
Midweek Advent Service

December 2, 2020 - Noon

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

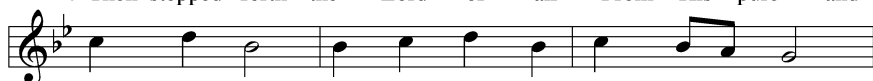
Hymn

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Hymn 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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Please stand

Opening Versicles – Advent

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- L** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- C** **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**
- L** Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C** **Make His paths straight.**
- L** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C** **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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.

Please be seated

Old Testament Canticle

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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Reading

John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory – Advent

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L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

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L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

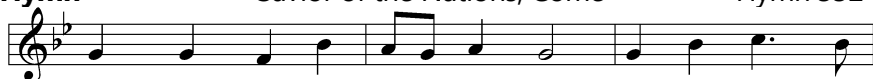
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Sermon

Hymn

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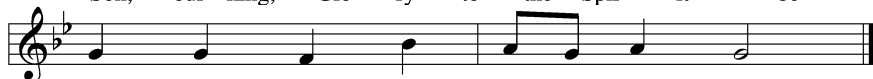
Hymn 332



5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He
6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry the
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,
vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



Back then to His throne and crown.
All our ills of flesh and soul.
In this light faith now a - bides.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Please stand

General Prayers

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Word

- ℣ Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ **Amen**

Blessing

- ℣ Let us bless the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

- ℣ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

☩ **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Offering (offerings will be received near the sanctuary exits)

Postlude

THE WORD BECAME FLESH



This Advent season, our message will look at John 1:1–18, which introduces one of the Bible’s greatest and grandest books — the Gospel according to St. John. These 18 verses contain some of the most important words written — ever. They explode with light and brilliance, truth and grace. And

John 1:1–18 is chock full of dearly loved Advent and Christmas themes, with the most famous one being, “The Word became flesh.” (John 1:14).

Upcoming Advent Schedule

Advent Mid-Week Services:

Noon and 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9

Service of Lessons and Carols:

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16

Christmas Eve Worship:

Candlelight Carol Service: 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service: 11:00 p.m.
on Thursday, Dec. 24

Christmas Day Worship:

10:00 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 25

