

#### **WORSHIP FOCUS**

WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR, HE HUMBLES HIMSELF - What would it be like to meet God? We know he is almighty and holy. He loathes sin. No wonder that when God appears to his Old Testament people, their first response is typically terror. But when Jesus Christ came into our world, he hid his glory and power. He humbled himself so that sinners would be drawn to him rather than driven away in fear.

## SERVICE OF WORD and SACRAMENT p.26

Opening Hymn – 702

Prepare the Royal Highway
Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:

Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming: Your own eternal King! Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised King! Your King, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before him! All nations, now adore him! Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

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- P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

  Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

#### Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

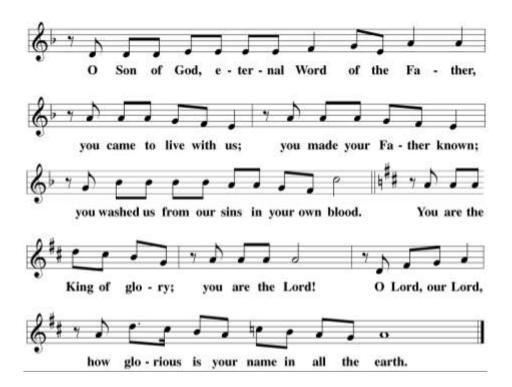


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





#### **Prayer Of The Day**

P: Let us pray together the prayer of the day...

All: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

- M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.
- C: We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.
- M: We hear his call to watch.
- C: We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

# **THE WORD**

#### First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

# Psalm 24 (sung responsively)





The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,\* the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas\* and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?\*
Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a <u>pure</u> heart,\* he will receive blessing from God his <u>Savior</u>.

#### Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you <u>an</u>cient doors,\* that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of <u>glory?\*</u>
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you <u>an</u>cient doors,\* that the King of glory <u>may</u> come in.

Who is he, this King of <u>glory</u>?\*

The LORD Almighty-he is the King of <u>glory</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

#### Second Lesson

#### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

## **Verse Of The Day**

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)



Gospel Luke 19:28-40

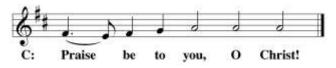
<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

 $^{32}$  Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them.  $^{33}$  As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 They said, "The Lord needs it."

- <sup>35</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
- <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"
- $^{\rm 40}\,\mbox{He}$  replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



## Hymn of the Day – 2

Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, make here your home. Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God Was the Word of God made flesh, Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the virgin undefiled, Though by all the world disowned, Yet to be in heav'n enthroned! From the Father's throne he came And ascended to the same, Captive leading death and hell-High the song of triumph swell!

Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King, Praise to God the Spirit be Ever and eternally.

Text: Ambrose, 340-97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812-76, alt.

## Sermon Luke 19:28-40

# View the Coming of Our Savior King

#### Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

WE BELIEVE in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

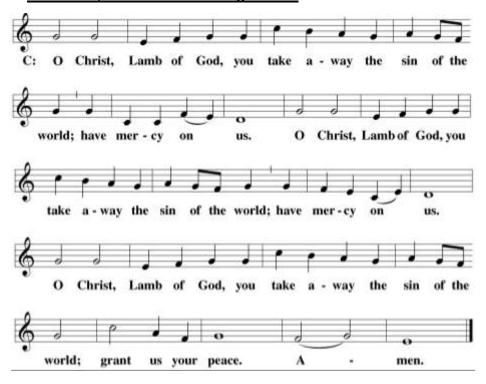
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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#### DISTRIBUTION

# For our Visitors: "May I receive the Lord's Supper here today?"

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Woodlawn are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

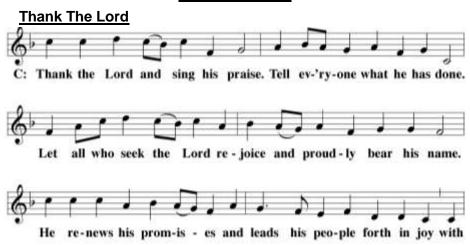
<u>Distribution Hymn – 12</u> Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the captives to release, In Satan's prison held. The gates of brass before him burst; The iron fetters yield. He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, abr., alt.

#### **THANKSGIVING**





P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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