

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 O Shiloh, Our Refuge and Rest!*

The Sensations of Christmas: **Part 3: The Weariness of Christmas**

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 360 “All My Heart Again Rejoices”



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
3 Should we fear our God's dis - plea - sure, Who, to save, Free - ly gave



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. “Christ is born!” their choirs are sing - ing
His most pre - cious trea - sure? To re - deem us He has giv - en



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav - en.

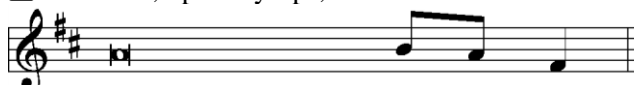
5 Softly from His lowly manger Children, from the sins that grieve you
Jesus calls You are freed;
One and all, All you need
“You are safe from danger. I will surely give you.”

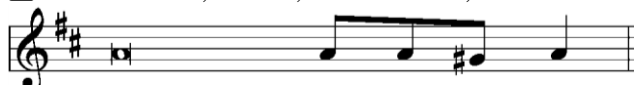
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Invocation

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 27:4-9, 13-14

P ¹One thing have I asked of the LORD,
C **that will I seek after:**
P that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
C **all the days of my life,**
P to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
C **and to inquire in his temple.**
P ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
C **in the day of trouble;**
P he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
C **he will lift me high upon a rock.**
P ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
C **above my enemies all around me,**
P and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
C **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
P ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
C **be gracious to me and answer me!**

- P** ⁸You have said, “Seek my face.”
C **My heart says to you,**
“Your face, LORD, do I seek.”
P ⁹Hide not your face from me.
 Turn not your servant away in anger,
C **O you who have been my help.**
P Cast me not off; forsake me not,
C **O God of my salvation!**
P ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
C **in the land of the living!**
P ¹⁴Wait for the LORD;
C **be strong, and let your heart take courage;**
wait for the LORD!

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
 Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Sit

† Service of the Word †

Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-3

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from Habakkuk, the second chapter.
- ¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
²And the LORD answered me:
*“Write the vision;
 make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.
³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
 it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
 If it seems slow, wait for it;
 it will surely come; it will not delay.”*

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: Lamentations 3:25-32

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from Lamentations, the third chapter.
- ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
 to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
 for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
 the yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
 when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
 there may yet be hope;

³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not cast off forever,
³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

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 2:1-6, 25, 27-32

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ... ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹*"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;*

³⁰*for my eyes have seen your salvation*

³¹*that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,*

³²*a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."*

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 # 376 Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

5 Not in that poor, lowly stable
 With the oxen standing by
 Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high.

Then like stars His children, crowned,
 All in white, His praise will sound!

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Sermon "The Weariness of Christmas: From Galilee to Glory" Luke 1:1-6, 25-32

† Prayer †

Hymn # 933 "My Soul Rejoices"



1 My soul re - joice - 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 Come Lord Jesus, to be our place of refuge from the wearisome burdens of this world and to bring rest for our souls, that we may know the grace and mercy of God lifting our sins and setting us free to know peace; that this Christmas season may be a time of simple joy in the wondrous goodness of Your birth, as we celebrate that You are our Brother and walk with us through all time and eternity.

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 # 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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