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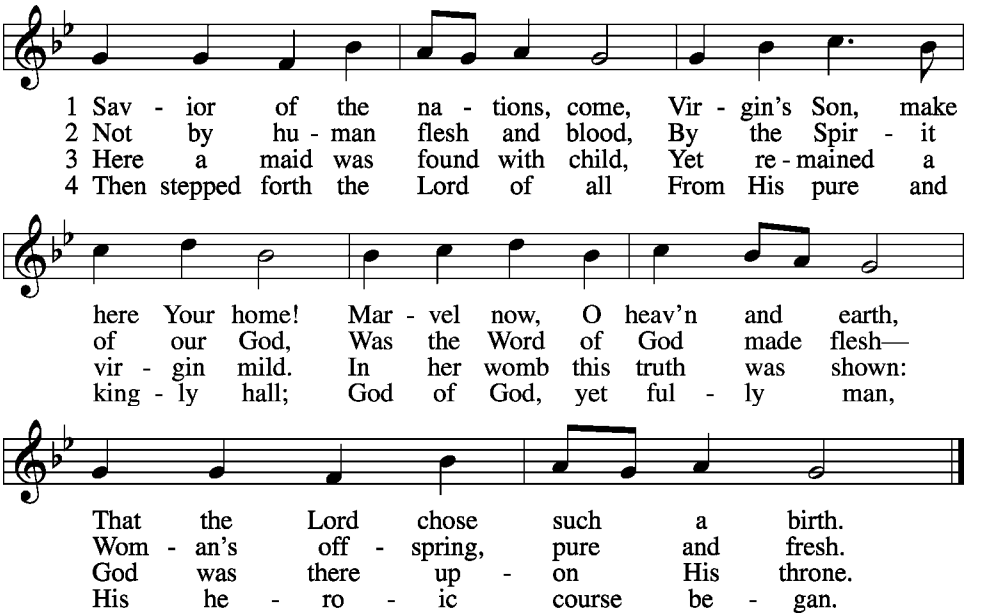
Wednesday, December 2, 2026

The First Wednesday in Advent

Vespers/Evening Prayer (*page 229-230, 248-252)*

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Opening Hymn 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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Invocation

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

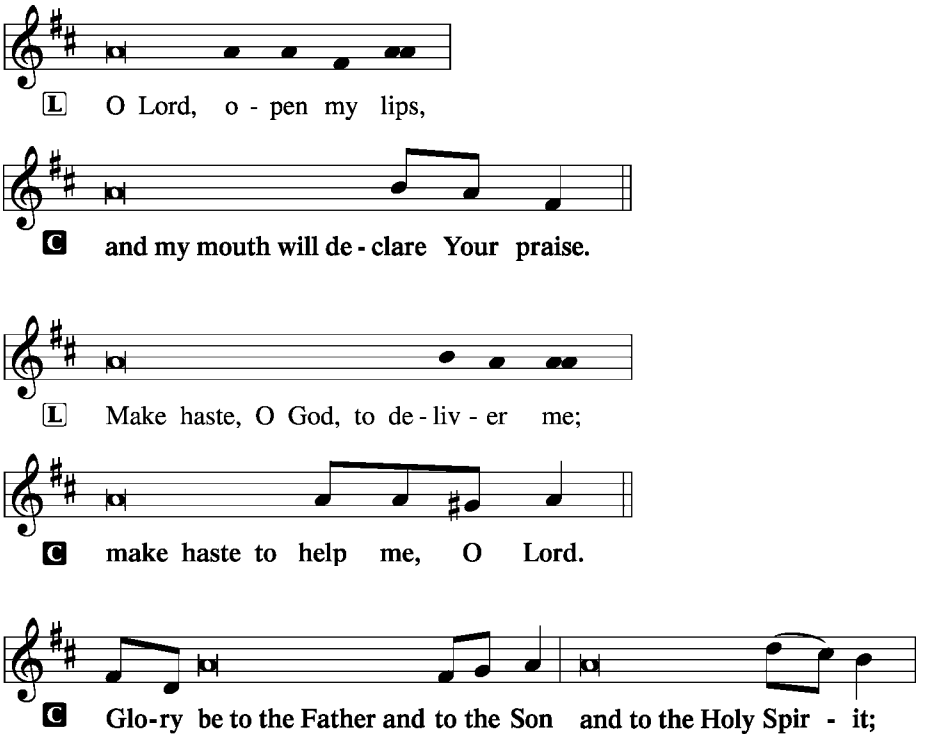
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

