

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND VESPERS IN ADVENT

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WELCOME:

"Servant' means the Man in whom he was sanctified; it means the man in whom he was anointed; it means the Man in whom he was made under the law, made of the Virgin. Of whom it is written '*I am cast down and deeply humbled*.""

-St. Ambrose of Milan, On the Christian Faith

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Please stand

OPENING VERSICLES



PSALM: DILEXI QUONIAM Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because | he has heard* my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,* therefore I will call on him as long | as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;* I suffered distress and | anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD:* "O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;* our God is | merciful. The LORD preserves the | simple;* when I was brought low, he | saved me. Return, O my soul, | to your rest;* for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you. For you have delivered my | soul from death,* my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk be- | fore the LORD* in the land of the | living. I believed, even | when I spoke:* "I am greatly af- | flicted"; I said in | my alarm,* "All mankind are | liars." What shall I render | to the LORD* for all his bene- | fits to me? I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation* and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD* in the presence of all his | people. **Precious in the sight | of the LORD*** is the death | of his saints. O LORD, I am your | servant;*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | /giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will pay my vows | to the LORD* in the presence of all his | people, in the courts of the house | of the LORD,* in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD! 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

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

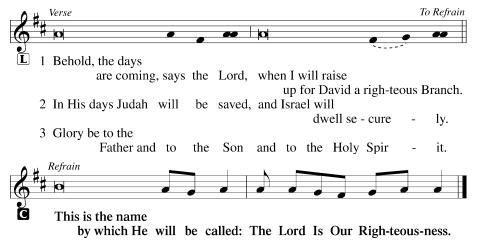
C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

ADVENT RESPONSORY



Leviticus 16:1-5, 11-14

Romans 12:1-8

Jeremiah 23:5a, 6

MEDITATION

The Gift of Frankincense

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT O Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense, L Ø O and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. С O My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior; С O Ι for He the lowliness of His hand-maid-en. has re-gard - ed O For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed. II O For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; Ι O 00 and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion. II

Luke 1:45-55



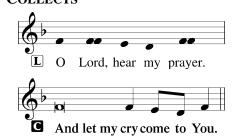


LORD'S PRAYER

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 Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C 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.

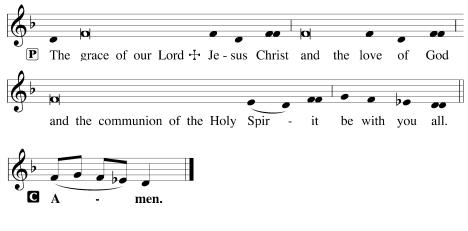


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CLOSING HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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