



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD VESPERS IN ADVENT

+ December 15, 2021 +

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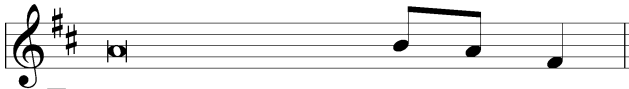
“Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright; drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned, striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne. Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings; where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.”

—J.S. Bach, Martin Janus, *Jesu Bliebet Meine Freude*

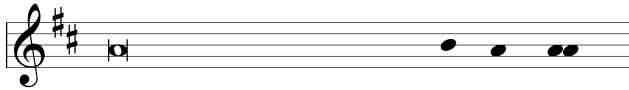
OPENING VERSICLES



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.

The LORD is righteous in | all his ways*
and kind in | all his works.

**The LORD is near to all who | call on him,*
to all who call on | him in truth.**

**He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;*
he also hears their cry and | saves them.**

The LORD preserves all who | love him,*
but all the wicked he | will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

**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

Exodus 30:22-28

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Song of Solomon 5:1-5

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

John 19:38-42

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

ADVENT RESPNSORY

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.

Refrain

This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

OFFICE HYMN

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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MEDITATION

The Gift of Myrrh

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



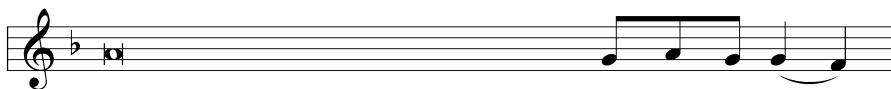
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



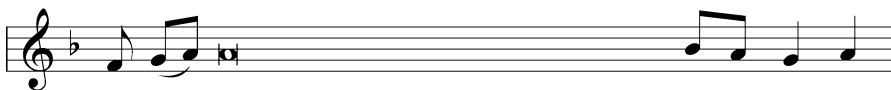
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



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.



III 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.

KYRIE

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

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

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