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Advent Noon Responsive Prayer..... 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 102:18–28 (ANTIPHON V. 28)

The children of Your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before You.
Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:
that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,
that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem His praise,
when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

He has broken my strength in midcourse; He has shortened my days.

“O my God,” I say, “take me not away in the midst of my days—

You whose years endure throughout all generations!”

Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

They will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

but You are the same, and Your years have no end.

The children of Your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before You.

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 children of Your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before You.

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.

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 2:17-3:15

Response after the reading:

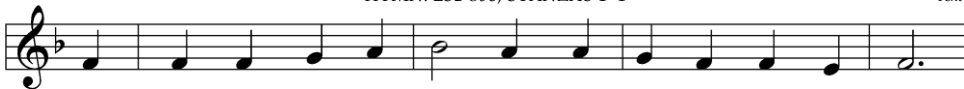
O Lord, have mercy on us. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Malachi 3: Messenger of the Covenant

HYMN: LSB 398, STANZAS 1-4

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1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.

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. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gracious Lord, we give thanks that in Holy Baptism we receive forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and eternal salvation. Bless us continually by Your Word and Spirit that we may faithfully keep the covenant into which we have been called, boldly confess our Savior, and finally share with all Your saints the joys of eternal life; through 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

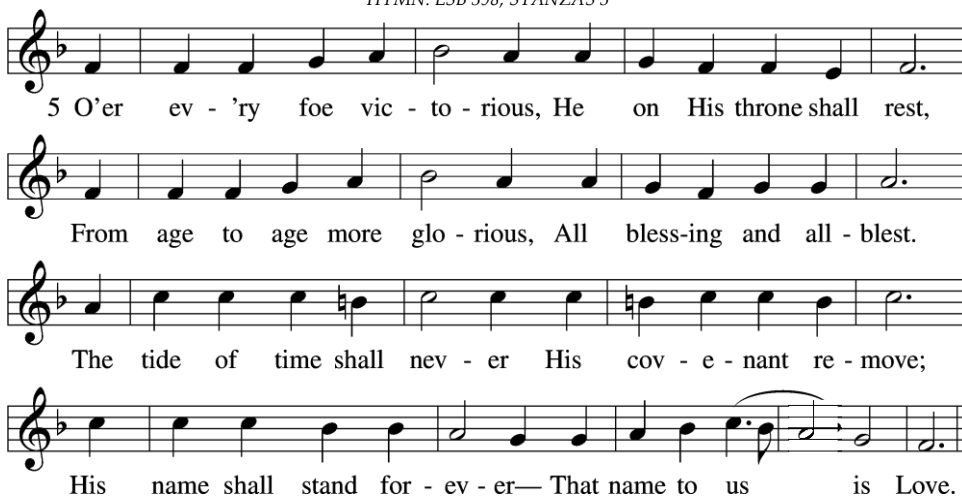
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Amen.

HYMN: LSB 398, STANZAS 5



5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Peter Gregory

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*