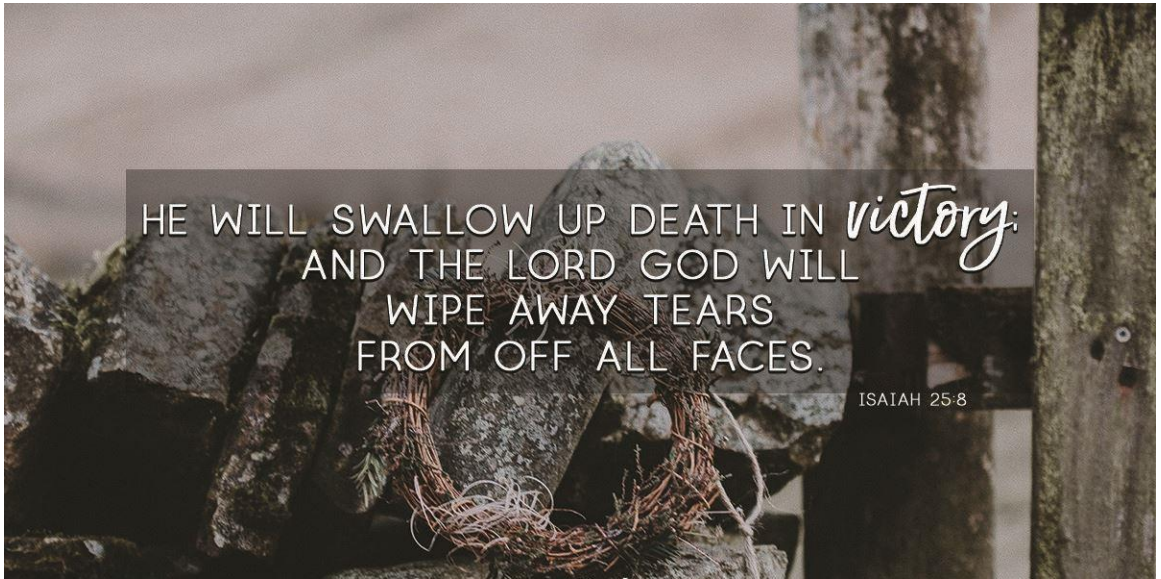


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THIRD MIDWEEK IN ADVENT + 20 DECEMBER 2023



HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH IN *victory*;
AND THE LORD GOD WILL
WIPE AWAY TEARS
FROM OFF ALL FACES.

ISAIAH 25:8

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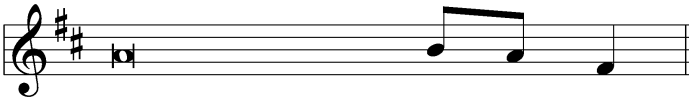
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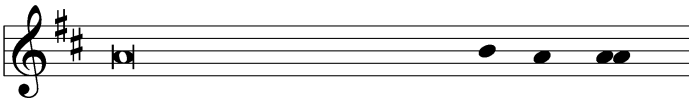
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalmody

Revive Us Again

- ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ²**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**
- ³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**
- ⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶**Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸**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.**
- ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹²**Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**
- ¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Sit

Office Hymn

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt.
Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven
Text and tune: Public domain

Readings

Reading

Isaiah 25:7-8

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

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

Responsory (Advent)

LSB 230



- L** 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a right-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 Right-teous-ness.

Hymn

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



11 In - stead of soft and silk - en stuff You have but
12 And so it pleas - es You to see This sim - ple
13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a
14 My heart for ver - y joy must leap; My lips no
15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to



hay and straw so rough On which as King, so
truth re - vealed to me: That world - ly hon - or,
bed, soft, un - de - filed, A qui - et cham - ber
more can si - lence keep. I, too, must sing with
us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with



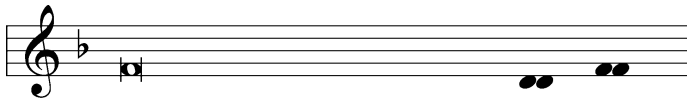
rich and great, To be en - throned in roy - al state.
wealth, and might Are weak and worth - less in Your sight.
set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.
joy - ful tongue That sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:
pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Geistliche lieder, Leipzig, 1539, ed. Valten Schumann

Text and tune: Public domain

Canticle

Stand



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

933 My Soul Rejoices



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A-br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622

Offering *Collected after service in the back of the church.*

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

Collect for Peace

P 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 A - men.