℗ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

VESPERS



Psalm *Psalm 80:1–7 (antiphon: v. 7)*

[1]Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

[2]Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,*
stir up your might
and come to | save us!

[3]Restore us, | O God;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

[4]O LORD | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angry with your | people's prayers?

[5]You have fed them with the | bread of tears*
and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

[6]You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.

[7]Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 33:14–16*

P The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, the thirty third chapter.

[14]"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. [15]In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [16]In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

L O Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

P The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, the third chapter.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to
my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that
in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the
testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to
the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L O Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel *Luke 19:28–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

28 When Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 9 When he
drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the
disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt
tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why
are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent
went away and found it just as he had told them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its
owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of
it." 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.
36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing near—
already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began
to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,
38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory
in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your
disciples." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P O Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

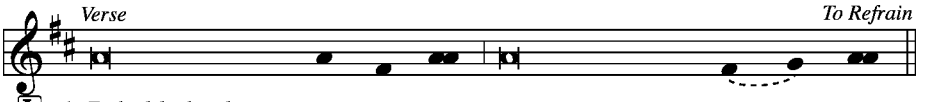
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Children's Sermon - Pastor Wagner

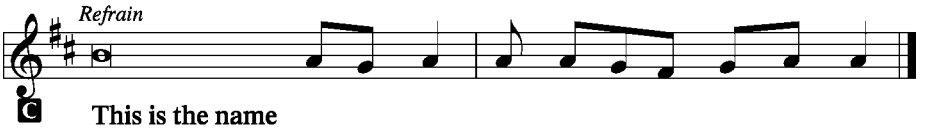
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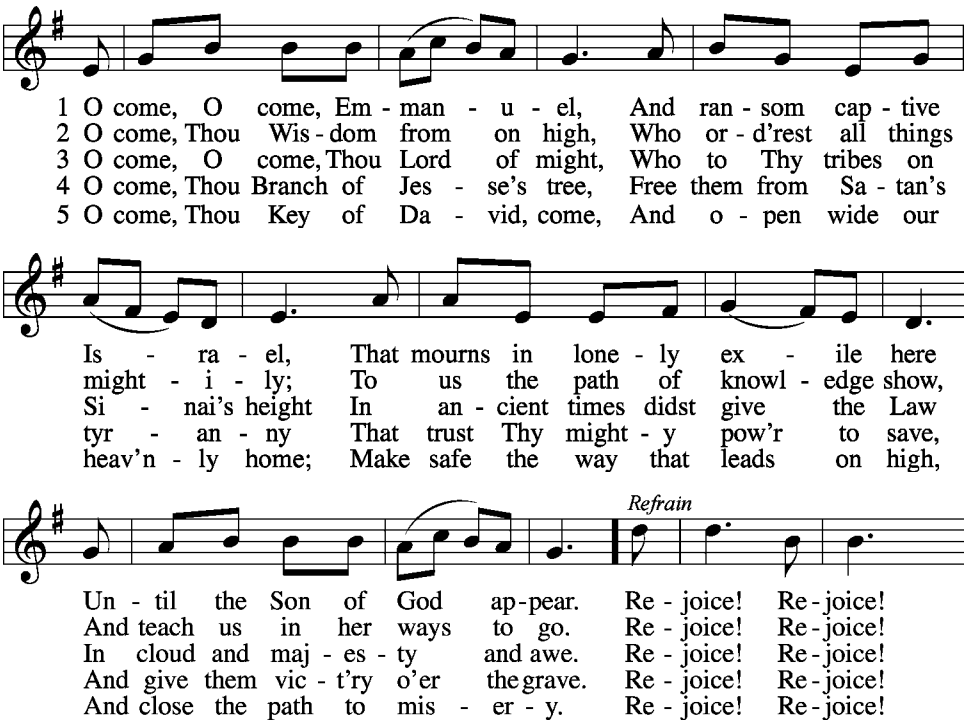
L 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righ-teous Branch.
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell se - cure - ly.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C **This is the name**
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

