



Midweek Advent Service

December 7, 2022

Now



Invocation

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

Psalm 63

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;*,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,*,
beholding your power and glory.

³Because your steadfast love is better than life,*,
my lips will praise you.

⁴So I will bless you as long as I live,*,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,*,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you upon my bed,*,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷for you have been my help,*,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸My soul clings to you;*,
your right hand upholds me.

⁹But those who seek to destroy my life*,
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰they shall be given over to the power of the sword;*,
they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God;*,
all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332 sts. 1-4, 6, 8

Reading

John 15:1-11

L A reading from John, chapter 15.

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

Sermon: "Now"

Canticle

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

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

Magnificat

LSB 231

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

LSB 233

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

Lord's Prayer

Collects

- I O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

- I 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.**

Collect for Peace

- I 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: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

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