Stand

Benedicamus

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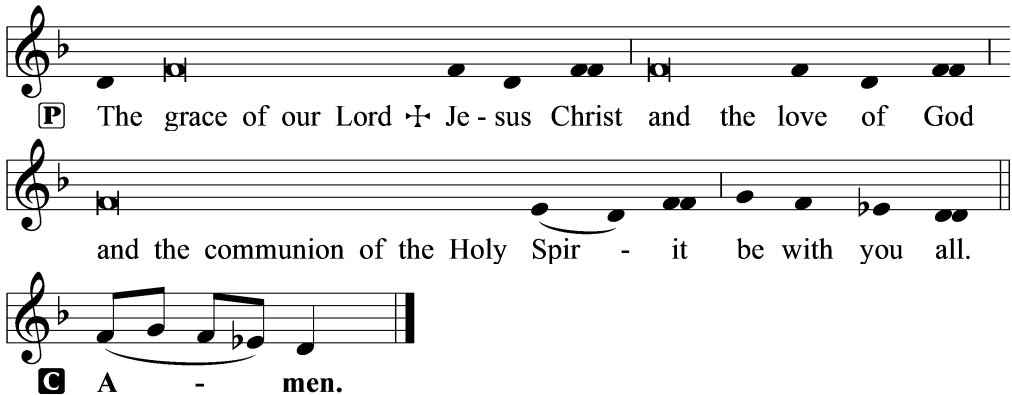
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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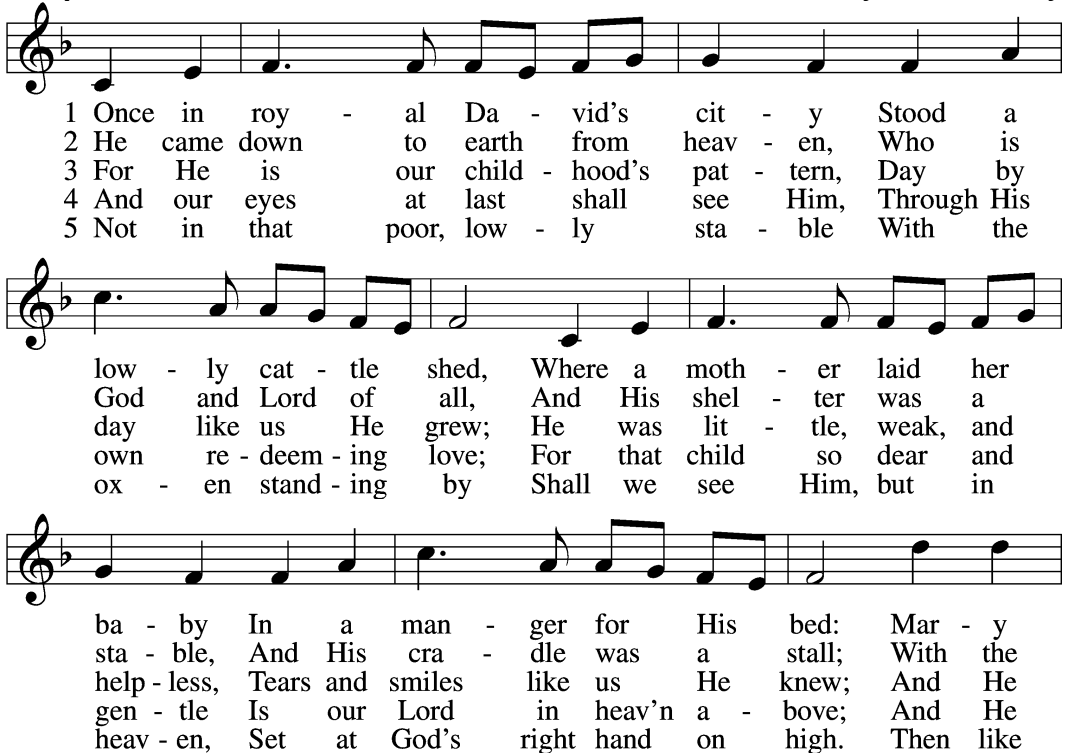


P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

G A - men.

Hymn to Depart

376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the
low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in
ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–95, alt.
Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–76
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From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

J. S. Bach BWV 606 (1685-1750)

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Thank you for joining us this Advent Season!
We welcome you to celebrate Christmas at the Good Shepherd

December 24th Christmas Eve – Divine Service @ 10am

Organ Recital @ 3:30 pm

Service of Lessons and Carols @ 4pm

December 25th Christmas Day – Divine Service @ 10am



A Prayer for the Third Week in Advent

Lord God, heavenly Father, You gave Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to become Man and to come into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil, deliver us poor offenders from sin and death, and give us everlasting life: We beseech You so to rule and govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may seek no other refuge than His Word, and thus avoid the sin to which we are by nature inclined, in order that we may always be found among the faithful followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and by faith in Him obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

A Snippet From 1517

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (Advent 3: Series B)

The words the Anointed One uses to describe His reign are very familiar ones: Preach to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, liberty for the captives, opening eyes, comfort and provide for those who mourn.

The Old Testament Lesson for this Sunday is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah. The text is Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, and is a major part of the Fifth Servant Song of Isaiah. It is important to note that the speaker of this prophecy is none other than the Anointed One, the One who will rule over the LORD Yahweh's Kingdom—the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The words He uses to describe His reign are very familiar ones: Preach to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, liberty for the captives, opening eyes, comfort and provide for those who mourn. Similar language used to identify the Coming One is found in many of the prophets and is used by Christ Himself as He gives answer to John the Baptist who sits in prison. One should also make note of the similarities to the Second Servant Song in Isaiah 49:7-13.

The language used here would also remind the faithful Hebrew of the Year of Jubilee as described and laid out in Leviticus 25. However, we need to be cautious not to assume this is a reference to the Year of Jubilee. Rather, it is understood the Year of Jubilee foreshadows and reflects the work of the coming Messiah. Also, make note of how the Prophet weaves the marriage and garment motifs into this Servant Song. The Messiah is coming to redeem and claim His bride and will clothe her in a garment of praise, the robe of righteousness, and a beautiful head-dress.

I am grateful for the insights gathered from Reed Lessing's commentary on Isaiah 56-66 in the Concordia Commentary Series. Here I include a quote which I believe is very helpful in our study: "The Anointed Servant ushers in the eschatological sabbatical program and this reverses Zion's desolation. She had walked in the dark, but now lives in the dawning light."

Jeffrey Pulse, December 2020, 1517.org



Reflections and Notes