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The Contrast of His Comings in Hymns of Advent and End Times



✠ ADVENT MID-WEEK COMPLINE ✠

Advent 3

Wednesday, December 16th, 2020, 7:00 PM

*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

GOOD SHEPHERD WELCOMES OUR VISITORS THIS EVENING!

We welcome you to this service of prayer and God's Word! Please indicate your visit by completing one of the Visitor Welcome cards in the pew rack and leaving it in the offering plate.

The congregation is silent as the chancel candles are lit.

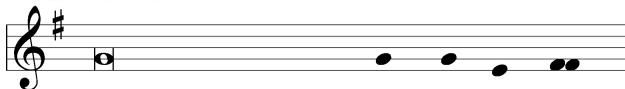
Stand



L The Lord Almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



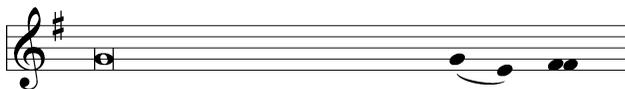
C A - men.



L It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



C to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;



L to herald Your love in the morn - ing,



C Your truth at the close of the day.

Confession of Sin

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
C Amen.

Sit

Psalmody

O Antiphon: Wisdom

O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering | all things:

Come and teach us the way of | prudence.

Psalm

Psalm 110

¹The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”

²The LORD sends forth from Zion

your mighty | scepter.*
Rule in the midst of your | enemies!

³Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,

in holy | garments;*
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth | will be yours.

⁴The LORD has sworn
and will not | change his mind,*

“You are a priest forever
after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”

⁵The Lord is at your | right hand;*
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

⁶He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with | corpses;*

he will shatter chiefs
over the | wide earth.

⁷He will drink from the brook | by the way;*
therefore he will lift | up his head.

**▲ Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

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Office Hymn

LSB # 348 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Reading from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:8

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

A brief silence for meditation follows.

Responsory



L In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



G In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



C In - to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C In - to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Hymn

LSB # 513 *The Clouds of Judgment Gather*



1 The clouds of judg - ment gath - er, The
2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let
3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of
4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -



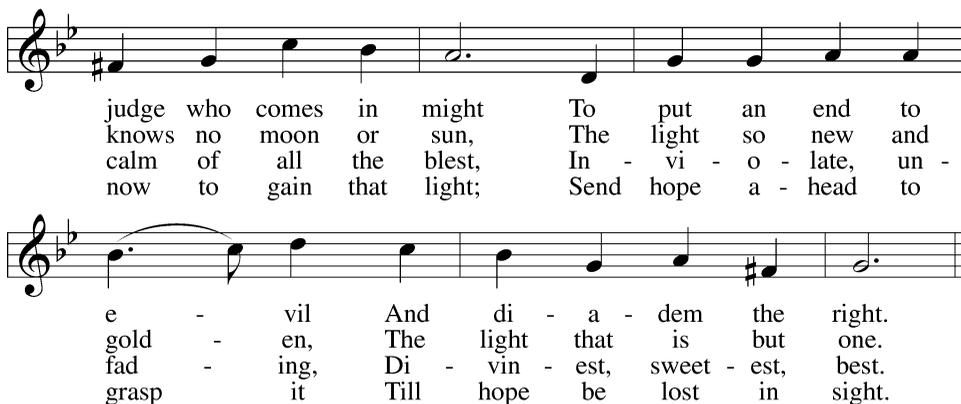
time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be
wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial
blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as
lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true



watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:
shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:
chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;
beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!



The judge who comes in mer - cy, The
The light that has no eve - ning, That
The peace of all the faith - ful, The
Strive now to win that glo - ry, Toil



judge who comes in might To put an end to
 knows no moon or sun, The light so new and
 calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -
 now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to
 e - vil And di - a - dem the right.
 gold - en, The light that is but one.
 fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.
 grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

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Homily: *The Light of His Coming*

Stand

Prayer



L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C listen to my cry.
L Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
C hide me in the shadow of Your wings.
L In righteousness I shall see You;
C when I awake, Your presence will give me joy.

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.,



C A - men.

- P** O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord .



C A - men.

- P** Eternal God, the hours of both day and night are yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and protection in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



C A - men.

- P** Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

- P** Ever living and gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to You. We entrust to You the night and rest under your care, for You are our help, and You neither slumber nor sleep.; we rest in surety, through Jesus Christ our Lord,



C A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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

Nunc Dimittis

Antiphon

L Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing
 that a - wake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.
 My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared
 in the sight of ev - ry peo - ple: a light to reveal You to the na - tions
 and the glory of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the

Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for -

Antiphon
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Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the † Son,
L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the † Son,

and the Holy Spir - it, bless you and keep you.
 and the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us.

C A - men.

Announcements

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