



Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Order of Worship

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Call To Worship

P Prepare ye the way of the LORD,

C Hallelujah!

P Make His paths straight,

C O come, let us worship Him

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C And to the Holy Spirit.

P As it was in the beginning,

C Is now and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn – LSB 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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| <p>1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.</p> | <p>2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.</p> |
| <p>3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph
comes! The cloudless sun of joy is
He Who comes to set His people
free. To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.</p> | <p>4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's
employ, Adorned with prayer and
love and joy. So shall your Sov'reign
enter in And new and nobler life
begin. To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!</p> |

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

L This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

Epistle Reading, 2 Peter 3:8–14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

L This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel, Mark 1:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C Glory to You, O Lord

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord **C** Praise to You, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Song : LSB 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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| 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night. | 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night. |
| 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load. | 4 O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day. |

(Please stand, as you are able)

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 will 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.**

Peace of the Lord *(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)*

Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond:

P Lord in your mercy **C** **Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Word of Our Lord

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 cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Lamb of God by Marty Haugen

Lamb of God you take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you are the way of mercy
and love: have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between
us How high the mountain I could
not climb

In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-
kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me
free Hallelujah death has lost its
grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such
boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from
glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the
promise

Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

349 Hark the Glad Sound

- 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.**
- 2 **He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**
- 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.**
- 4 **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.**

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Grace Alone

Verse 1

Ev'ry promise we can make
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry mountain we will climb
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
Ev'ry blessing left behind
Is only by His grace

Verse 2

Ev'ry soul we long to reach
Ev'ry heart we hope to teach
Ev'rywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace
Ev'ry loving word we say
Ev'ry tear we wipe away
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace

Chorus

**Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us our Cornerstone
We will go forth in grace alone**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Shalom

Shalom, good friends, Shalom, good friends,
Shalom shalom! 'Til we meet again,
'Til we meet again, Shalom, shalom!

(Please Stand, as you are able)

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace!

C Serve the Lord

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Closing Song: Resurrection Power

1. You called me from the grave by name
You called me out of all my shame
I see the old has passed away
The new has come

Chorus:

Now I have resurrection power living on the inside
Jesus You have given us freedom
No longer bound by sin and darkness
Living in the light of Your goodness
You have given us freedom

2. I'm dressed in Your royalty
Your Holy Spirit lives in me
I see my past has been redeemed
The new has come

Chorus

Bridge (2X)

Freedom You have given us freedom
You have given us freedom
My chains are gone
Freedom You have given us freedom
You have given us freedom
Hallelujah

Chorus

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Announcements

Welcome!

We are happy you are worshiping our Lord at St. Peter's.

As a Guest,

**You are welcome to worship here as long as you would like, and
to continue receiving the Lord's Supper.**

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If you are considering joining St Peters; there are three ways.

Transfer

**If you're a member of an LCMS church; you can transfer
your membership to St Peters.**

Profession of Faith

**Is a statement that you agree with the Faith
as proclaimed at St. Peters:.**

- **The Apostles Creed,**
- **The 10 Commandments - Law & Gospel**
- **Baptism - Doth now save us (1 Peter 3:21),**
- **The Lord Supper is Jesus' true body and blood given and
shed for the forgiveness of sins.**

**A Conversation about the Basics of the Christian Faith and
Doctrine**

Usually, 6 to 8 sessions

And fill out an information sheet for the office.