

## Advent Midweek #1

*The congregation assembles in silence.*

*Stand*

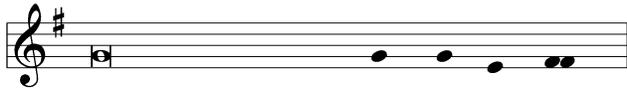
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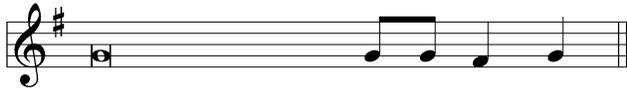
**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



**C** A - men.



**L** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**C** to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



**L** to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

### Confession

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**L** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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**L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** **Amen.**

**Psalm** (Read responsively from handout)

Psalm 25:1–10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Sit

**Hymn**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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### Reading from Holy Scripture

*Malachi 3:1-7b*

<sup>1</sup>"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

*Silence for reflection.*

### Responsory

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**L** In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.

**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

**L** You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



**L** Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

**Hymn**

Prepare the Royal Highway

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo-ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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**Homily**

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*Stand*

**Prayer**

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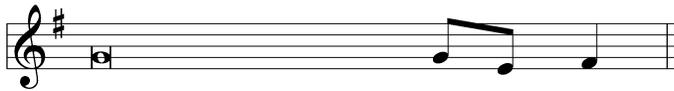
**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;



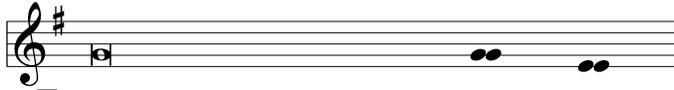
**C** listen to my cry.



**L** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;



**C** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.



**L** In righteousness I shall see You;



**C** when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

**Please announce to the congregation:** *After each petition, the Pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation shall respond "Hear our prayer."*

**L** Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**L** O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**L** Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**L** Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be on us always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**L** Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**L** Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting 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.**

Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

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*Antiphon*

**L** Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing  
 that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

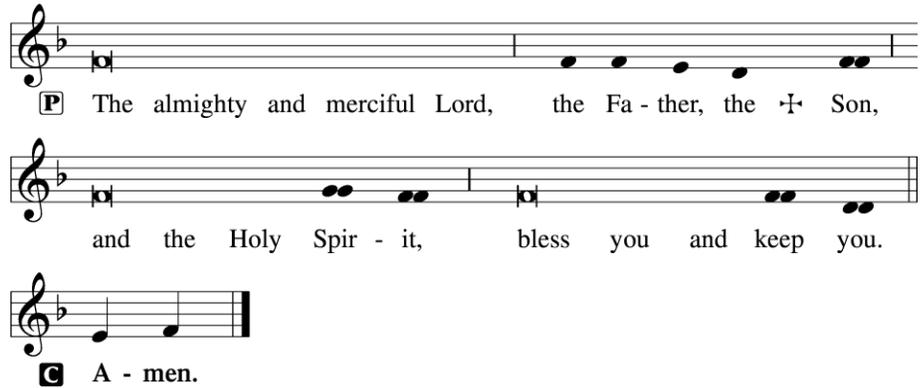
**C** Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.  
 My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared



in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na-tions  
and the glory of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the  
Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -  
ev-er. A - men. *Antiphon* Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
and guard us sleep - ing that a - wake we may  
watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

**Benediction**

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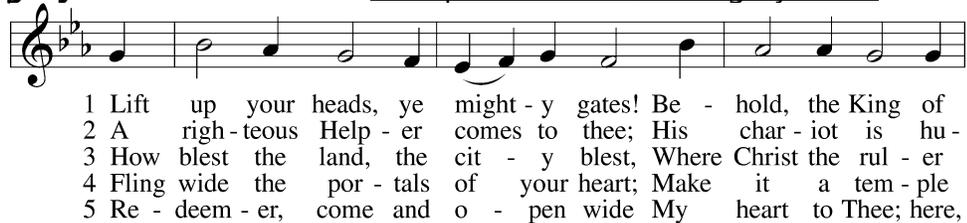


**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the Son,  
and the Holy Spir - it, bless you and keep you.  
**G** A - men.

**Closing Hymn**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot is hu -  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple  
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to Thee; here,

glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The  
 mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His  
 is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes To  
 set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -  
 Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di - vine; Thy

Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our  
 whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of  
 dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - reign  
 face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing. To  
 woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To  
 joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free. To  
 en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To  
 guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won. E -

God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
 Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
 God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
 ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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