

Savior of the Nations, Come!

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MidWeek of Advent 1

Evening Prayer • December 2, 2020

Now the Lord said to Abram, “...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:3b

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath: “Light One Candle”

Recording of MtO 7th & 8th Graders

Invocation:

P In the Name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of Light

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C and the day is almost over.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness

C and illumine Your Church.

Hymn:

“O Light, Whose Splendor”

LSB #891

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
 2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,
 3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments,

With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
 And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,
 Let faith - ful voic - es sing Your praise,

Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
 In eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es
 O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;
 To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.
 Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

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Thanksgiving for Light

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P Together we pray:
- C Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 57

A Psalm of David

Psalm 57:1-3a, 3c, 5, 7-11

- P Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in You my soul takes refuge;
- C In the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.
- P I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills His purpose for me.
- C He will send from heaven and save me....
God will send out His steadfast love and His faithfulness!
- P Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let Your glory be over all the earth!
- C My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!
I will sing and make melody!
- P Awake, my glory!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!
- C I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- P For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.
- C Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let Your glory be over all the earth!
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
- C I will sing praises to You among the nations.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

- P Together we pray:
- C 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. Amen.

The Word of God

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-3 ESV
[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Moses writes:]

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

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

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 ESV
[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]

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 made Himself nothing, 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.

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

The First Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-35 ESV
[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Luke writes:]

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God.”

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

The Second Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18 ESV
[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John writes:]

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ...

The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, He has made Him known.

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

Theme Hymn: “Savior of the Nations, Come” Stand for vs 8; LSB #332
Groups of verses of this hymn will be sung during the Sermon.

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—

That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.

3. Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild. In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.	4. Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall; God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.
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, <i>Stand:</i> Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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Sermon: "Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB # 332

Offerings

*To maximize health & safety for all, offering plates will not be passed during the service.
You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand
at the door to the worship area or to give them online or by regular mail.
We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting
His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.*

The Second Article of the Nicene Creed

P Together we confess our Faith with the words of the Second Article of the Nicene Creed:
C I believe 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.

The Litany

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P 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.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For Matthew, our Synodical President, for Steven, our District President, for me and all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For Donald & Joseph, our president and president-elect, for the government & those who protect us, that they may be upheld & strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P 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:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Alleluia.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

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

C To You, O Lord.

Collect for Peace

P Together let us pray:

C 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. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.

Blessing

P Through the Apostle John, Jesus has said, "Surely I am coming soon."

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

P The grace of the Lord Jesus be with [you] all.

C Amen.

Revelation 22:20-21 ESV

Hymn:

"Abide with Me"

LSB #878:1-4



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

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Announcements

Postlude

*As you leave His Service today,
God wants you to be assured that ALL your sins have been forgiven
and that He has declared you to be His holy, beloved child,
an heir of an eternal, never-ending relationship with Him.
He holds you in His loving and protective hands, and
walks with you daily from now into eternity.*

