

*“I see Him, but not now;
I behold Him, but not near;
A STAR shall come out of Jacob;
A Scepter shall rise out of Israel...”*

(Numbers 24:17 NKJ)

Advent Mid-Work Worship

Compline

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Advent Candle Two Preparation (purple)

God kept his promise of a Savior that would born
in Bethlehem. Prepare yourselves, get ready for the
the arrival of Jesus Christ. (Luke 3:4-6)

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!

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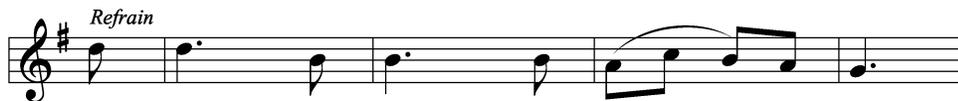
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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

Ps. 122

P ¹The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

P ³Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

C ⁴He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

P ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!

- C** ⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- P** ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
⁹I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
- C** ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
¹¹I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- P** ¹²“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
- C** ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Sit

347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



’neath their sor - rows’ load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o’er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Reading

Numbers 24:17

¹⁷I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near:
a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth.

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.**

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.**

- 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.

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5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.
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