



**Advent Mid-Week worship**  
Compline  
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## Advent Candle One: Hope (purple)

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promise he made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

## Prelude

*Belva Hanson, Organist*

## Welcome

*Pastor Jake Parsons*

*The congregation assembles in silence.*

*Kneel/Stand*

## Advent Acclamation

**L** Let not your hearts be troubled!  
Let not your spirits dim!  
The Lord, God of Heaven and earth  
Has promised and fulfilled his promise  
To send a Savior, our Lord Our Savior, our King.

**C** Bless the Lord for his faithfulness to all people!  
Praise the Lord, all the earth!  
Bless his holy name!

## 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



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.

**L** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C** Amen.

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

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

**L** to herald Your love in the morning,

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

## Confession

**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.

*Stand*

## Psalm 25:1-10

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

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

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

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

**P** <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.

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

**P** <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!

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

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

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

*Sit*

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>“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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.’”

*Silence for reflection.*

### Responsory

*LSB 255*

**L** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

**L** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

### 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



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!

## Homily

*Kneel/Stand*

## Prayer

- 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.**

## Celebration of St. Andrew

Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- 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** 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** 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** 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** 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** 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

LSB 257

**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

LSB 258

**L** Guide us waking, O Lord,  
and guard us sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.  
Guide us waking, O Lord,  
and guard us sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

### Benediction

LSB 259

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

**C** Amen.

### 340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

sts. 1–2, 5



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 -  
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  
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  
face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To  
woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. 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.  
ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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