



Mid Week Advent Series

The Song of Elizabeth

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Arise, Sons of the Kingdom"
"The Advent of Our King"

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WELCOME

Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 124:8

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** In this season of penitence and reflection, let us think of our unworthiness; confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; and ask for His merciful forgiveness.
C **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

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1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one
 Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt., Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76, Text and tune: Public domain

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 108: 1-6

- P** My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!
- C** **Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!**
- P** I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- C** **For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**
- P** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!
- C** **That Your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by Your right hand and answer me!**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, may Your divine glory enlighten us with the brightness of Your coming. Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may grow in

true wisdom and may reflect Your glory into our darkened world until that day when, by Your grace, we come to the glorious inheritance that You have prepared for those who love You. In Your blessed name we pray.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Chronicles 29:25–30

A And he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres, according to the commandment of David and of Gad the king's seer and of Nathan the prophet, for the commandment was from the LORD through his prophets. The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. Then Hezekiah commanded that the burnt offering be offered on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song to the LORD began also, and the trumpets, accompanied by the instruments of David king of Israel. The whole assembly worshiped, and the singers sang and the trumpeters sounded. All this continued until the burnt offering was finished. When the offering was finished, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. And Hezekiah the king and the officials commanded the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM, I *Font Side*, **II** *Pulpit Side*

Psalm 29

A Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

I *The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.*

II *The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.*

I *The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.*

II *The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.*

- I *The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- II *The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"*
- A The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- C** **May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 4:7–11

- A The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: 11whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HYMN

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

LSB 386 sts. 1–2



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;



Not so bright-ly beam-eth The sun in yon-der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer-it, Blest Je-sus, Lord most mild,



Thou my Sav-ior art! Thou my Sav-ior art!
Draw me un-to Thee! Draw me un-to Thee!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt., Tune: German, 14th cent., Text and tune: Public domain

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

P In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Chris**

Sit

HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt., Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven, Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Come thou Long Expected Jesus"

arr. E. Broughton

Stand

OFFERTORY

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What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

THE LITANY

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by
Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,
the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P 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.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers
of Your church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word
and to sustain them in holy living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of
offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and
to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and
help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and
strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our
magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing
happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for
them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in
bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C **we implore You to hear us.**

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

C **have mercy.**

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

C **have mercy.**

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

C **grant us Your peace.**

P O Christ,

C **hear us.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

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.**

CLOSING COLLECT

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Judge and King, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Your coming. Come, Lord Jesus, with Your grace, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Inhabit our lives and our dreams so that we may live as Your people in the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

HYMN

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

setting: R. Powell

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