

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

4th Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2020
Order of Matins

Prelude

Bells

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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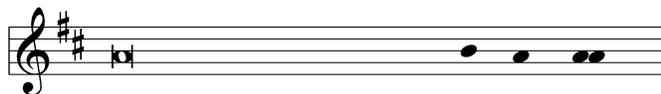
Stand



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;

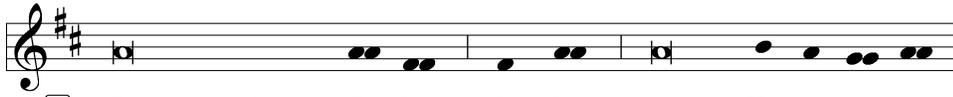


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



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

Psalmody



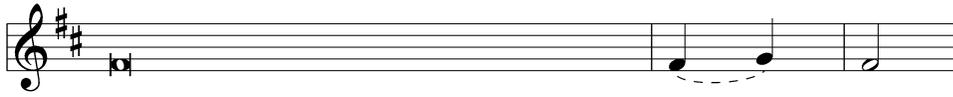
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

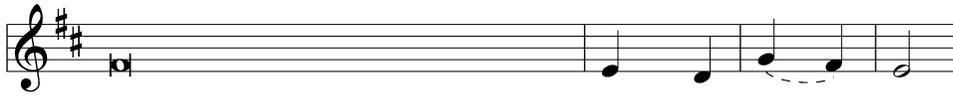
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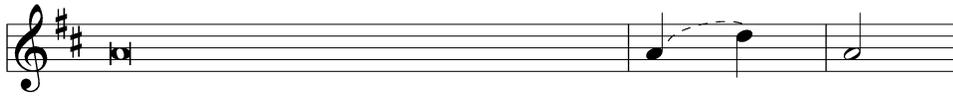
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

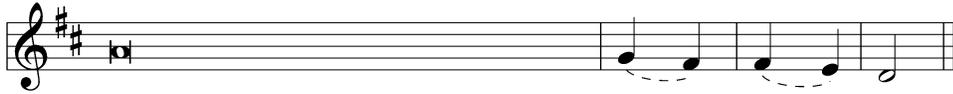


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

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.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Psalm 89

- ¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
- ²For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;*
 in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness.”
- ³You have said, “I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;*
 I have sworn to David my | servant:
- ⁴I will establish your offspring for- | ever,*
 and build your throne for all gener- | ations.”
- ⁵Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
 your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!
- ⁶For who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?*
- Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,
⁷a God greatly to be feared in the council of the | holy ones,*
 and awesome above all who are a- | round him?
- ⁸O LORD God of hosts,
 who is mighty as you are, | O LORD,*
 with your faithfulness all a- | round you?
- ⁹You rule the raging | of the sea;*
 when its waves rise, you | still them.
- ¹⁰You crushed Rahab like a | carcass;*
 you scattered your enemies with your | mighty arm.
- ¹¹The heavens are yours; the earth al- | so is yours;*
 the world and all that is in it, you have | founded them.
- ¹²The north and the south, you have cre- | ated them;*
 Tabor and Hermon joyously | praise your name.
- ¹³You have a | mighty arm;*
 strong is your hand, high your | right hand.
- ¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;*
 steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.
- ¹⁵Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
 who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
- ¹⁶who exult in your name | all the day*
 and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
- ¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength;*
 by your favor our horn is ex- | alted.
- ¹⁸For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
 our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

¹⁹Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
 “I have granted help to one who is | mighty; *
 I have exalted one chosen from the | people.
²⁰I have found David, my | servant; *
 with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him,
²¹so that my hand shall be estab- | lished with him; *
 my arm also shall | strengthen him.
²²The enemy shall not out- | wit him; *
 the wicked shall not | humble him.
²³I will crush his foes be- | fore him *
 and strike down those who | hate him.
²⁴My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall | be with him, *
 and in my name shall his horn be ex- | alted.
²⁵I will set his hand | on the sea *
 and his right hand on the | rivers.
²⁶He shall cry to me, ‘You are my | Father, *
 my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.’
²⁷And I will make him the | firstborn, *
 the highest of the kings | of the earth.
²⁸My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever, *
 and my covenant will stand | firm for him.
²⁹I will establish his offspring for- | ever *
 and his throne as the days of the | heavens.
³⁰If his children for- | sake my law *
 and do not walk according to my | just decrees,
³¹if they violate my | statutes *
 and do not keep my com- | mandments,
³²then I will punish their transgression | with the rod *
 and their iniqui- | ty with stripes,
³³but I will not remove from him my | steadfast love *
 or be false to my | faithfulness.
³⁴I will not violate my | covenant *
 or alter the word that went forth | from my lips.
³⁵Once for all I have sworn by my | holiness; *
 I will not lie to | David.
³⁶His offspring shall endure for- | ever, *
 his throne as long as the sun be- | fore me.
³⁷Like the moon it shall be established for- | ever, *
 a faithful witness | in the skies.”
³⁸But now you have cast off and re- | jected; *
 you are full of wrath against your a- | nointed.
³⁹You have renounced the covenant with your | servant; *
 you have defiled his crown | in the dust.
⁴⁰You have breached | all his walls; *
 you have laid his strongholds in | ruins.
⁴¹All who pass by | plunder him; *
 he has become the scorn of his | neighbors.
⁴²You have exalted the right hand | of his foes; *
 you have made all his ene- | mies rejoice.
⁴³You have also turned back the edge | of his sword, *
 and you have not made him stand in | battle.
⁴⁴You have made his splen- | dor to cease *
 and cast his throne | to the ground.
⁴⁵You have cut short the days | of his youth; *
 you have covered | him with shame.
⁴⁶How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself for- | ever? *
 How long will your wrath | burn like fire?
⁴⁷Remember how short my | time is! *
 For what vanity you have created all the chil- | dren of man!

