

DIVINE SERVICE

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for the Third Sunday in Advent

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hymn: 354 Arise, O Christian People

LSB 354

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

A Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

C Blessed is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the
blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the |
righteous.

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.

A Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the
darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

Verse of the Day

Matthew 11:10b

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

Hymn: 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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THE ADVENT LITANY

The response “have mercy” is sung after each line.

L O Lord, **R**



C have mer - cy.

L O Christ, **R**



C hear us.

L God the Father, who so loved the world, as to give Your only-begotten Son to save us,



C have mer - cy.

L God the Son, who came in the likeness of sinful flesh to suffer for us, and will come again to be our judge,



C have mer - cy.

L God the Holy Spirit, who mercifully visits the souls of Your elect, to abide with us forever,



C have mer - cy.

L Be gracious to us.



C Spare us, good Lord.

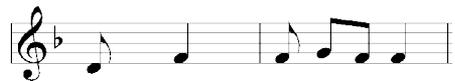
L Be gracious to us.



C Help us, good Lord.

The response “Good Lord, deliver us” is sung after each phrase.

L From the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil; **R**



From impenitence, unbelief, and neglect of Your holy commandments; **R**

C Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all carelessness, and forgetfulness of You; **R**
From Your wrath, whether in this world, or in the world to come; **R**
From a slumbering conscience, and from an unprepared death; **R**

The response "Help us, good Lord" is repeated after each phrase.

L By the compassion, and long-suffering of God the Father; **R**



By Your first Coming in lowliness; **R** **C** Help us, good Lord.

By Your Passion and most precious Death; **R**

By Your mediating Intercession for us before the Father; **R**

By Your second Coming in Your glorious majesty; **R**

By the mercies and consolations of God the Holy Spirit; **R**

L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:



C Help us, good Lord.

L We poor sinners implore You



C to hear us, O Lord.

The response "We implore You to hear us, good Lord" is sung after each phrase.

L That You would vouchsafe to us true repentance and a pure conscience; **R**

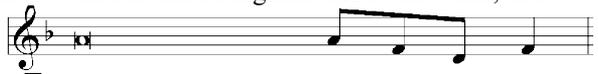


C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

That You would enable us to bear all our trials patiently, and to glorify You in our daily life; **R**

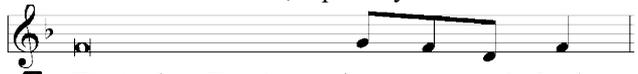
That You would defend and govern Your holy church, especially in this land; **R**

L That You would raise those who fall and strengthen those who stand; and comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed;



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L That You would vouchsafe to all our brothers, especially those most dear to us, unity, peace, and true concord; **R**



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

That You would vouchsafe to the afflicted and suffering in soul or body Your merciful aid and deliverance; **R**

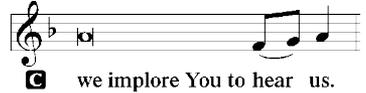
That You would vouchsafe to all Your faithful departed, perpetual light, and

hasten the consummation of their bliss; **R**
 That you would continually exalt our minds to heavenly desires; **R**
 That we may be more and more perfected in the fruits of the Spirit, and more
 entirely conformed to Your most holy will; **R**

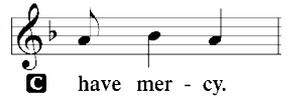
L That being uncertain of the hour of our death, we may study to be watchful,
 and prepared to give
 an account of our
 stewardship;



L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



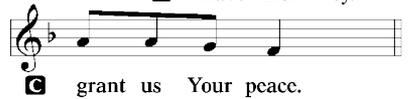
L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of
 the world,



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of
 the world,



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes
 away the sin of the world,



L O Christ,



L O Lord,



L O Christ,



L O Lord,



Hymn: 333 Once He Came in Blessing

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Hymn: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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