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Advent Midweek Vespers..... The Lord Is Not Slow to Fulfill His Promise

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 85:1-2, 8-13 (ANTIPHON V. 9)

*Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.*

*LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.*

**You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**

*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.*

**Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

*Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

*Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.*

**Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

**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.**

*Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.*

OFFICE HYMN – TUNE: TLH 320 – TEXT: LSB 348, ALT. RMH

- 1 The King shall come like dawn when Light triumphant breaks,  
When Beauty shines omnipotent and life to Joy awakes.**
- 2 Not, as of old, a Child to fight and bear and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the noonday sky.**
- 3 Oh, brighter than the morn when Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lone-some place of death despite the rage of foes.**

- 4 Oh, brighter than that morn shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see His face.
- 5 The Conqueror shall come with healing in His wings,  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray, "Come quickly, King of kings!"

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### *The Reading of God's Word: 2 Peter 3:8–14*

*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*

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.**

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

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.*

TLH 45: THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

**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 552 – TEXT: LSB 878, STS. 1, 3–4, 6*

- 1 **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.**  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 **Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,**  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 3 **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;**  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 4 **Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;**  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory

Liturgist: Patrick Jackson

### **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*