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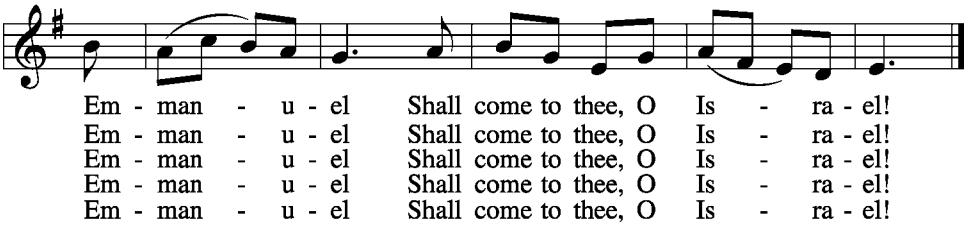
Sermon Hymn 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

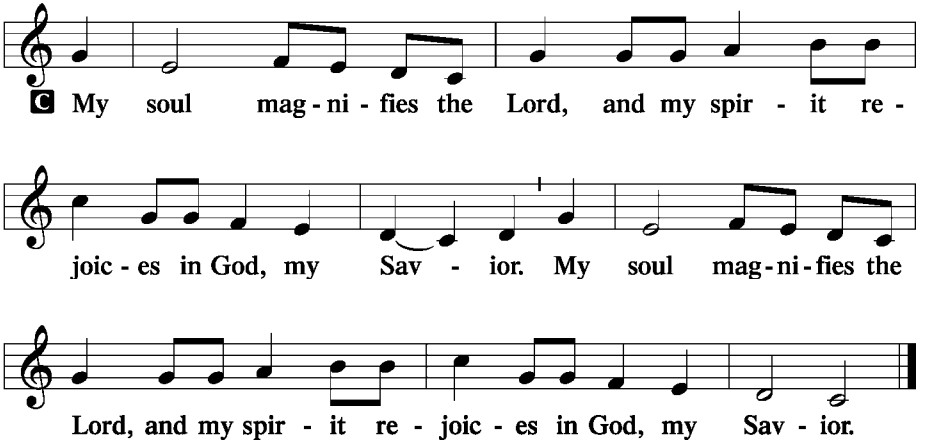
7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

