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Advent Midweek Vespers.....Waiting for the Revealing of Our Lord Jesus Christ

TLH 41: THE OPENING VERSICLES

*O Lord, open Thou my lips,  
and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

Psalm 51:15

*Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
make haste to help me, O Lord.*

Psalm 70:1

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE PSALMODY: PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 (ANTIPHON V. 7)

*Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*

*Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!*

*You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.*

**Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!**

*Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*

**O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?**

*You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.*

**You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

*Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*

**But let Your hand be on the Man of Your right hand,  
the Son of Man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

*Then we shall not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name!*

**Restore us, O LORD God of Hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*

OFFICE HYMN – TUNE: TLH 69 – TEXT: TLH 69, ALT. RMH

- 1 Rise, Children of the Kingdom, the King is coming nigh!  
Arise and greet with gladness the Ruler from on high.  
O Christians, look above, and bring your prayers and praises.  
Oh, sing with shining faces – what else is worth your love?**

- 2 Arise, all you afflicted; the King is never far.  
So sad, and so dejected—oh, see the Morningstar!  
The Lord will give you joy though troubles now distress you.  
With deathless love He'll bless you and death He will destroy.
- 3 Arise, you sin-sick children; your King is just and true.  
Arise! Become His highway with all things straight and new.  
See, in His means of grace throughout His whole creation  
He comes with great salvation to raise a fallen race.

*The Reading of God's Word: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

*Response after the reading:*

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSORY

*Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.*

**This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.** *Jeremiah 23:5–6*

*In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.*

**This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.*

**This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

*The Sermon*

*Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion*

TLH 42–44: THE MAGNIFICAT CANTICLE

*Luke 1:46–55*

*Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense,  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
- 2 For He hath regarded / the low estate of His handmaiden:
- 3 For, behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For He that is mighty hath done to me great things / and holy is His name.
- 5 And His mercy is on them that fear Him / from generation to generation.
- 6 He hath showed strength with His arm. /  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty from their seats / and exalted them of low degree.  
8 He hath filled the hungry with good things / and the rich He hath sent empty away.  
9 He hath holpen His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy /  
as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son / and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

TLH 44: THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.**

TUNE: TLH 95

**Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.**

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### ***The Consecration***

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.*

### ***The Holy Communion***

*All who receive Communion here must first be instructed.*

*Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment.*

*During the distribution, silently pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ and for those in need or meditate on the liturgy, the psalm, and the hymns.*

TLH 45: THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

*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.*

*Bless we the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.*

**Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE: TLH 395 – TEXT: LSB 696, ST. 1–2, 5–6

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| <p><b>1 O God, my faithful God,</b><br/>True fountain ever flowing,<br/>Without whom nothing is,<br/>All perfect gifts bestowing:<br/>Give me a healthy frame,<br/>And may I have within<br/>A conscience free from blame,<br/>A soul unstained by sin.</p>    | <p><b>3 Let me depart this life</b><br/>Confiding in my Savior;<br/>By grace receive my soul<br/>That it may live forever;<br/>And let my body have<br/>A quiet resting place<br/>Within a Christian grave;<br/>And let it sleep in peace.</p>                          |
| <p><b>2 Grant me the strength to do</b><br/>With ready heart and willing<br/>Whatever You command,<br/>My calling here fulfilling;<br/>That I do what I should<br/>While trusting You to bless<br/>The outcome for my good,<br/>For You must give success.</p> | <p><b>4 And on that final day</b><br/>When all the dead are waking,<br/>Stretch out Your mighty hand,<br/>My deathly slumber breaking.<br/>Then let me hear Your voice,<br/>Redeem this earthly frame,<br/>And bid me to rejoice<br/>With those who love Your name.</p> |

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory

Liturgist: Ray Arsenault

### **Wednesdays in Advent**

Dec. 2 (1 Corinthians 1:3–9) • Dec. 9 (2 Peter 3:8–14) • Dec. 16 (1 Thessalonians 5:16–24)  
*Midday Service at 12:00 noon and Vespers Services at 7:00 pm, both with Holy Communion*