



Midweek Advent Service

December 14, 2022

Soon



Invocation

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

C Amen.

Psalm 50

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

³Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

⁴**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**

⁷"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

⁸**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

⁹I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

¹⁰**For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

¹²**"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.**

¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,**

¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

¹⁶**But to the wicked God says:**

**“What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?**

¹⁷For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

¹⁸**If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
and you keep company with adulterers.**

¹⁹You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

²⁰**You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your own mother’s son.**

²¹These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.

But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

²²**“Mark this, then, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!**

²³The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

Hymn: When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

Reading

Daniel 7:9–18

[L] A reading from Daniel, chapter 7.

⁹As I looked,

thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹¹I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was
speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given
over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken
away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵“As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head
alarmed me. ¹⁶I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth
concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the
things. ¹⁷These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But
the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom
forever, forever and ever.’

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

Sermon: “Soon”

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

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

Collect of the Day

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; 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

LSB 234

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

- 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: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **LSB 338** *(Sung to the tune Hyfrydol)*

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