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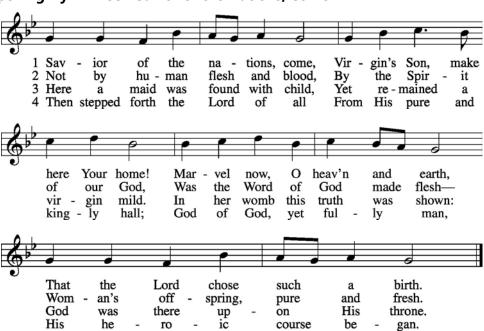
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Wednesday, December 4, 2024 The First Wednesday in Advent

Vespers/Evening Prayer (page 229-230, 248-252) Please use this worship folder along with the hymns in the hymnal

Opening Hymn 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



- God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course. Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

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Invocation

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

VESPERS



King who comes to save

us.

Advent: Praise to You, O Christ,

Psalm Psalm 122 (antiphon: v. 6)

¹I was glad when they | said to me,*
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

²Our feet have been | standing* within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

³Jerusalem—built as a | city* that is bound firmly to- | gether,

4to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for | Israel,* to give thanks to the name | of the LORD.

⁵There thrones for judg- | ment were set,* the thrones of the house of | David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
"May they be secure who | love you!

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls* and security within your | towers!"

⁸For my brothers and com- | panions' sake* I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,*
I will seek your good.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 2:1–5*

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

- L O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 13:11–14

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- L O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by

the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

- P O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Thanks be to God.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

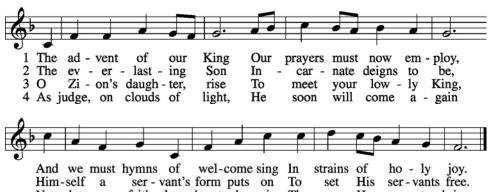
→ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit Children's Sermon - Pastor Wagner

Responsory



Sermon Hymn 331 The Advent of Our King



Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.

Nor let your faith - less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.

And His true mem-bers all u-nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.
- All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one
 Through all eternity.

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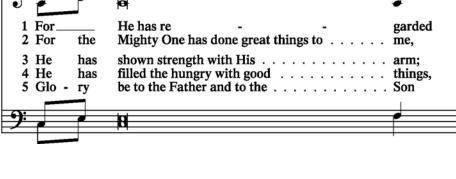
Sermon - Pastor Wagner

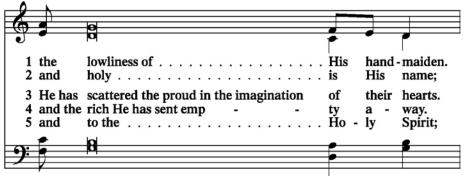
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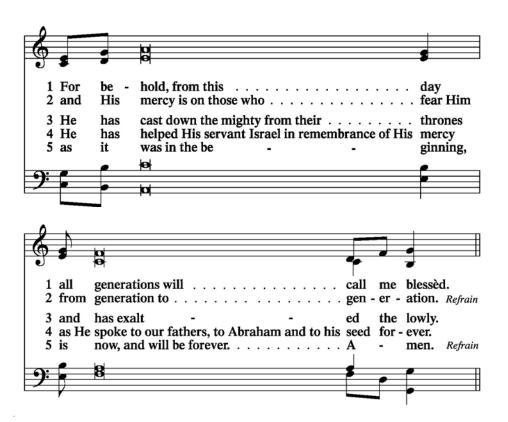
Magnificat











Sit

Offering

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Litany

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



- **L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For [name of president or monarch], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

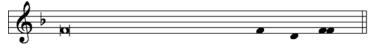
- **I** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:



For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:





L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

Collect For Peace

- ① 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

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

Benediction



Sit

Dismissal Hymn 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel





- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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