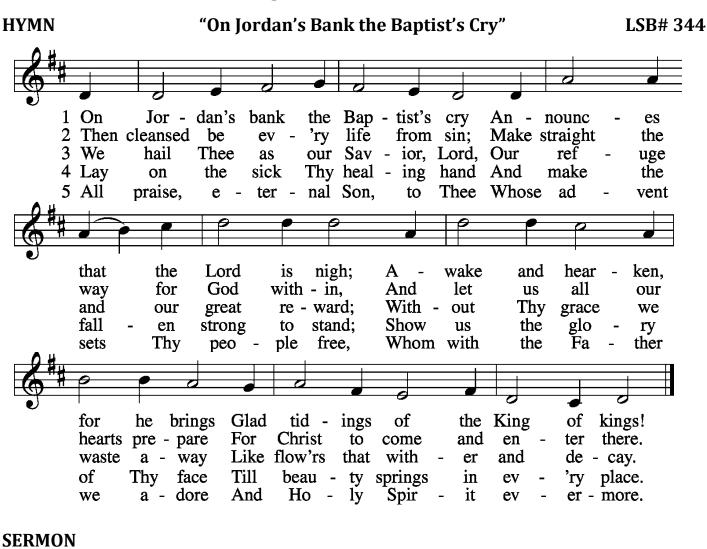
#### **APOSTLES CREED**

**■** 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.



#### **OFFERTORY**





**OFFERING** 

## **QUILT DEDICATION**

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us to remember the poor and serve them, for by doing so we do a good work unto He who came down from Heaven and became impoverished for our sakes that we would become rich in grace, forgiveness and in the end eternal life.

Since the Lord has taught us in His Holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting then that we bless and sanctify [these] [quilts] for service in showing mercy and giving faithful witness unto the Gospel and the kingdom of God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless these quilts made with genuine love and care by the women of our congregation for the warmth and comfort of those in need. Grant that [they] may reflect our love for You, benefit Your Church, and bring joy to those who use [them]; and above all bear witness to your everlasting mercy in Christ our Savior, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

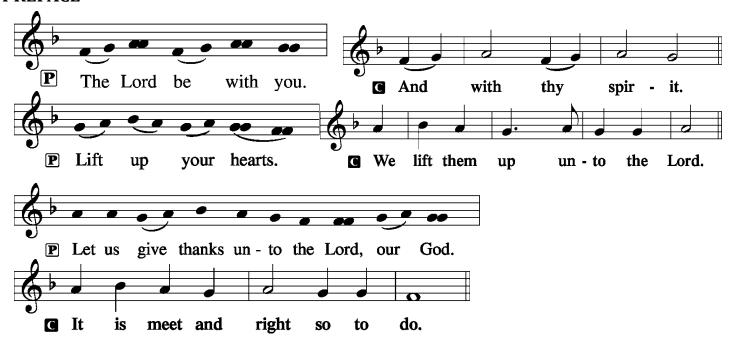
P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these quilts and those who receive and use them.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

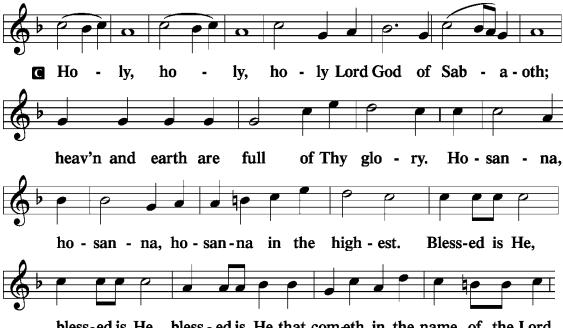
#### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### **PREFACE**



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance and faith that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS**



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

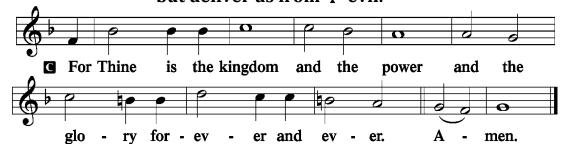


Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P 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 ⅓ evil.



