

# 12/6/2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*"LIGHT ONE CANDLE"*

*343 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY*

*LSB 343*

1 Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story:

ref Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 God's people, see Him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3           Then fling the gates wide open  
              To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
              Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him!   Refrain

4           His is no earthly kingdom;  
              It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
              And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding:   Refrain

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

**C**   **Amen.**

**P**   Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true  
heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,  
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus

Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the  
Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*INTROIT Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Ps. 80:3*

Restore us, | O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph |  
like a flock!\*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine  
forth.

You brought a vine out of | Egypt;\*

it took deep root and | filled the land.

Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**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.**

Restore us, | O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

"O COME, O COME..."

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold,

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL*

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

*EPISTLE*

*2 Peter 3:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,

but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE*

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

*Mark 1:1–8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I

have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## *CREED*

### *NICENE CREED*

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation

**came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary**

**and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according  
to the Scriptures**

**and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the**

**Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and**

**apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*347 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE LSB 347*

1       “Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
          Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;  
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
          Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
          Tell her that her sins I cover  
          And her warfare now is over.”

2       Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
          Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
          He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many\_a day,

Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.

3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance,  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;  
Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.

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*SERMON*

## *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## *OFFERTORY*

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## *OFFERING*

## *PREFACE*

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

*LSB 196*

**P** 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.

**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and  
the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was  
betrayed, took bread, and when He had given  
thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and  
said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given

for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*PAX DOMINI*

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

## *DISTRIBUTION*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

*334 O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU* *LSB 334*

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,  
My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,

Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please You best.

2 Your Zion strews before You  
Green boughs and fairest palms;  
And I too will adore You  
With joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
For You with praises new  
And from Your name shall never  
Withhold the honor due.

3 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
You came to honor me.  
A glorious crown You give me,  
A treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me  
As earthly riches fly.

4 Love caused Your incarnation;  
Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessèd hope to those

Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
And guide us safely home.

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*344 ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY LSB 344*

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;

Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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*NUNC DIMITTIS*

*LSB 199*

**☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in  
peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which  
Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of  
Thy people Israel.  
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.**

**☐ Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You**

have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### *SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### *BENEDICTION*

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you

peace.

**C** Amen.

*350 COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME LSB 350*

1           Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,  
              Only hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world!  
              Open are to Thee all portals.  
Come, Thy beauty let us see;  
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2           Enter now my waiting heart,  
              Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,  
              Though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine  
When Thou art my guest divine!

3           My hosannas and my palms  
              Graciously receive, I pray Thee;  
Evermore, as best I can,  
              Savior, I will homage pay Thee,

And in faith I will embrace,  
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!  
Jesus, hear our supplication!  
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,  
Bring us blessing and salvation,  
That forever we may sing:  
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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