

Second Week of Advent

December 13, 2023

God Welcomes Us

HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound! | #109

INVOCATION

Psalm 89:19b–21, 24–29

P: ¹⁹You said: I have granted help to a warrior. I have raised up a young man from among the people.

C: ²⁰**I found David my servant. With my holy oil I have anointed him.**

P: ²¹He is the one whom my hand will sustain. Surely my arm will strengthen him.

C: ²⁴**My faithfulness and mercy will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.**

P: ²⁵I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers.

C: ²⁶**He will call out to me, “You are my Father, my God and the Rock that saves me.”**

P: ²⁷I will also make him the Firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

C: ²⁸**I will keep my mercy for him forever, and my covenant with him will stand firm.**

P: ²⁹I will establish his seed forever. His throne will endure like the days of the heavens.

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HANDBELLS ANTHEM

God Speaks To Us

JOY CANDLE

Isaiah 51:9–11

⁹ Awake, awake, arm of the LORD, clothe yourself with strength! Awake, as in days gone by, as in generations of old.

Was it not you who cut Rahab to pieces, who pierced that monster through? ¹⁰ Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made a road in the depths of the sea so that the redeemed might cross over?

¹¹ Those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King | #376

LOVE CANDLE

Isaiah 16:5

⁵ In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it— one from the house of David— one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.

HYMN

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising | #128: v.1–4

God Receives Our Response

CREED

Apostles' Creed, Second Article

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the incarnate God using the words of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Martin Luther's explanation of it.

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary; and that he is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and death; in order that I might be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING

HANDBELLS ANTHEM

PRAYER

P: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness of doubt from our hearts, and fill us with the light of the knowledge of Christ; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing | #588

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