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Welcome to Trinity!

Worship:

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am

Sunday School/Bible Class:

Sundays at 9:15am

December 13, 2023

Second Advent Midweek

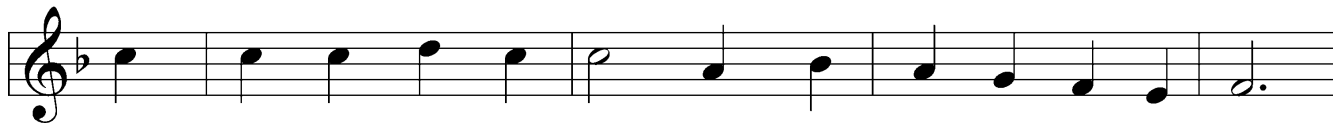
Vespers

Advent Midweek Worship:

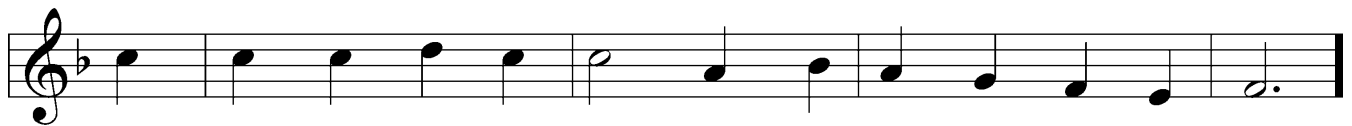
Wednesdays at 10:30am and 6:30pm



383 A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER

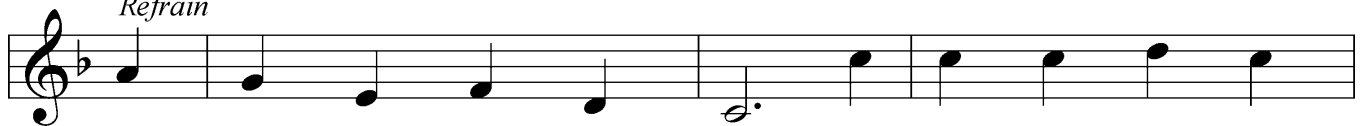


1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



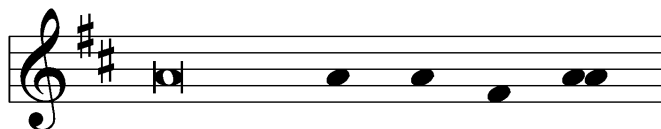
glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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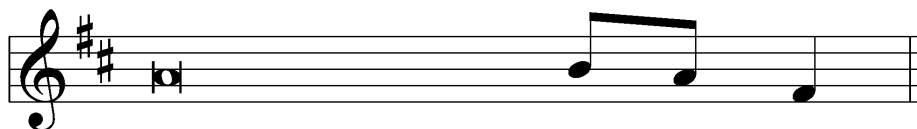
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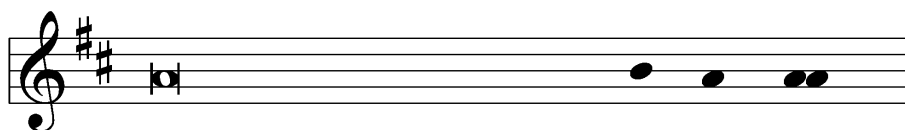
(Stand)



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



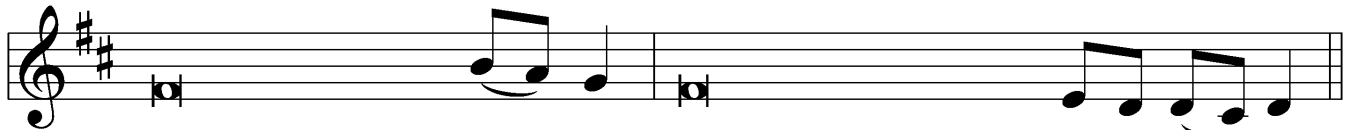
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



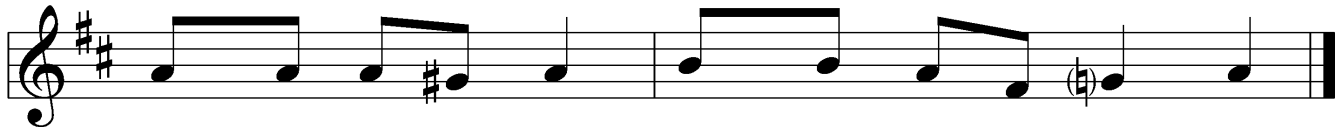
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

PSALM Psalm 107:10–16

- P** ¹⁰Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
- C** **prisoners in affliction and in irons,**
- P** ¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God,
- C** **and spurned the counsel of the Most High.**
- P** ¹²So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
- C** **they fell down, with none to help.**
- P** ¹³Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
- C** **and he delivered them from their distress.**
- P** ¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
- C** **and burst their bonds apart.**

- P** ¹⁵Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
C for his wondrous works to the children of men!
P ¹⁶For he shatters the doors of bronze
C and cuts in two the bars of iron.

(Sit)

361 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–93

Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

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READING 1 Kings 17:7–24

P A reading from 1 Kings, chapter 17.

⁷And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him,
⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD

the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”

¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life

PRAYER—We respond with Amen.

KYRIE LSB 233



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

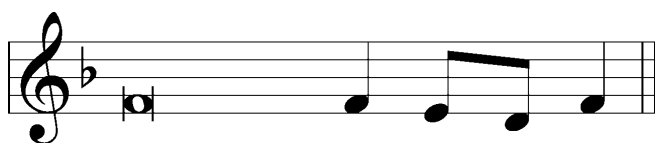
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COLLECTS



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS LSB 234

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION LSB 234

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



G A - - men.

(Sit)

366 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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Please join us for our next midweek worship service Wednesday, December 20th. The worship times are 10:30am & 6:30pm. Advent meals will be offered on Wednesdays after the morning Advent worship service and also from 5-6:15pm. A free will offering will be accepted. There will also be a Special Voter's Meeting to approve the 2024 budget on Wednesday, December 20th—following the evening Advent worship service.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>
Dec 13	10:30am 6:30pm	Brody Timm and Owen Timm	Janice Lieftring Mark and Angie Schorer	Lance Liermann
Dec 17	8:00am 10:30am	Emmett Kunze and Cooper Schmidt Emily Harris	Jack and Sue Kober Larry and Kris Bender	Josh Schorer
Dec 20	10:30am 6:30pm	Ethan Fenn	Jean Heibing Barb Wolfert	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
Dec 4-Dec 17	Janice Lieftring and Kathy Shircel
Dec 18-Dec 31	Connie Bitter and Linda Plocar

<u>December</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
8:00am	Team 5	Scott Plocar
10:30am	Team 2	Jim Post
December 13	Team 6	
December 20		