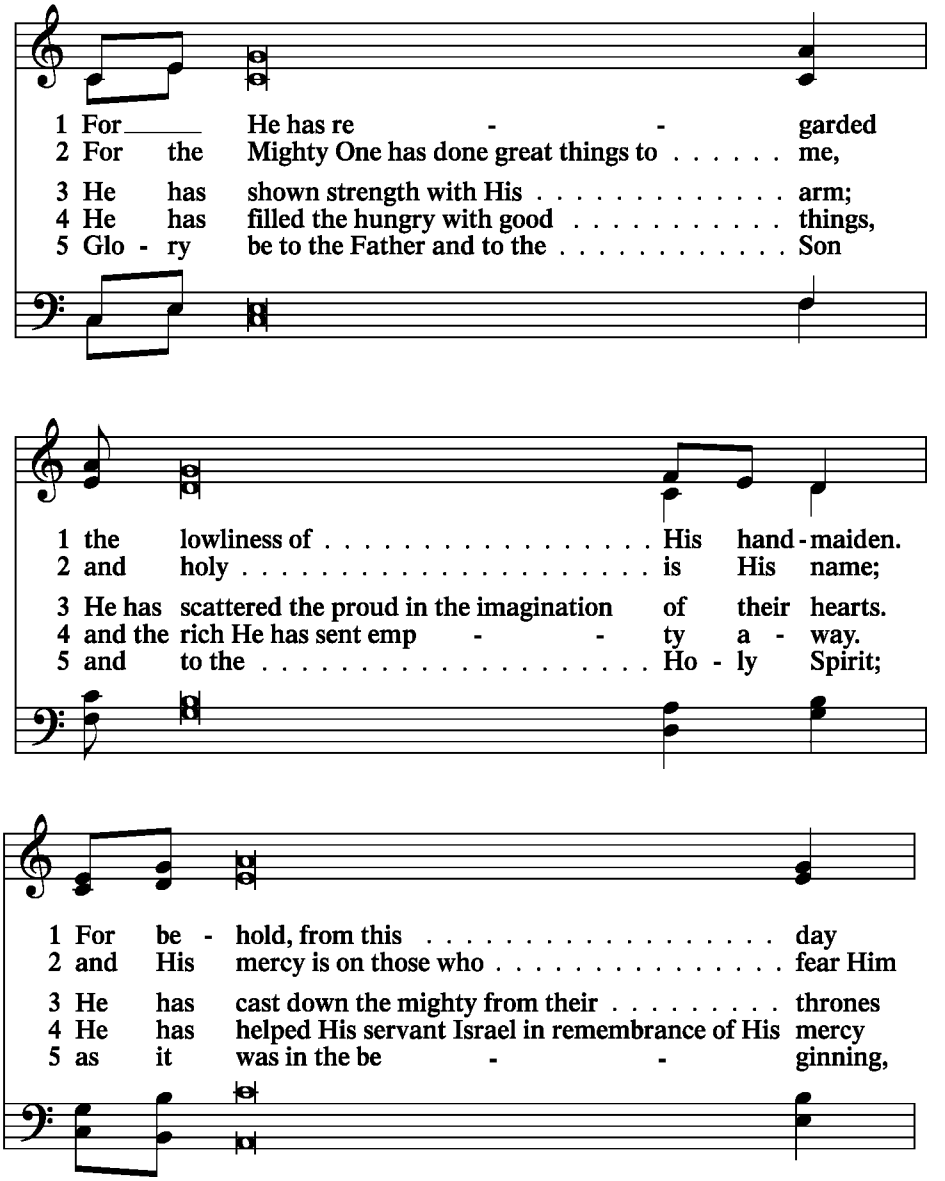
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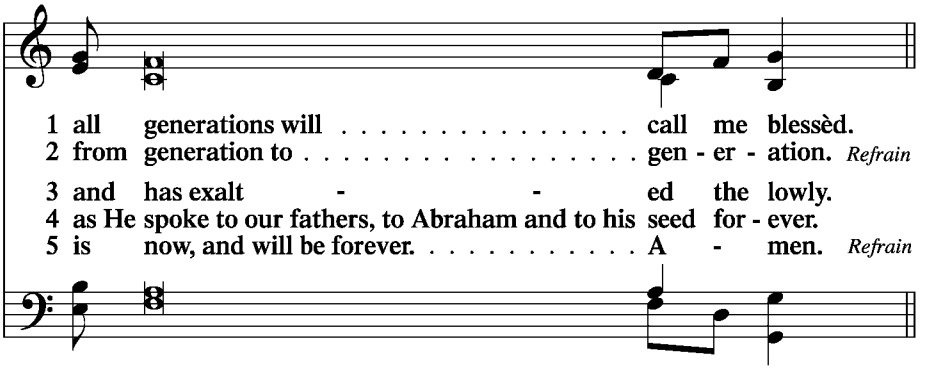
Sermon - Pastor Wagner

Stand

Magnificat




1 For He has re - - garded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son
1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.
2 and holy . . . . . is His name;
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
4 and the rich He has sent emp - - ty a - way.
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;
1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day
2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him
3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
5 as it was in the be - - ginning,

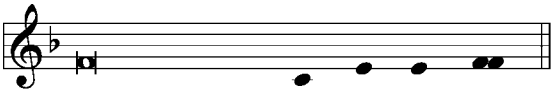


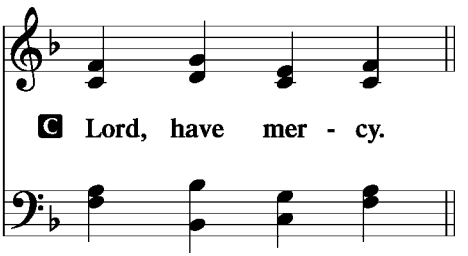
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Offering

Litany

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.





