## December 20, 2020

# A Service of the Word

based on the Common Service Book, p.9

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Preservice Devotion: Psalm 24



And drive away the shades of night, And pierce the clouds and bring us light! Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

3 O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and 4 O come, Thou Key of David, come, Our spirits by Thine Advent here; [cheer And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Latin Antiphons, XI Century Latin Hymn, XVIII Century Tr. John Mason Neale, 1861, 1861

#### INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

#### Who made heaven and earth

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen. Mk 16:16; Jn 1:12

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Glory be to God on high!

GLORY be to God on high, || and on earth | peace, good | will toward|men. ||

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We praise Thee, | we glorify Thee, we we bless Thee, we wor-ship | Thee, || give thanks to Thee for Thy great|glory, ||



# The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray... **Amen.** 

#### READINGS

**Daniel 1:1-7** The setting of the book of Daniel **7:1,9-14** The vision of Daniel about God's kingdom **12:1-4** The final word to Daniel about the end game.

Matthew 24:29-31, 26:62-64
The Son of Man comes on the clouds of heaven

#### RESPONSE

Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest!

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

> the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen



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The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. Philippians 4:7

(Remain Standing for the Presentation of the Offering)

#### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee; Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee, And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

- TLH 55

#### **PRAYERS**

#### BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING HYMN

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" (LSB 352)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### + CLOSING DOXOLOGY +

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# Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord





- 5 Bruise for me the serpent's head That, set free from doubt and dread, I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again
  As the glorious king to reign,
  I with joy will see Your face,
  Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter; setting: Seth Calvisius, 1556–1615

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