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Advent Noon Responsive Prayer..... Exodus 1–3: Who Will Deliver?

> Note: The liturgy is spoken. <

THE OPENING VERSICLE

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

THE PSALMODY – PSALM 105:16–22 (ANTIPHON: V. 4)

*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!*

*When He summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread,*  
**He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

*His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;*  
**until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.**

*The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free;*  
**he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions,**  
*to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.*  
**Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.**

*And the LORD made His people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes.*  
**He turned their hearts to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants.**

*He sent Moses, His servant, and Aaron, whom He had chosen.*

**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.**

*Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!*

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.**

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: Exodus 3*

*Response after the reading:*

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### *The Sermon*

*Exodus 3: God Calls the Deliverer*

*HYMN: LSB 347*

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| <p>1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people,<br/>Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;<br/>“Comfort those who sit in darkness,<br/>Mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load.<br/>Speak ye to Jerusalem<br/>Of the peace that waits for them;<br/>Tell her that her sins I cover<br/>And her warfare now is over.”</p> <p>2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,<br/>Blotting out each dark misdeed;<br/>All that well deserved His anger<br/>He no more will see or heed.<br/>She hath suffered many_a day,<br/>Now her griefs have passed away;<br/>God will change her pining sadness<br/>Into ever-springing gladness.</p> | <p>3 Hark, the herald’s voice is crying<br/>In the desert far and near,<br/>Calling sinners to repentance,<br/>Since the Kingdom now is here.<br/>O that warning cry obey!<br/>Now prepare for God a way;<br/>Let the valleys rise to meet Him<br/>And the hills bow down to greet Him.</p> <p>4 Make ye straight what long was crooked;<br/>Make the rougher places plain.<br/>Let your hearts be true and humble,<br/>As befits His holy reign.<br/>For the glory of the Lord<br/>Now o’er earth is shed abroad,<br/>And all flesh shall see the token<br/>That His Word is never broken.</p> |
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### *The Words of Institution*

*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 COLLECTS

*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.*

*Lord God, heavenly Father, through the prophet Moses, You began the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the true faith and demonstrating through miracles Your presence in creation to heal it of its brokenness. Grant that Your Church may see in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the final end-times prophet whose teaching and miracles continue in Your Church through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments; 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 ~ TUNE & TEXT: LSB 814

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| <p><b>1 O bless the Lord, my soul!</b><br/>Let all within me join<br/>And aid my tongue to bless His name<br/>Whose favors are divine.</p> <p><b>2 O bless the Lord, my soul,</b><br/>Nor let His mercies lie<br/>Forgotten in unthankfulness<br/>And without praises die!</p> <p><b>3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;</b><br/>'Tis He relieves thy pain;<br/>'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses<br/>And makes thee young again.</p> | <p><b>4 He crowns thy life with love</b><br/>When ransomed from the grave;<br/>He that redeemed my soul from hell<br/>Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.</p> <p><b>5 He fills the poor with good;</b><br/>He gives the suff'ers rest.<br/>The Lord hath judgments for the proud<br/>And justice for th'oppressed.</p> <p><b>6 His wondrous works and ways</b><br/>He made by Moses known,<br/>But sent the world His truth and grace<br/>By His beloved Son.</p> |
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Asst. Organist: Marta Gregory

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## **Wednesdays in Advent** **Exodus 1–3: Who Will Deliver?**

December 4 • Israel in Egypt: Exodus 1 | December 11 • A Deliverer Raised Up: Exodus 2  
December 18 • God Calls the Deliverer: Exodus 3

Services • 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. | Advent Suppers (*Dec 11 & 18 only*) • 6:00 p.m.

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