



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST VESPERS IN ADVENT

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WELCOME:

"This passage refers to the day of judgment, which will make known the hidden conscience of our will and reveal to public knowledge those things that now seem obscure. Jesus is admonishing us, therefore, that we are not to fear our persecutors' threats or stratagems or power, because the day of judgment will reveal that these all were nothing and vain."

—St. Hilary of Poitiers, *On Matthew*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

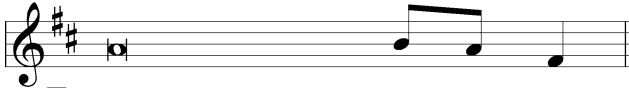
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Please stand

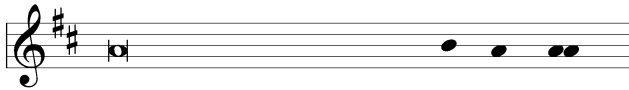
OPENING VERSICLES



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

PSALM: BENEDICAM DOMINUM

Psalms 34:11-22



Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

**What man is there who de- | sires life*
and loves many days, that he may | see good?**

Keep your tongue from | evil*
and your lips from speak- | ing deceit.

**Turn away from evil | and do good;*
seek peace and pur- | sue it.**

The eyes of the LORD are toward the | righteous*
and his ears | toward their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against those who do | evil,*
to cut off the memory of them | from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

**The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted*
and saves the crushed in | spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

**He keeps | all his bones;*
not one of them is | broken.**

Affliction will slay the | wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous will | be condemned.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-13

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

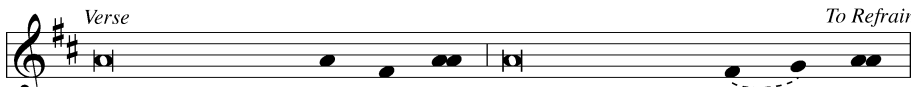
SECOND READING

Matthew 10:24-28

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

ADVENT RESPONSORY

Jeremiah 23:5a, 6



L 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righ-teous Branch.
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell se - cure - ly.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

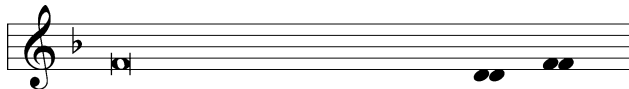


C This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

MEDITATION

*Fear**Please stand*

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:45-55

I Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



I for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



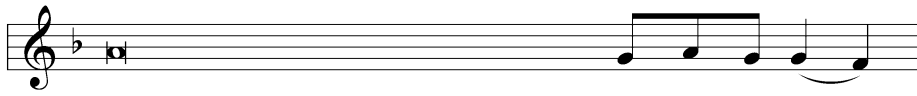
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



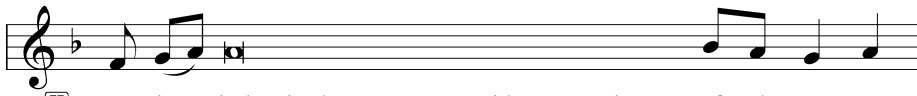
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



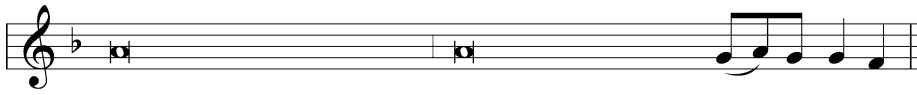
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

LITANY

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

COLLECTS



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

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



C A - men.

L 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.

C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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