L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

℣ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

℣ For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

℣ For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

℣ For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

℣ For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

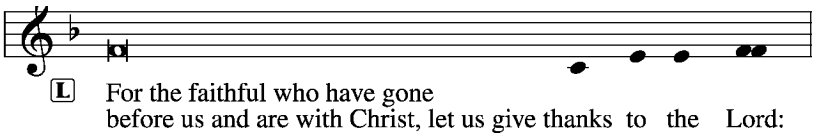
℣ For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

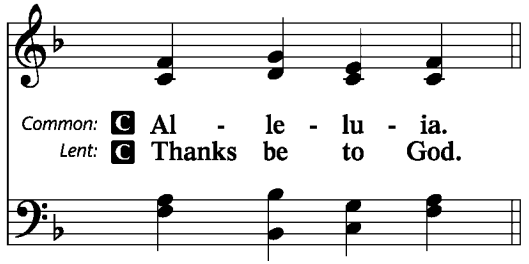
℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

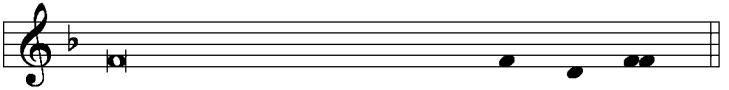
℣ For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

℟ **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers then continue:

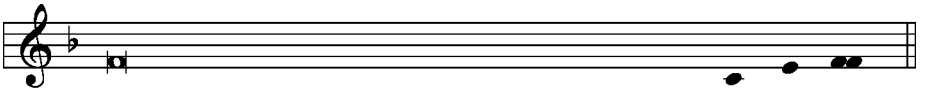




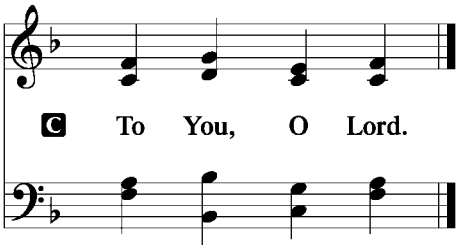


L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; 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.**

Lord's Prayer

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.**

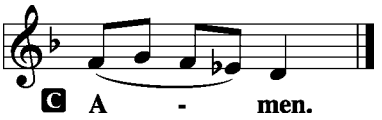
Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

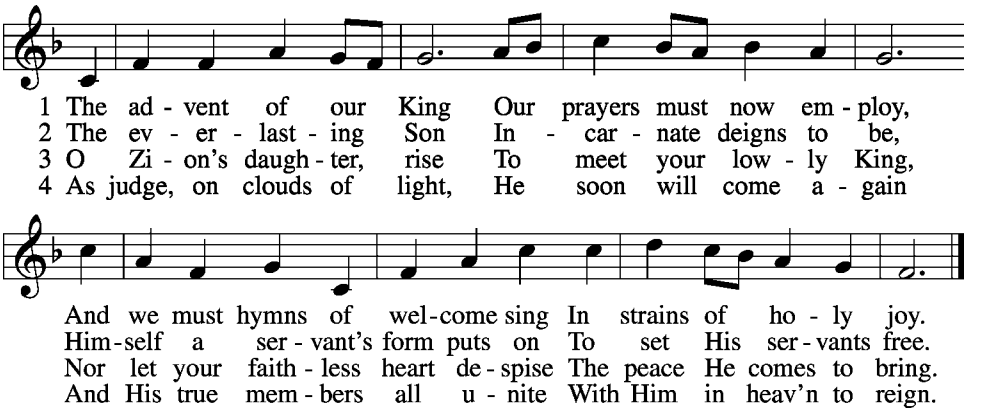
Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✢ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Sit

Dismissal Hymn 331 The Advent of Our King



5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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