



*Advent*

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## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN**     *"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"*

#### **Verse 1**

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

#### **Verse 2**

Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

#### **Verse 3**

Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

#### **Verse 4**

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

### Verse 5

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

### **INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

R: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 5:13)

P: Heavenly Father, as we have now lit the candle of hope, we pray that you would help us to look forward to the day when you fulfill that hope in us, and we get to live with you forever in paradise, where our joy and peace will be made complete; in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **INTROIT** (from Psalm 22)

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C: Why are you so far from saving me?**

P: O my God, I cry by day but you do not answer,

**C: And by night, but I find no rest.**

P: For dogs encompass me;

**C: A company of evildoers encircles me.**

P: They have pierced my hands and feet -

**C: They divide my garments among them,**

P: and for my clothing they cast lots.

**C: Deliver my soul from the sword.**

P: You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**C: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you!**

P: For he has not despised or abhorred

**C: The affliction of the afflicted.**

### **ADVENT PRAYER LITANY**

P: Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

**All: 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**

P: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

**C: And grant us your salvation.**

P: This evening we consider the Christmas color of Red;

**C: The color of blood.**

P: Let your people be clothed with Christ's blood,

**C: That purifies their hearts, bodies, and minds.**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God!

**C: Let all the peoples praise you.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C: And renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C: Let my cry come to you.**

**All: I thank you my heavenly Father through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**    Hebrews 9:11-16

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. <sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established.

R:    This is the Word of the Lord

**C:    Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER**

P:    Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. Brighten the hearts of your faithful with your Word, that we might know the fullness of your joy and peace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:    Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**            *"Not All the Blood of Beasts"*    LSB 431

**Verse 1**

Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.

### **Verse 2**

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.

### **Verse 3**

My faith would lay its hand  
On that dear head of Thine,  
While as a penitent I stand,  
And there confess my sin.

### **Verse 4**

My soul looks back to see  
The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree;  
I know my guilt was there.

### **Verse 5**

Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

## **MESSAGE**

### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C: Let my cry come to you.**

P: In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

**C: For you answer me.**

P: Wash my sins away with the blood of your Son,

**C: Cleanse me by his holy sacrifice.**

P: As long as blood runs in my veins

**C: Let my hands work for your glory; my lips sing your praises.**

P: Cast me not away from your presence,

**C: And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C: And uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P: Bless those who are on our hearts and minds,

**C: Grant them blessing upon blessing.**

P: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

**C: Unite my heart to fear your name.**

P: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**C: And I will glorify your name forever.**

**All: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord preserve your going out and your coming forth from this time forward and even forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*"What Child Is This?"*

LSB 370

#### **Verse 1**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

### **Verse 2**

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

### **Verse 3**

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

**POSTLUDE**

**+TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY+**



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