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Advent One

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WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR, HE HUMBLER 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.

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MORNING PRAISE

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway | (1-4)

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

4 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!



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – Advent One

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.

We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.

We hear his call to watch.

We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Advent 1 - Hope

We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In response to their sin, the Lord allowed the nation of Israel to be conquered and humbled. Yet, he promised that from David's royal line, a Savior would come to restore God's people.

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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Let The Lord Enter

The Cantor will introduce the refrain and sing the verses.

Let the Lord en - ter; he is king,
he is king of glo - ry.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
The world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
On the rivers he made it firm.

Refrain

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
Whose soul is not set on vain things

Refrain

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
And right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

When the Lord comes near on Judgment Day, his followers will be found blameless and holy. Why? Because Christ sustains our faith using humble means—God's Word and sacraments.

Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, ¹³ 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.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Zechariah 9:9

Sung by the Cantor

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus enters Jerusalem humbly, riding a donkey to his death. By that death, the Lord of all becomes the Savior of all.

After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, ³⁰ 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. ³¹ 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." ³⁵ Then they

brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. ³⁷ 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, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

Please be seated

HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come | 2(1-5)

1 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.

2 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.

*(Cantor) Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the virgin undefiled,
Though by all the world disowned, Yet to be in heav'n enthroned!*

4 From the Father's throne he came And ascended to the same,
Captive leading death and hell—High the song of triumph swell!

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

SERMON

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



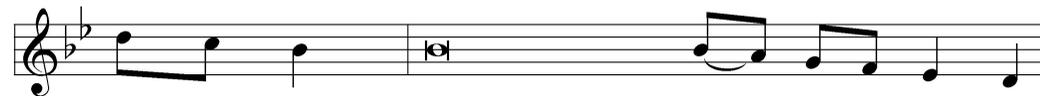
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



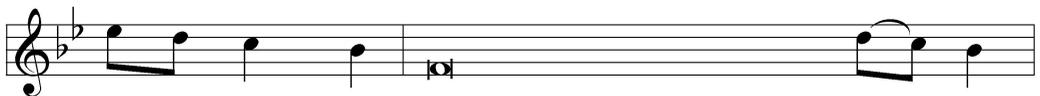
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



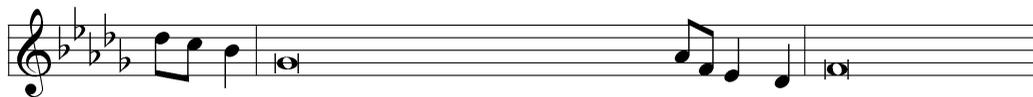
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



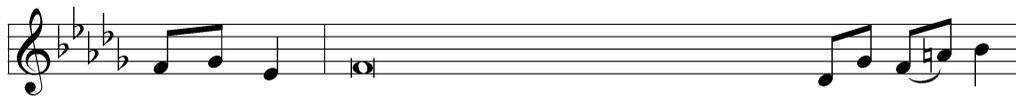
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

OFFERING

*The Offering Plate is available on the shelf as you leave. If you wish to give an electronic offering, we have provided a QR code at the end of this worship folder.
You can also go to pilgrimcares.org/giving to give your offerings online.*

Please stand



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER

Please be seated

HYMN

O Bride of Christ, Rejoice | 134(1-5)

1 O bride of Christ, rejoice! Exultant raise your voice
To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story.
Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!

2 He wears no kingly crown, Yet as a King is known;
Though not arrayed in splendor, He shall make death surrender.
Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!

3 The weak and timid find How meek he is and kind;
He graciously will hear you And be forever near you.
Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!

4 E'en babes with one accord With you shall praise the Lord
And ev'ry gentile nation Respond with exultation:
Hosanna! Now adore him; With praises bow before him!

5 Then go your Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at his feet;
Your garments spread before him, And honor and adore him.
Hosanna! Sing the story Of Christ, the King of glory!

Please stand

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes | 12(1-4)

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the captives to release,
In Satan's prison held.
The gates of brass before him burst;
The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.

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

News & Notes

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dave & Nicole Chmielewski in Thanksgiving for everything!

A Thanksgiving message from the Principal Pilgrim Lutheran School has much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Our loving God continues to bless and preserve us this school year in countless ways. We are back to a much more "normal" year with many activities going on at school.

We had successful volleyball and cross country seasons this fall with many children in grades three through eight participating. We held our annual Carnival back in September and had a tremendous turnout. A big thank you to the PTA for putting together that event!

The Reaching Team held a Trunk or Treat event and it was blessed with more than 200 children coming through our parking lot. On November 12, we held an academic science fair for students, parents, and grandparents. The highlights of the evening included STEM project demonstrations, Mayflower boat races, and candy pumpkin catapults.

With winter approaching, we started practices for basketball with games beginning on December 3. Our Early Childhood Education Christmas program will be held on December 11, at 10:00 am and our Elementary School's Christmas service will take place on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. Both of these Christmas services will be back in the gym and in person!

We thank you, the congregation of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, for all of the support that you give to our school, learning center, and staff. May God bless you this Thanksgiving season! In His Service, Mr. Kevin L. Klug, Principal

Tabitha is having a Christmas party, and you are invited. The Tabitha Society is celebrating Christmas with a party at the Olive Garden on Falls Parkway on Thursday, December 2, beginning at 1 pm. Please join us. You do not have to be a member to attend. Spouses, friends, and relatives are welcome. Please sign up in the church entryway so that we can get an accurate count. No payment is needed at this time; we will be ordering from the menu. Each person attending should remember to bring a \$5 gift for our gift exchange. Hope you can come.

Scrip Program Holiday ordering is happening now! Weekly orders will take place every Monday (please have your order in by 3pm) now through December 13, with the exception of 11/22 due to Thanksgiving. Start planning ahead! Smaller denomination cards like \$5, \$10 & \$20 cards are also available during this time as well! Please let the office know if you have any questions about the Scrip Program! You can sign up in the mobile app, RaiseRight, or at ShopWithScrip.com using Pilgrim's enrollment code. If you link your bank account or pay with a credit card, you get to check out seamlessly, receive your eGift cards instantly, and use most reloaded cards immediately. Check out the Scrip website at: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/> or look for the RaiseRight app for Apple or Android.

Midweek Advent Services begin this Wednesday December 1 at 3:30pm and 6:30pm with a meal served between the services in the gym. We are still looking for people that can take a few minutes to help clean up tables and chairs after the meal each week. If you are there – please help!

It's time for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers annual Giving Tree!! This year we are gathering donations for two causes. The first is for Northside Ministries – we are helping to gather new, unwrapped gifts to be distributed before Christmas to the less fortunate. Please see the tags on the tree or the lists nearby for the items that they are requesting. These items can be placed under the tree. We are also gathering gift cards for a local family that has recently fallen on hard times. They are going through some very difficult and trying issues, and the mother recently became the sole source of income for her two children. We would like to help them and show that they are not alone - God and their fellow Christians at Pilgrim are here to help them through this. We will be collecting gift cards for local grocery stores, Target and Walmart to help them with necessities. Please place the gift cards in mailbox #178 or in the decorated box under the tree. The collections will run through Sunday, December 19th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Women's book club is sponsoring donations for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Married Student Pantry and WELS Lutherans for Life-West Allis Pregnancy Center. We invite the congregation to donate diapers, wipes and clothing items for kids from birth to 5 years of age. The Helping 5 is a service project which focuses on donating item(s) that cost less than 5 dollars and are easy to pick up when you are doing your normal shopping! Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming dates for Women's book club are Dec 2 and 16. We are discussing Chapter 7 on December 2nd. We will finish our current book on Dec 16. Watch for information about our next book chat starting in 2022!

First Fridays presents Chant Claire—Chant Claire returns to First Fridays on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021, 5 p.m. at Grace Church (1209 N. Broadway, downtown Milwaukee). Chant Claire, a local choral group based in Milwaukee, will perform a variety of classical and beloved works. The concert will start at 5 p.m., and last approximately one hour. Concert is free and open to the public; donations are gratefully accepted and go towards supporting the artists and concert series. For more information, visit gracedowntown.org/firstfridays.



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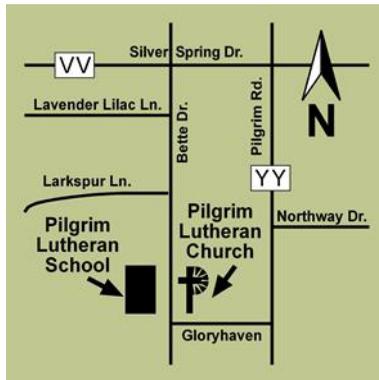


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