

# Advent 2020

*In a Year of Sensory Deprivation, Isolation and Loneliness;  
We Meditate on How Our God Has Come into our World  
to Heal Our Separation.  
Come Incarnate Word of God!*

## *The Sensations of Christmas:*

### **Part 1: The Sounds of Christmas**

December 2, 2020 – 7:00 pm. Worship



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# † Call to Worship †

Hymn # 358:1,3,5 “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”



1 “From heav’n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
 3 “This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
 5 “These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad - dling

news to ev - ’ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
 clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the

joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
 in - fant laid By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”

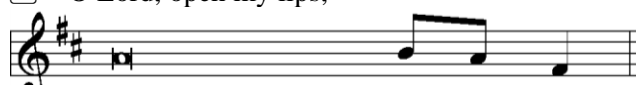
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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

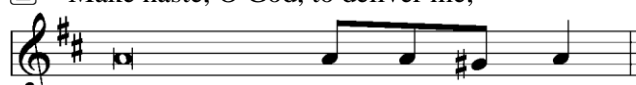
## Versicles

**L** O Lord, open my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

## Psalms 19:7-14

- P** <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**C** **the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**  
**P** <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**C** **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**  
**P** <sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
**C** **the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**  
**P** <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
**C** **even much fine gold;**  
**P** sweeter also than honey  
**C** **and drippings of the honeycomb.**  
**P** <sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
**C** **in keeping them there is great reward.**  
**P** <sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors?  
**C** **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**  
**P** <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
**C** **let them not have dominion over me!**  
**P** Then I shall be blameless,  
**C** **and innocent of great transgression.**  
**P** <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
 be acceptable in your sight,  
**C** **O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**



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## † Service of the Word †

### Old Testament Readings: Genesis 3:14-15;

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, the third chapter.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

*“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.*

<sup>15</sup>*I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your [seed] and [hers];  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

### Genesis 15:5-6

<sup>5</sup>And [the Lord] brought [Abraham] outside and said, *“Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.”* Then he said to him, *“So shall your offspring be.”* <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

### Responsory

**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.

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the seventh chapter.

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>*“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”* <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, *“I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.”*

<sup>13</sup>And he said, *“Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?”* <sup>14</sup>*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

### Responsory

**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.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 1:8-22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup>Now while [Zechariah] was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty,  
<sup>9</sup>according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord  
and burn incense. <sup>10</sup>And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of  
incense. <sup>11</sup>And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of  
incense. <sup>12</sup>And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel  
said to him, *“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife  
Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup>And you will have joy and  
gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great before the Lord. And he must  
not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s  
womb. <sup>16</sup>And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup>and he will go  
before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and  
the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”*

<sup>18</sup>And Zechariah said to the angel, *“How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife  
is advanced in years.”*

<sup>19</sup>And the angel answered him, *“I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was  
sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>And behold, you will be silent and unable  
to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which  
will be fulfilled in their time.”*

<sup>21</sup>And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the  
temple. <sup>22</sup>And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had  
seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute.

### Responsory

**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 # 361 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!  
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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### Sermon “The Sounds of Christmas; From Eden to Judea” Luke 1:8-22

# † Prayer †

## Hymn # 933 "My Soul Rejoices"



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He

fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion

bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the

ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring

Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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## Introduction to Collects

LSB 233 Psalm 102:1

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer,



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect

**P** O Word of God Incarnate, grant that we may hear the call of salvation and find in You our eternal blessings. Guide us in this world where that we may receive Your Gospel with faith and wait with patience for the revealing of Your kingdom; for You have come to fill our souls with the eternal word of God.

**C** Amen.

## Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## Collect for Peace

- P** 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.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 233 Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

## Benedicamus

LSB 234 Psalm 103:1

- L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234 2 Corinthians 13:14

- 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** A - men.

## Hymn # 360:1,2,4,5 "All My Heart Again Rejoices"



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near  
2 Hear! The Con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe, Sin and woe,  
4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss,



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing  
Death and hell are bro - ken!" God is man, man to de - liv - er,  
Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.  
And the Son Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.  
And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

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Softly from His lowly manger  
Jesus calls  
One and all,  
"You are safe from danger.  
Children, from the sins that grieve you  
You are freed;  
All you need  
I will surely give you."

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