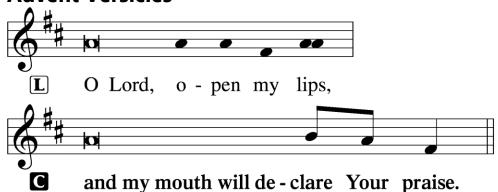
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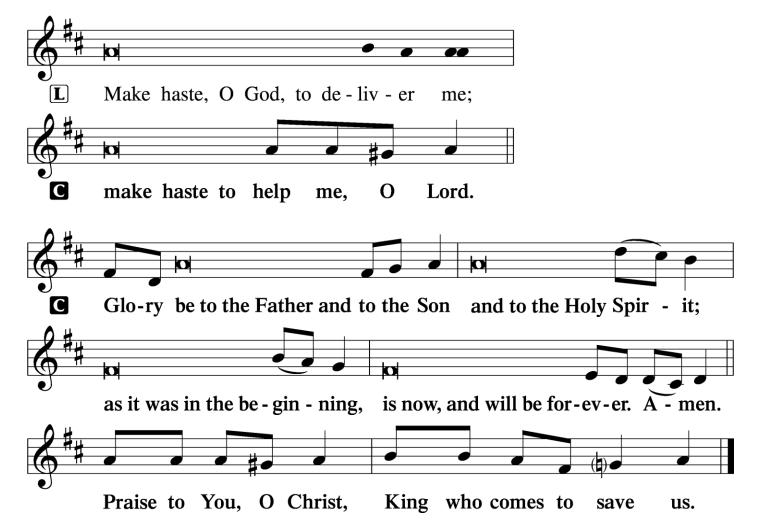


- 5 Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.
- △6 All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one
 Through all eternity.

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Advent Versicles





Psalm

105: 1-11, 39-42; antiphon: vv. 7-8

He is the | LORD our God;*

His judgments are in | all the earth.

He remembers His covenant for- | ever,*

the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name;*

make known His deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to Him, sing prais- | es to Him;*

tell of all His | wondrous works!

Glory in His | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and His strength;*

seek His presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | He has done,*

His miracles, and the judgments He | uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, His | servant,* children of Jacob, His | chosen ones! He is the | LORD our God;* His judgments are in | all the earth. He remembers His covenant for- | ever,* the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations, the covenant that He made with | Abraham,* His sworn promise to | Isaac, which He confirmed to Jacob as a | statute,* to Israel as an everlasting covenant, | saying, "To you I will give the land of | Canaan* as your portion for an in- | heritance." He spread a cloud for a | covering,* and fire to give | light by night. They asked, and He | brought quail,* and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance. He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;* it flowed through the desert like a | river. For He remembered His holy | promise,* and Abraham, His | servant. 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.

He is the | LORD our God;*

His judgments are in | all the earth.

He remembers His covenant for- | ever,*

the word that He commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.



¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . .

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading John 1:14–18

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'") ¹⁶And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

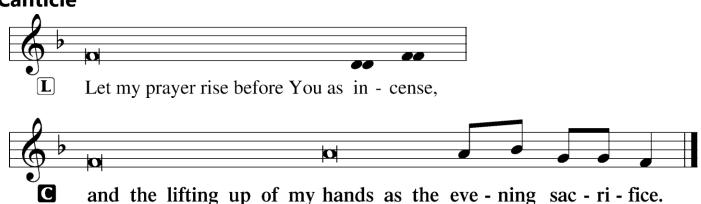
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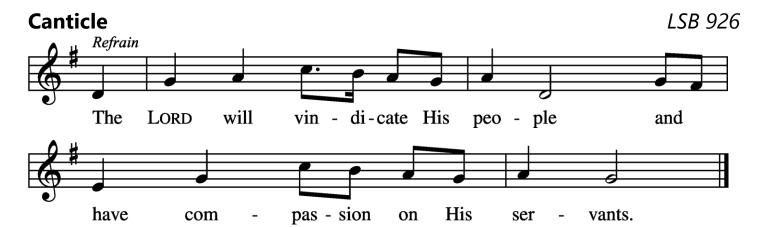
Responsory



Sermon

Canticle







Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak,

and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew,

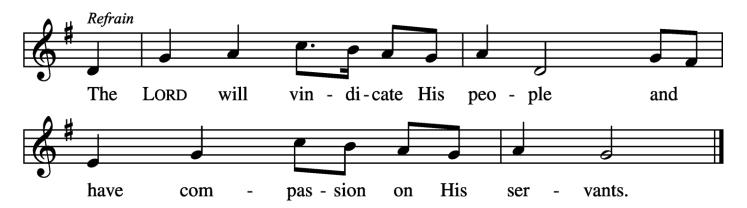
like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb.

For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;

ascribe greatness to our God!

The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice.

A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He.



When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when He divided mankind,

He fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.

But the LORD's portion is His people,

Jacob His allotted heritage.

He found him in a desert land,

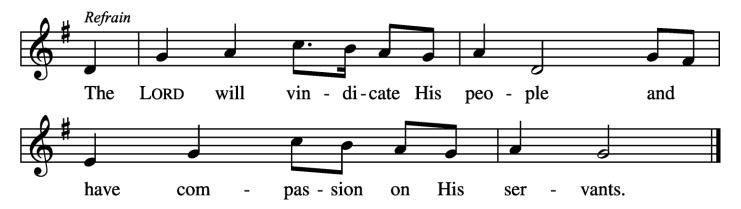
and in the howling waste of the wilderness;

He encircled him, He cared for him,

He kept him as the apple of His eye.

Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions,

the LORD alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.



"See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god beside Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand."

Rejoice with Him, O heavens;

bow down to Him, all gods,

for He avenges the blood of His children and takes vengeance on His adversaries.

He repays those who hate Him and cleanses His people's land.

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.





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Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Prayers



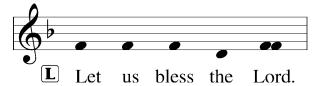
Collect for peace

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.

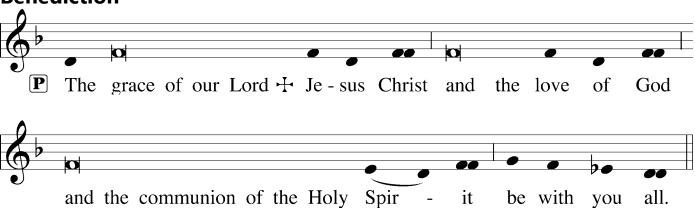


Benedicamus





Benediction







1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free; 2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.

By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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