



Master Order of Service

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2024

No Time Indication denotes use for both services.

♪ = *Sung Liturgical Responses*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Hark the Glad Sound" (LSB #349)

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| 1 | Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song. | 3 | He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To_enrich the humble poor. |
| 2 | He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield. | 4 | Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name. |

Text: Phillip Doddridge, 1702-51
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8:30 SERVICE

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

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

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

THE INTROIT AND GLORIA PATRI

- L** My soul magnifies the Lord,
C **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**
L My mouth derides my enemies,
C **because I rejoice in your salvation.**
L There is none holy like the LORD;
C **there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.**
L The barren has borne seven,
C **but she who has many children is forlorn.**
L The LORD kills and brings to life;
C **he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**
L The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
C **he brings low and he exalts.**
L My soul magnifies the Lord,
C **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**
- ♪ **C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ THE KYRIE AND GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

11:15 SERVICE

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets” and the apostles. Today, we hear the words of the prophet Jeremiah. Speaking of the appearance of the Christ, he spoke of the day when the covenant of God would be fulfilled. It is a timeless message as we abide in the anticipation of the appearance of the Christ. Thus, let us heed the voice of the prophet, confessing our sin so as to be prepared when the Christ appears.
- P** Lord Jesus, You have fulfilled the words of the prophets which prepared the world for Your Incarnation.
- C** **We thank and praise You for this visitation by which You have saved us from our sin by Your birth, life, death and resurrection.**
- P** Lord Jesus, You have promised through the words of the apostles which prepares the world for Your return.
- C** **We thank and praise You for the hope that we have in that day when You will deliver us from the brokenness of this world.**
- P** Lord Jesus, bless us with Your Spirit so that we may abide in true repentance, being ever ready that day when You shall appear.
- C** **We confess before You our sinfulness and that we are not truly prepared for Your appearance. Our thoughts have not been of You; our deeds have not shown love for You or others; our words have been callous and uncaring. Lord, we repent of our sin. Forgive us and send Your Holy Spirit to produce in us works in keeping with repentance.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” (LSB #352)

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.

2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets’ heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

3 Abram’s promised great reward,
Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.

4 As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.

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.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

(♪ at 8:30 service) **C** And also with you. *(11:15 service)* **C** And also with you.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(♪ at 8:30 service) **C** Amen.

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 5:2-5

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:30 service) THE CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lift Up Your Heads" (Grace Chorus)

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

(8:30 service) **THE ALLELUIA**

♪ **C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-45

(8:30 service) **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.
♪ **C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(♪ at 8:30 service) **C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** *(11:15 service)* **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE SERMON HYMN

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" (LSB #353)

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| 1 Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility. | 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope to all the world is giv'n. |
| 2 Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair. | 4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comforts us in failing years. |

(please be seated)

THE SERMON

(please stand)

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(8:30 service)  THE OFFERTORY

“Create In Me”

(11:15 service) THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition of the prayers will end with...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** Hear our prayer.

The prayers will conclude with...

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 - G** Amen.
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THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (8:30 SERVICE)

THE PREFACE (Responses are sung)

- P** The Lord be with you.
- ♪ **G** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- ♪ **G** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ♪ **G** It is meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ *THE SANCTUS*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabbaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is he, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

THE PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

P We thank You, O Lord, for the whole of creation, for all the works of Your hands, and for all that You have done in our midst through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore we praise Your majesty with all Your faithful people and we bow before You and adore You in the name of our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ *THE AGNUS DEI*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

THE DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Distribution 1 : "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" (Grace Chorus)

Distribution 2 : LSB #331 "The Advent of Our King"

Distribution 3 : LSB #628 "Your Table I Approach"

(please stand)

♪ *THE NUNC DIMMITTIS*

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

THE THANKSGIVING

P Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪ **C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

L O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving kindness did send Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in the Sacrament; and we beseech You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

♪ **C** And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

♪ **C** Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on You and be gracious to You. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **C** Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (11:15 SERVICE)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?

C The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

P O Lord, in this season of Advent, our hearts and voices join the ageless prayer of the Church, "Stir up your power and come quickly to save." We look forward to that day when You shall come in glory so that our hope might be fulfilled, our joy may be complete, our love may be perfected and our peace may be everlasting. Until that day, keep our faith secure and focused on those things where true hope can be found, true joy can be experienced, true love can be known and true peace can be established. Call us to take a place at this Table through which You come in simple means of bread and wine to give us Your true body and blood to work in us the forgiveness, life and salvation won for us by Your death and resurrection.

C Amen.

P Our Lord and King has drawn near.

He comes to us now in this meal,
revealing to us His glory

C We lift our hearts and voices in praise;
We give thanks to our Lord Jesus who comes to save.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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(please stand)

THE THANKSGIVING

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in.

P As we depart from this table, O Lord, our hearts rejoice as we recall Your first advent during which You defeated the powers of sin and death. Grant that our participation in this meal may keep us steadfast in our faith as wait for Your second advent during which You fulfill our hope of spending eternity in fellowship with You; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on You and be gracious to You. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB #357)

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

- 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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