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## Opening Hymn: 331 The Advent of Our King

*Stand*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

## Psalm 85

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
<sup>2</sup>**You forgave the iniquity of your people;**  
**you covered all their sin.**  
<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.  
<sup>4</sup>**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,**  
**and put away your indignation toward us!**  
<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
<sup>6</sup>**Will you not revive us again,**  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**  
<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,**  
**for he will speak peace to his people,**  
**to his saints;**  
**but let them not turn back to folly.**  
<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.  
<sup>10</sup>**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;**  
**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**  
<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.  
<sup>12</sup>**Yes, the LORD will give what is good,**  
**and our land will yield its increase.**  
<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

*Sit*

## Office Hymn: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

### Reading

- <sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
<sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely."  
And he became their Savior.

- Isaiah 63:7–14*  
<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.  
<sup>10</sup>But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.  
<sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up  
out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put in the midst of  
them  
his Holy Spirit,  
<sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting  
name,

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>13</sup>who led them through the  
depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
<sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into  
the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them  
rest.  
So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious  
name.

## Reading

*Matthew 1:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory

*LSB 230*

**L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

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

**L** In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

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

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

## Hymn of the Day: 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare

*sts. 1, 14, 3*

## Sermon

*Stand*

**L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

**C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

## Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Kyrie

LSB 233

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

## Collect of the Day

- P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Collect for Peace

- 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 234

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234

- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus