



**Advent Mid-Week Worship**  
Compline  
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## Advent Candle Three Joy (pink)

The angels sang a message of joy!

(Luke 2:7-15)

## 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!

## 333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

**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

**P** <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**C** <sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your

<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!

**P** <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**C** <sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

**P** <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

**C** <sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

**P** <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**C** <sup>10</sup>**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**P** <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**C** <sup>13</sup>**Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.**

*Sit*

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Micah 5:1–5*

<sup>1</sup> Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;  
siege is laid against us;  
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel  
on the cheek.

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.  
When the Assyrian comes into our land  
and treads in our palaces,  
then we will raise against him seven shepherds  
and eight princes of men;

*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.

### 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your

2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward

△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious

now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who

crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!

wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### 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  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
- C** Amen.

**388 Go Tell It on the Mountain**

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*

Be - hold, through - out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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