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Are You Ready?
As We Gather

Months ago, people warned us that Christmas was coming. Did it help? From the days of John the Baptist, we have been warned that the day is approaching for Christ to come again. Are we ready? The coming One is not only the familiar Lord whom we know and confess as Savior but also the eternal judge before whom every knee will bow. We do not get our house in order because we are expecting guests but because we expect to be received in our Father’s house and to be found faithful. This is why we confess our sin and are absolved of those sins. This is why we prepare by hearing His Word and receiving His body and blood. This is why we pray and do the works of the light before the night comes when no one can work. We are getting ready for the day we know is coming when we shall stand before the Lord.

PREPARATION

344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry *sts. 1–2*

- 1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry, Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings, Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare, For Christ to come and enter there.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6*

- P May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.
C **May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.**
Silence for self-examination.
P Holy and gracious God,
C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

WORD

344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry *sts. 3–5*

- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away, Like flow’rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face, Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.
- △5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee, Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

Kyrie

- P Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
C **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
P For peace in our hearts, for peace in the church, and for peace in the world, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
P For mercy to forgive all our sins, for mercy to forgive the sins of one another, and for mercy for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
P For grace to rule our unruly wills, for grace to prepare to receive the Lord in His Word and Supper, and for grace to be found faithful when He comes at the end of all time, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**
P For hope to preserve us from despair, for hope to bear cheerful witness to Christ before the world, and for hope to sustain us in the hour of trial, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray. 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.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 11:1–10*

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

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

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle *Romans 15:4–13*

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *Luke 3:4b, 6*

P Alleluia.

C **Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

P Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 3:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!”
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv’n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory, And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy, And with words of love draw near.

△5 Honor, glory, might, dominion, To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit, While eternal ages run!

Sermon

Creed *Nicene Creed*

C **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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For grace to acknowledge the Lord, who made all things for Himself, and for faith to trust in His mercy incarnate in Jesus Christ, His Son, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the church established by Christ and sustained by Him through the means of grace, for boldness to call a world to repentance, and for faithfulness to proclaim His Gospel without fear, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all the nations and peoples of the earth and for those who lead them, but especially for this nation, our president, governor, legislators, and magistrates, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For grateful hearts to receive the good fruits of the earth with thanksgiving and for wisdom that we might bear the good fruit of repentance in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all godly and noble vocations, for marriages and children, for the single and the retired, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For an end to poverty and need and for compassion that we may manifest charity for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the sick, the suffering, the dying, and those who attend to them, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all needs of body and soul, and for courage that we may not depart the way of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

SACRAMENT

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.**

Proper Preface

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

- Sanctus** *LSB 161*
- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord’s Prayer

- C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

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- 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 T 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 T 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.**

Agnus Dei

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

343 Prepare the Royal Highway

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley, A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory, Foretold in sacred story: Refrain
ref Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God’s Word!
- 2 God’s people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God’s promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open, To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev’ry nation, Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! Refrain
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom, And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding, For kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

(Screen) Your Name--Christmas Version

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *sts. 1, 8–14*

- 1 “From heav’n above to earth I come, To bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:
- 8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery, That You might share Your joy with me.
- 9 Ah, Lord, though You created all, How weak You are, so poor and small,
That You should choose to lay Your head, Where lowly cattle lately fed!
- 10 Were earth a thousand times as fair, And set with gold and jewels rare,
It would be far too poor and small, A cradle for the Lord of all.
- 11 Instead of soft and silken stuff, You have but hay and straw so rough
On which as King, so rich and great, To be enthroned in royal state.
- 12 And so it pleases You to see, This simple truth revealed to me:
That worldly honor, wealth, and might, Are weak and worthless in Your sight.
- 13 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart, For You to dwell within my heart.
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap; My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue, That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

Thank the Lord

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; 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

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send, Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.
- 2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets’ heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3 Abram’s promised great reward, Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me, Which is Yours eternally.
- 5 Bruise for me the serpent’s head, That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.

- 6 Then when You will come again, As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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