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Advent Noon Responsive Prayer..... 2 Samuel: The Son of David

> Note: The liturgy is spoken. <

THE OPENING VERSICLE

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

THE PSALMODY ~ PSALM 110 (ANTIPHON: V. 1)

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."
The LORD sends forth from Zion Your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!
*Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of Your power, in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.*

The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,
"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.
He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses;
He will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore He will lift up His head.

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 LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

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: 2 Samuel 23:1–7 & Acts 13:30–43

Response after each reading:

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

2 Samuel 23: The Son of David Lives and Reigns

HYMN ~ TUNE: TLH 307 & TEXT: RMN

- 1 Strike David's harp that long has silent lain.
See, David's Son and Heir begins His reign.
Lost, royal music rises from the past
And ancient psalms wear flesh and blood at last.**
- 2 Here is the true Sweet Singer, Israel,
Who conjures life from death and muzzles hell,
Whose music makes the sin-mad spirit calm;
He is the Harper and He is the Psalm.**
- 3 And He the Harp which on a tree was hung,
Stretched taut for us, past pitch of terror strung
That all our sins might pluck from Him a song
Of pity infinite, immense, and strong.**
- 4 Strike David's Harp and hear Him, singing, rise
With ringing strings triumphant through the skies,
That, tuned to Him, our souls may join His song
Through life, through death, through endless ages long.**

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.

God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, we give You thanks for David who, through the Psalter, gave Your people hymns to sing with joy in our worship on earth so that we may glimpse Your beauty. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory; 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.

- 1 **Christ is surely coming bringing His reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
Root and Stem of David, brilliant Morning Star;
Meet your Judge and Savior, nations near and far!**
- 2 **See the holy city! There they enter in,
All by Christ made holy, washed from ev'ry sin:
Thirsty ones, desiring all He loves to give,
Come for living water, freely drink, and live!**
- 3 **Grace be with God's people! Praise His holy name!
Father, Son and Spirit, evermore the same;
Hear the certain promise from th'eternal home:
"Surely I come quickly! Come, Lord Jesus, come!"**

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Wednesdays in Advent ✠ 2 Samuel: The Son of David

December 3 • The Son of David Promised ✠ 2 Samuel 7:1–18 & Hebrews 1:1–14

December 10 • The Son of David Dies ✠ 2 Samuel 11:26–12:10, 13–23; Acts 13:16–29

December 17 • The Son of David Lives and Reigns ✠ 2 Samuel 23:1–7; Acts 13:30–43

Services • 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. | Advent Suppers • 6:00 p.m.

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