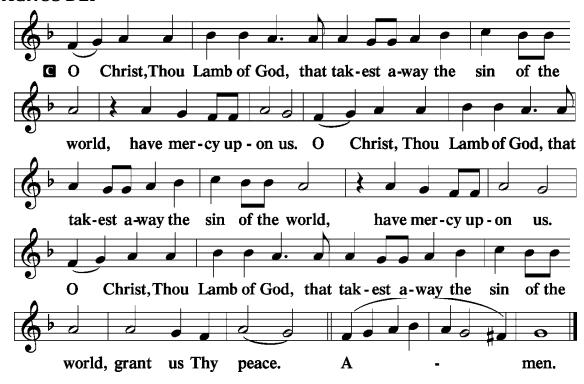
#### **VERBA**

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My H Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

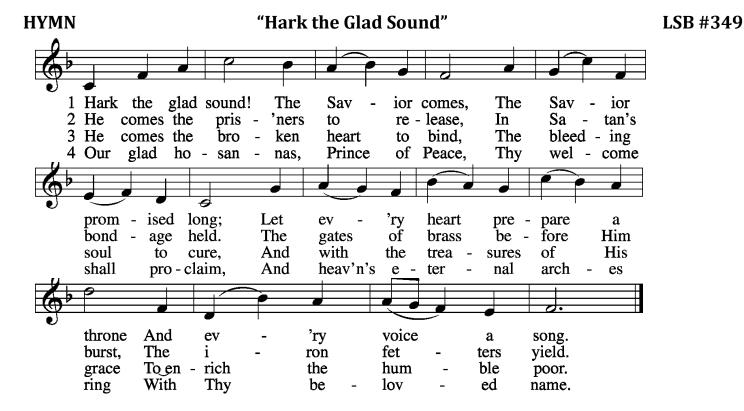
#### **PAX DOMINI**



#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### **DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS**





Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney

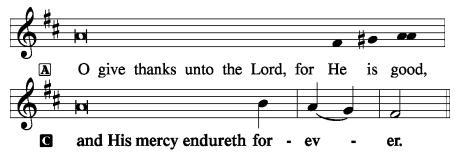
#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Your way





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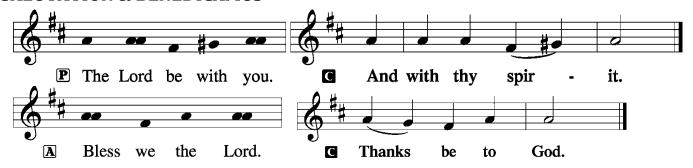


## **P** Let us pray.

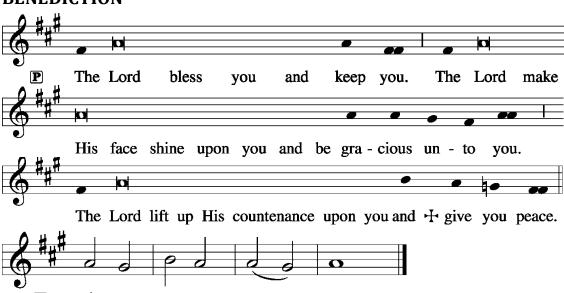
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You with all joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

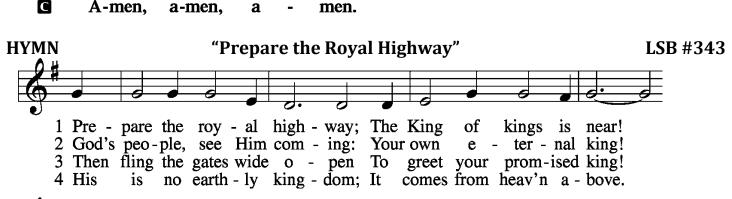
## .C Amen.

#### **SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS**



#### **BENEDICTION**







Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear! Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing! Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring. His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry: God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you! All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na-tions, now a - dore Him! So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:

