



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD VESPERS IN ADVENT

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VESPERS

WELCOME:

“In commanding them not to be troubled, Jesus placed them, as it were, on the threshold between hope and fear. This way, if they fell into weakness and suffering in their human frailty, the hope of his mercy might help them to recover. On the other hand, the fear of stumbling might urge them to fall less often inasmuch as they had not yet been endowed with the power from above, from on high, the grace that comes through the Spirit that always keeps them from failure.”

—St. Cyril of Alexandria, *Commentary on the Gospel of John*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

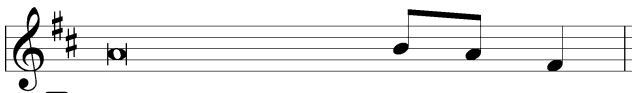
#357, St. 1-4

Please stand

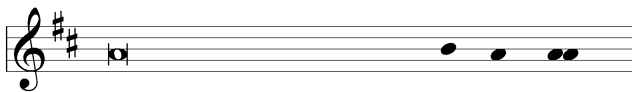
OPENING VERSICLES



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



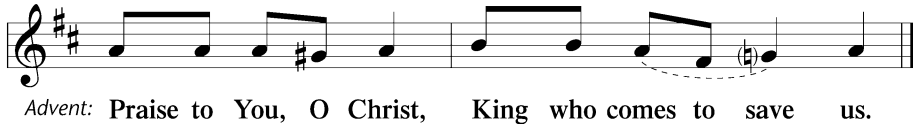
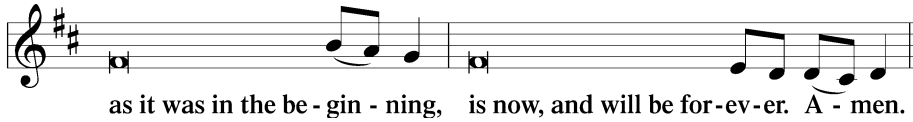
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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;



PSALM: NOLI CONTENDERE

Psalm 37:1-11



Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers; *
be not envious of wrong- | doers!

**For they will soon fade | like the grass*
and wither like the | green herb.**

**Trust in the LORD, | and do good;*
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.**

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD,*
trust in him, and | he will act.

**He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.**

**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man
who carries out evil de- | vices!**

Refrain from anger, and for- | sake wrath! *
Fret not yourself; it tends only to | evil.

For the evildoers shall be | cut off,*
but those who wait for the LORD shall inher- | it the land.

**In just a little while, the wicked will | be no more;*
though you look carefully at his place, he will | not be there.**

**But the meek shall in- | herit the land*
and delight themselves in a- | bundant peace.**

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

Isaiah 26:1-8

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

SECOND READING

John 14:1-6

- 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.

OFFICE HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#357, St. 5-7

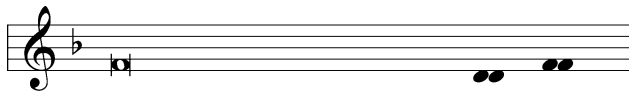
MEDITATION

Trust

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:45-55



L 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;



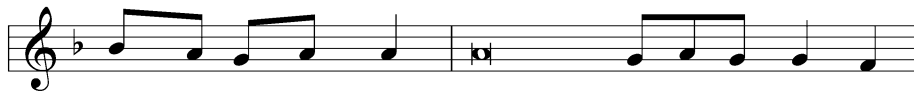
II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



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



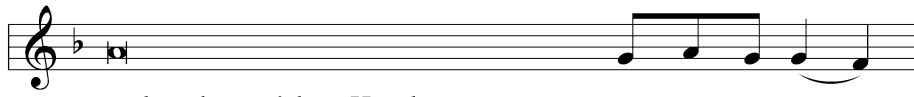
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



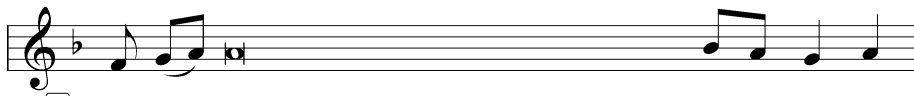
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



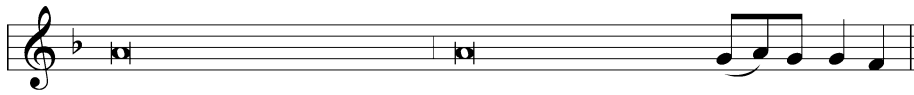
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



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 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.



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.

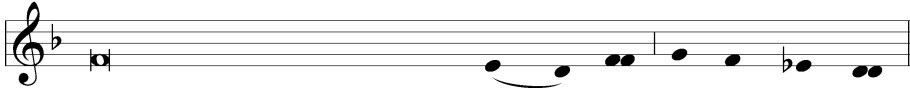


C Thanks be to God.

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

Creator of the Stars of Night

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