

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022

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## Morning Prayer p. 235

### 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.

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### Versicles

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Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

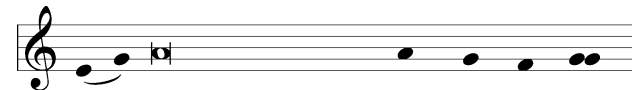


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### Venite

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O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



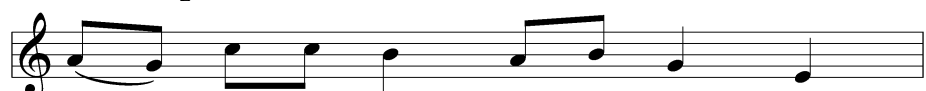
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



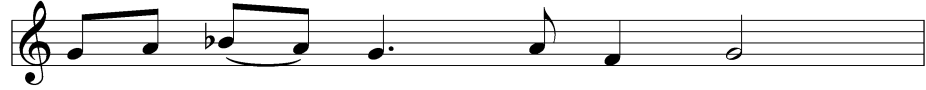
I In His hand are the depths of the earth;



the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.



II The sea is His, for He made it;



and His hand formed the dry land.



I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;



let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple



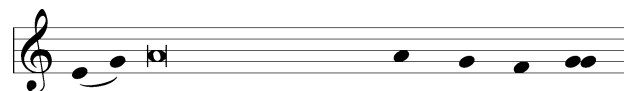
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

### Psalm

*Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 5*

P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

P who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

C The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

P The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

C The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

P The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

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.

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

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4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.  
5 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love e - raise;  
6 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror to His foes,



Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by His grace.  
A light of con - so - la - tions And bless - ed hope to those



Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace  
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n,  
Who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,



In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.  
His chil - dren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.  
Send forth Your beams so cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

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## Readings

### Reading

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast

come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*James 5:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Matthew 11:2–15*

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

### 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



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  
 Δ 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!

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### Sermon

Theme: "The First Advent"

Text: Matthew 11:2-15

## Canticle

### Benedictus (L part sung by Cantor)

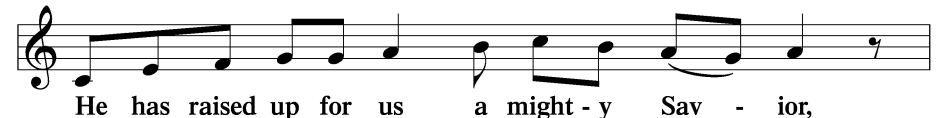
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☐ Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;



He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.



He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,



born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.



Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old



that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who



hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers



and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.



This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:



to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and



right - teous in His sight all the days of our life.

**L** You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,  
 for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare His way,  
 to give His peo - ple knowl - edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness  
 of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,  
 the dawn from on high shall break up - on us  
 to shine on those who dwell in dark - ness and the shad - ow of death  
 and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.  
**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

### 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
 All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give!

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## Prayer

### Collects

Petitions ending in...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

### Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.  
 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 Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

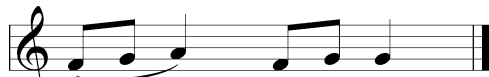
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus

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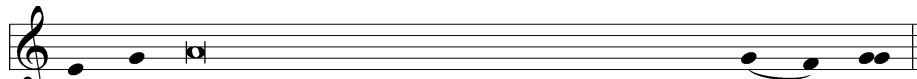
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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**P** The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father,  
the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

## 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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