
WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE DECEMBER 1, 2021



WELCOME

HYMN: “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” (LSB #358)

**“From heav’n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing.”**

**Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery
That you might share Your joy with me.**

**Ah dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled.
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.**

**Glory to God in highest heav’n,
Who unto us His Son has giv’n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.**

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INVOCATION

EVENING PRAYER: (Spoken together)

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that You have this day so graciously protected us. We beg You to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By Your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let Your holy angels have charge of us that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

FIRST READING: Psalm 103:1-5, 17-22

¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s... ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children— ¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. ²² Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

SECOND READING: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

RESPONSE:

Pastor: Teach me your way, O Lord,

People: That I may walk in Your truth.

Pastor: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LSB #442)

**All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed one.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus Make reply
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.**

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SERMON: Psalm 103:20,21 “Angels Serve God”

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

People: 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.

BLESSING:

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

HYMN: “See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph” (LSB #494)

**See, the Lord ascends in triumph;
Conqu’ring King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heav’nly palace gate.
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav’nly King.**

**Who is this that comes in glory
with the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death has crushed His foes.**

**While He lifts His hands in blessing,
He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him,
He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased Him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated
To His everlasting home.**

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