

DIVINE SERVICE

for the Third Sunday of Advent



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN: O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE

LSB 355

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

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

C I will hope con- | tinually *
and will praise you yet | more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day, *
for their number is past my | knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come; *
I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have | taught me, *
and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me, *
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those
to come.

**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.**

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

During Advent, the Gloria in Excelsis is not sung.

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

Isaiah 35:1–10

GRADUAL

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

C 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

James 5:7–11

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

Matthew 11:2–15

HYMN OF THE DAY: HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING *LSB 345*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: HARK THE GLAD SOUND *LSB 349*

DISTRIB HYMN: SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS *LSB 636*

HYMN: THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS *LSB 348*

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