

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:

SUNDAY (12/18)	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m. Christmas Fellowship w/Cookies, 10:15 a.m.
MONDAY	Confirmation Class, 1:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Tuesday Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Choir Practice, 6:00 p.m.
SATURDAY (12/24) <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m.
SUNDAY (12/25) <i>Christmas Day</i>	Christmas Day Festival Service (Comm.), 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service (Comm.) - Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Service (Comm.) - Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m.

This Is My Son



DECEMBER 14, 2022 | *Third Midweek Advent Service*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our Advent worship tonight! This Advent season, during our midweek services, we will take a look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers. But each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son, the Son who never disappointed His Father, Jesus Christ, the Son of God—and Son of Man. During this midweek services, you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TONIGHT

Absalom, the son of David, was put to death for rebelling against his father. In Absalom we see a reflection of our own rebellious hearts against our heavenly Father and King. Yet despite his rebellion, David loved his son and wanted him to live. In the same way God desires that we would turn from our rebellion and live. To that end, God sent forth His Son, the true Son of David, to perfectly obey His Father's will. Through Jesus, the Kingdom is ours forever!

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages. The Order of Vespers is found on p. 41ff in the front of the red hymnal.

The Order of Vespers

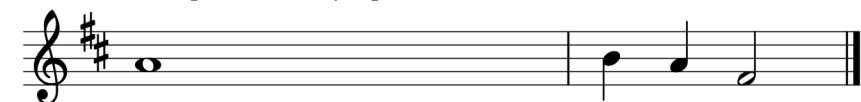
Please stand.

HYMN

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Immanuel | 62

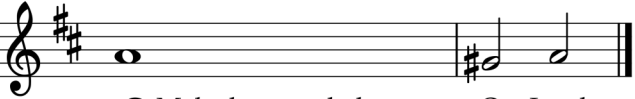
VERSICLES

M: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

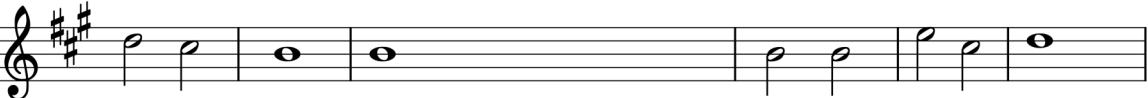
M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

You may be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 110 (selected verses)

M: The LORD said to my Lord,

C: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

M: The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

C: **Rule in the midst of Your enemies!**

M: Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power;

C: **In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,**

You have the dew of Your youth.

M: The LORD has sworn And will not relent,

C: **"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."**

M: The Lord is at Your right hand;

C: **He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.**

M: He shall drink of the brook by the wayside;

C: **Therefore He shall lift up the head.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SALUTATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed, give Your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, and also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

M: Bless we the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Behold, a Branch Is Growing | 645

Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Please stand.

THE KYRIE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on 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.

FIRST LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 18:24-33

Now David was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall, lifted his eyes and looked, and there was a man, running alone. ²⁵ Then the watchman cried out and told the king. And the king said, "If he is alone, there is news in his mouth." And he came rapidly and drew near.

²⁶ Then the watchman saw another man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "There is another man, running alone!"

And the king said, "He also brings news."

²⁷ So the watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok."

And the king said, "He is a good man, and comes with good news."

²⁸ And Ahimaaz called out and said to the king, "All is well!" Then he bowed down with his face to the earth before the king, and said, "Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king!"

²⁹ The king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant and me your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what it was about."

³⁰ And the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

³¹ Just then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "There is good news, my lord the king! For the LORD has avenged you this day of all those who rose against you."

³² And the king said to the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

So the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like that young man!"

³³ Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: "O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

CHOIR

As Angels Joyed with One Accord

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 1:57-80

Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. ⁵⁸ When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. ⁶⁰ His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John."

⁶¹ But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." ⁶² So they made signs to his father — what he would have him called.

⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

⁶⁵ Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:
⁶⁸ "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,
⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David,
⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began,
⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us,
⁷² To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant,
⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ To grant us that we,
Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,
⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.
⁷⁶ "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;
For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins,
⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace."
⁸⁰ So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Musical notation for the response: C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord! The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: F#4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

You may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates | 73

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - 2 Samuel 18:24-33 This Is My Son—Absalom, the Son of David

OFFERING

VERSICLE

M: Let my prayer rise before You as incense:

Musical notation for the versicle: C: And the lifting up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: F#4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

C: And the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Musical notation for the Nunc Dimittis. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: F#4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace accord - ing to
Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Sal - va - tion,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple; A
Light to light - en the Gen-tiles, and the Glory of Thy peo - ple Isra - el.