

Midweek Advent 2

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7:00p

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1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Opening Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
 - C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
 - L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
 - C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 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.**

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Psalm

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 9

- L** LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C** You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.
- L** You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- C** Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!
- L** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- C** Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- L** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
- C** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- L** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- C** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- L** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- C** Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
- L** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak 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. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every 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. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A 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. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get 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!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He 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.

Reading

Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

sts. 6-8



6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



All our ills of flesh and soul.
In this light faith now a - bides.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon

Theme: "The Personal Union of the Incarnation"

Text: Mark 1:7-8

Kyrie

- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

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.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Versicles

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- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C **for You answer me.**
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
- L** For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Collect of the Day

- L** 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.**
- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Benedicamus

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

Blessing

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- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C **Amen.**

Parting Blessing

*As darkness fills the endless sky, and silence covers the earth,
Not a sign appears, not a sound is heard of the coming Savior's birth.
But the light is drawing closer in with each step along the way;
and a heavenly music begins as the night turns into day.
Rejoice, rejoice, good news we have to tell
"To you shall come Emmanuel."*

Please place your offering in an offering plate as you depart.

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