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Advent Midweek Vespers..... The One who Calls You Is Faithful

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 126 (ANTIPHON V. 5)

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

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.

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OFFICE HYMN – TUNE: TLH 58, FIRST TUNE – TEXT: TLH 58, ALT. RMH

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

2 Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.

3 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

4 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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The Reading of God's Word: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

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 558 – TEXT: LSB 883

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| <p>1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.</p> <p>2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.</p> <p>3 Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full day.</p> | <p>4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake!</p> <p>5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.</p> <p>△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</p> |
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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory

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