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Advent Noon Responsive Prayer..... Malachi: Behold, I Send My Messenger

Note: The liturgy is spoken. The hymns will be sung a Cappella.

THE OPENING VERSICLE

Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
have mercy and hear us.

THE PSALMODY: PSALM 40:6-13, 16-17 (ANTIPHON V. 16)

May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD.

I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.

As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me;
Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

As for me, I am poor and needy, but the LORD takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

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.

May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word: Malachi 1

Response after the reading:

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Malachi 1: The Lord's Messenger

HYMN: LSB 346, STANZAS 3-4

3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,

Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,

Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way

Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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.

THE AFTERNOON LITANY

*Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us Your salvation.*

*Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;
and let Your saints shout for joy.*

*Lord, keep this nation under Your care,
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!*

*For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to You.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY AND AFTERNOON COLLECT

Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us in heart and life also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

HYMN: LSB 332, STANZAS 1–4

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| 1 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. | 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne. |
| 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh. | 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began. |

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Wednesdays in Advent

November 30: Malachi 1 • December 7: Malachi 2:1–16

December 14: Malachi 2:17–3:15 • December 21: Malachi 3:16–4:6

*Midday Service at 12:00 noon and Vespers Services at 7:00 pm, both with Holy Communion
a light supper precedes the evening service*