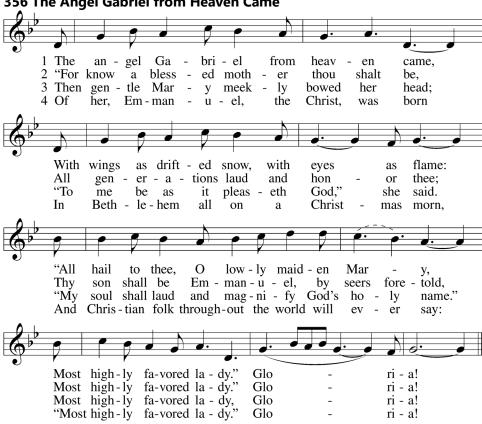
# Midweek Advent 4

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## **Opening Versicles**

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

**Psalm** Psalm 147:1-14

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

- The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. C
- He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
- He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.
- He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
- but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
- For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.
- He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

Reading *Micah 5:2–5a* 

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days, <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

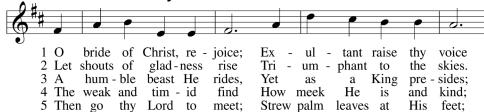
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Thanks be to God.

Reading Mark 13:33-37

<sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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of glo-ry Fore-told in sa-cred sto-ry. comes the King most glo-rious To reign o'er all vic-to-rious. Though not ar - rayed in splen-dor. He makes the grave sur-ren - der. them He gives a trea-sure Of bliss be-yond all mea-sure. Thy gar-ments spread be-fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.



Our King, we bow be - fore Thee. Ho-san-na, praise, and glo - ry!

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#### Sermon

Theme: Something Is About to Happen

Text: Mark 13:33-37

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- O Lord,
- have mercy.
- O Christ,
- $\Box$ have mercy.
- O Lord,
- have mercy.

### **Lord's Prayer**

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**

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 +everlasting. Amen.

**Versicles** LSB 286

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

### **Collect of the Day**

**L** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- 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 LSB 287

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

Blessing LSB 287

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

883 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply; Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.
- △ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
  Praise Him, all creatures here below;
  Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
  Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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