



Midweek Advent Service November 30, 2022 Once



Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Psalms 40

¹I waited patiently for the LORD;*

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,*
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.*
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,*
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!*

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,
but you have given me an open ear.*
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come;*" **in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

⁸I desire to do your will, O my God;*,
your law is within my heart."

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;*,
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;*

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; ^{*}
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

¹²For evils have encompassed me beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; ^{*}
they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! ^{*}
O LORD, make haste to help me!

¹⁴Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether
who seek to snatch away my life; ^{*}
**let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire my hurt!**

¹⁵Let those be appalled because of their shame ^{*}
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

¹⁶But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ^{*}
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

¹⁷As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. ^{*}
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

Reading

John 1:35–42a

[L] A reading from John, chapter 1.

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

Sermon: “Once”

Canticle

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Magnificat

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C My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

I for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

II For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

II He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

I He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

C 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.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Collects

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, 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 from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

C Amen.

Hymn: Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

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