

+ LESSONS AND CAROLS OF ADVENT +

OPENING HYMN "Once He Came in Blessing"

LSB 333

Stand - **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

ADVENT LITANY

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Jesus, Name called Wonderful;
Jesus, Great Counselor;
Jesus, True and Mighty God;
Jesus, Son of the Everlasting Father;
Jesus, Prince of Peace:

People: We praise and bless Your holy name.

Pastor: Jesus, Son of David to sit upon his throne;
Jesus, Branch of Jesse's stump;
Jesus, perfect Rose of Sharon;
Jesus, Bright and Morning Star:

People: Deliver us from our sins, we pray You.

Pastor: Jesus, Glory of Your people Israel;
Jesus, Light of the Gentiles;
Jesus, Desire of all Nations;
Jesus, Sun of Righteousness;
Jesus, Prophet, Priest, and King:

People: We pray You to help us and deliver us.

Pastor: O Jesus, hear us;

People: Prepare us for Your coming again.

Pastor: Gather unto Yourself Your people Israel, from all the ends of the earth;
Draw all Gentiles to Your Light and Truth;
Convert the hearts of all people by Your Spirit;
Make all people and all things work together for Your saving purpose:

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our cry come to You.

Pastor: Send Your messengers to prepare the way before You in every land; Inspire faith and fear in the hearts of all people;
Endow Your Church and Your Pastors with faithfulness;
Preserve all who trust in You; And cover all people with righteousness to meet You when You come again:

People: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let our cry come to You.

Pastor: Prepare us for Your coming, O Lord, give Your peace as comfort to our hearts, and instill in us the joy of Your presence.

People: We trust in You only, O Lord, our Savior and Redeemer.

Pastor: Deliver us from our sin and guilt;

People: Cleanse us from all our iniquity;

Pastor: That we may acknowledge Your coming as a Child in Bethlehem;

People: And worthily receive You as You come in Word and Sacrament;

Pastor: And be found ready when You come again in Your glory.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN "Let All Together Praise Our God"

LSB 389

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12, 15-17a

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. The LORD of hosts

will protect them, and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones, and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 147:1-12 (*He heals the brokenhearted.*)

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

Right: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Left: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Right: He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.

All: 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.

Left: 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.

Right: 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,

All: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love. Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found

in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

LSB 936

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" St. 2: LSB 350

PRAYERS

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For ...[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]...let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

VERSICLES

Pastor: We wait for the Lord as the earth waits for the rain;

People: when our God shall come to us as the gentle dew.

Pastor: We wait for the Lord as creation awaits its Creator;

People: when our Savior shall release us from our captivity to sin and death.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Came, the Heav'ns Adoring" LSB 353

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