⁴⁸What man can live and never | see death? *
Who can deliver his soul from the power | of Sheol?
⁴⁹Lord, where is your steadfast | love of old, *
which by your faithfulness you swore to | David?
⁵⁰Remember, O Lord, how your ser- | vants are mocked, *
and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many | nations,
⁵¹with which your enemies mock, | O LORD, *
with which they mock the footsteps of your a- | noointed.
⁵²Blessèd be the LORD for- | ever! *
Amen and | Amen.

**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.**

Sit

Readings

Old Testament

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’ ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’” ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Reading Response

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 16:25–27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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Sermon

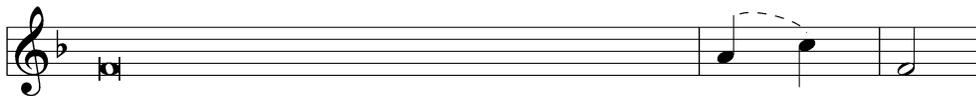
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Canticle

Stand

Benedictus

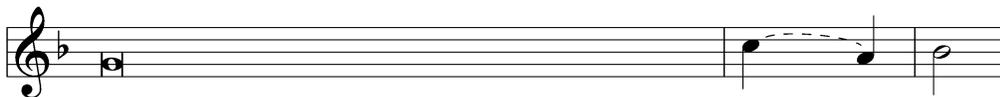
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C 1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most _____ High;
6 through the tender mercy of our God;
7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
2 who have been since the world be - gan:
3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
4 might serve Him with - out fear,
5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for _____ us
2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore _____ Him
5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
2 and from the hand of all who hate _____ us;
3 to grant us that _____ we,
4 all the days _____ of our life.
5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

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

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L 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.

Stand

Benedicamus

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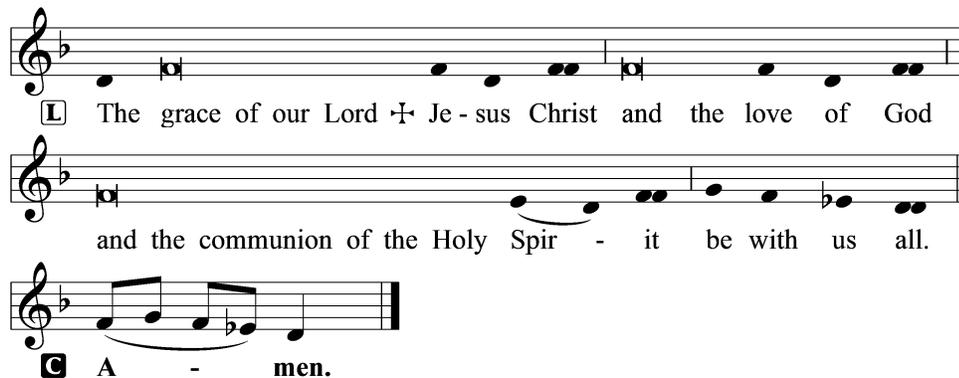
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

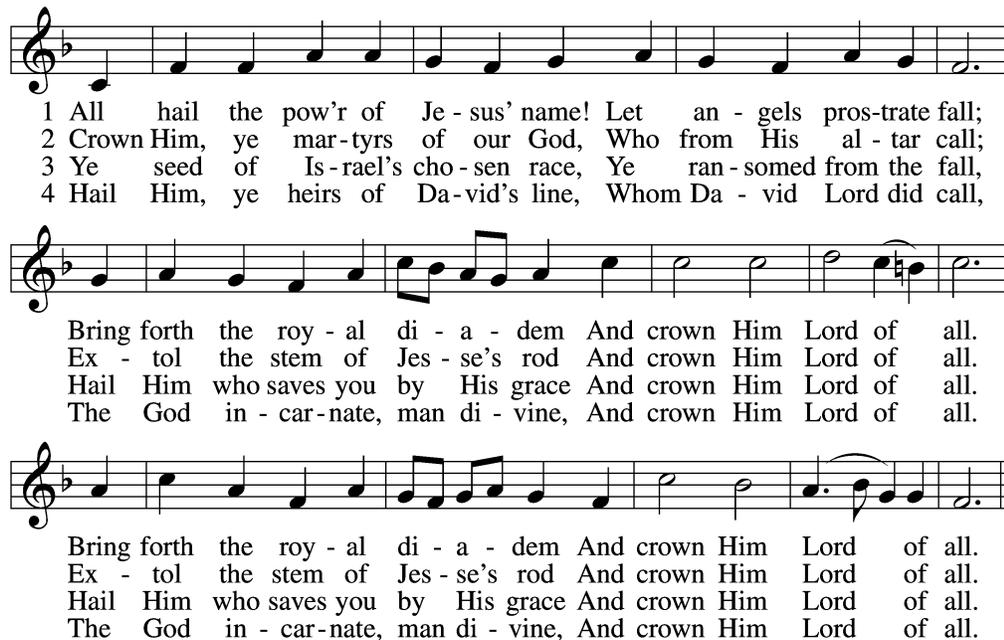
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L The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.

C A - men.

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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