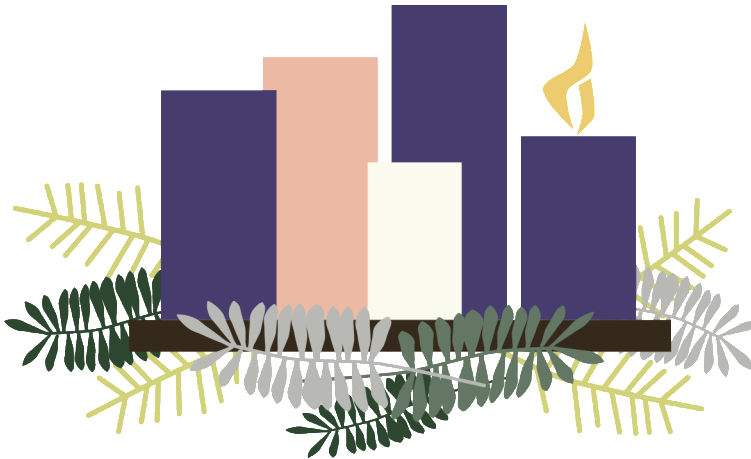


Advent I

December 1, 2021



Service of Evening Prayer

HYMN

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

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1 Where shep-herds late-ly knelt and kept the an-gel's word,
 2 In that un-like-ly place I find him as they said:
 3 How should I not have known I-sa-iah would be there,
 4 Can I, will I for-get how Love was born, and burned

I come in half-be-lief, a pil-grim strange-ly stirred;
 Sweet new-born Babe, how frail! and in a man-ger bed,
 His proph-e-cies ful-filled? With pound-ing heart I stare:
 Its way in-to my heart un-asked, un-forced, un-earned,

But there is room and wel-come there for me,
 A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
 A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
 To die, to live, and not a-lone for me,

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 A still, small voice to cry one day for me.
 A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
 To die, to live, and not a-lone for me?

STAND

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

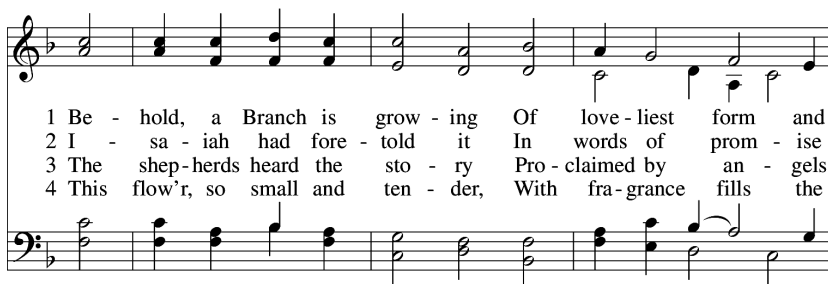
Seasonal Response

C: **The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out; Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

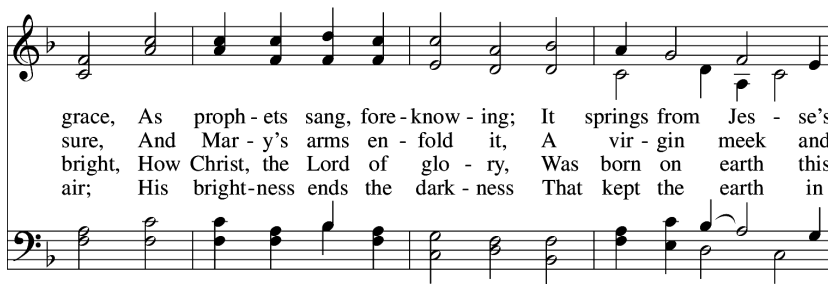
GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In words of prom - ise
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With fra - grance fills the



grace, As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's
 sure, And Mar - y's arms en - fold it, A vir - gin meek and
 bright, How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, Was born on earth this
 air; His bright - ness ends the dark - ness That kept the earth in



race And bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of
 pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will This child to
 night. To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the
 fear. True God and yet true man, He came to



cold - est win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
 her is giv - en At mid - night calm and still.
 man - ger found him, As an - gel her - alds said.
 save his peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.

- 5 O Savior, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woes,
 O Savior, King of Glory, Who conquered all our foes,
 Bring us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of heaven
 And to the endless day.

Isaiah 11:1–10 (NIV84)

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

OFFERING

STAND

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

M: Thanks be to God.

C: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles

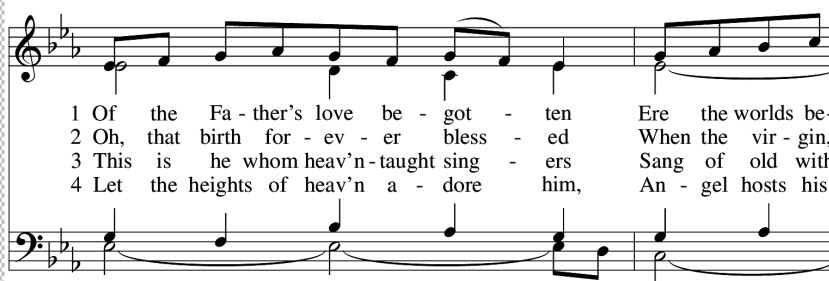


and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

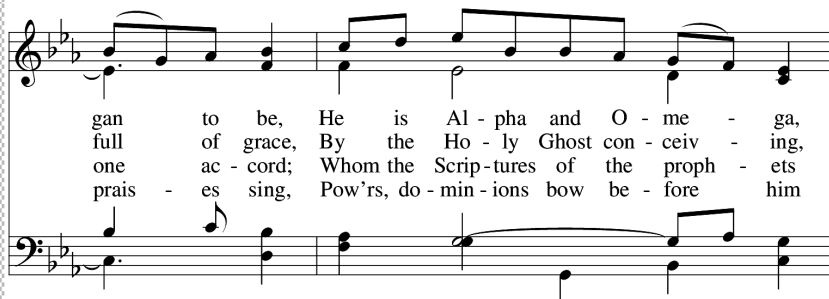
M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed When the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom heav'n - taught sing - ers Sang of old with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him, An - gel hosts his

5 Christ, to you, with God
 the Father,
 And the Spirit ceaselessly
 Hymn and chant and high
 thanksgiving
 And unending praises be,
 Honor, glory, and
 dominion
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore.



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace; By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord; Whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing, Pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him



He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring



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He Humbles His People
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He Humbles His Enemies
Dec 19 - When the Lord Comes Near,
He Lifts Up the Humble
8:00 am Live stream

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