

Populus Zion: Advent II

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The phrase “*Populus Zion*” is from the Latin language. In English it means “people of Zion.” These are the beginning words of the Introit.

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Prelude: Variations on O Come, Emmanuel by Daniel Pinkham

Hymn of Invocation: 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Liturgical Text; Is. 30:30a; 29a, c; Ps. 80:1a



People of | Zion:*

behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the | nations,
And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice | to be heard,*

And ye shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel:*

Thou that leadest Joseph | like a flock.



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Kyrie p. 186

During Advent the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted.

Salutation p. 189

Collect of the Day

- ☐ Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Prophecy

Song of Solomon 2:8b-14

Behold, my beloved comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; he is looking through the windows, gazing through the lattice. My beloved spoke, and said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Rise up, my love, my

fair one, and come away! O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 50:2–3a, 5



Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | hath shined.*

Our | God shall come;

“Gather My saints together | unto Me,*

those that have made a covenant with Me by | sacrifice”

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

Brethren: Whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name.” And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” And again: “Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope.” Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse of the Day

Psalm 122:1–2



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house | of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jer- | usalem, **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–33

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Sermon

Offering Voluntary: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers by Michael Praetorius (sung by the choir)

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

Preface *p. 194*

Proper Preface

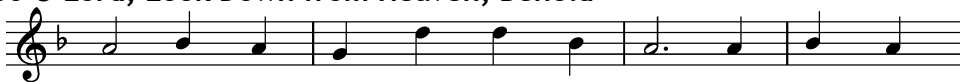
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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 - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

TLH 260 O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold



1 O Lord, look down from heav'n, be - hold And let Thy
 2 With fraud which they them - selves in - vent Thy truth they
 3 May God root out all her - e - sy And of false
 4 There - fore saith God, "I must a - rise, The poor My



pit - y wak - en; How few are we with - in Thy fold,
 have con - found - ed; Their hearts are not with one con - sent
 teach - ers rid us Who proud - ly say: "Now, where is he
 help are need - ing; To Me as - cend My peo - ple's cries,



Thy saints be men for - sak - en! True faith seems
 On Thy pure doc - trine ground ed. While they pa -
 That shall our speech for - bid us? By right or
 And I have heard their plead - ing. For them My



quenched on ev - 'ry hand, Men suf - fer not Thy
 - rade with out - ward show, They lead the peo - ple
 might we shall pre - vail; What we de - ter - mine
 sav - ing Word shall fight And fear - less - ly and



Word to stand; Dark times have us o'er - tak - en.
 to and fro, In er - ror's maze as - tound - ed.
 can - not fail; We own no lord and mas - ter."
 sharp - ly smite, The poor with might de - fend - ing."

5 As silver tried by fire is pure
 From all adulteration,
 So thro' God's Word shall men endure
 Each trial and temptation.
 Its light beams brighter thro' the cross,
 And, purified from human dross,
 It shines through ev'ry nation.

6 Thy truth defend, O God, and stay
 This evil generation;
 And from the error of their way
 Keep Thine own congregation.
 The wicked everywhere abound
 And would Thy little flock confound;
 But Thou art our Salvation. **A-men.**

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342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied /
336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending /
634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord /
659 Lord of Our Life
333 Once He Came in Blessing

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *sts. 3-4*

Postlude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel by Charles Callahan

Looking Forward to Advent Midweek II Vespers

Lessons: Malachi 3:1-5; 4:1-6a, Matthew 11:11-15

Hymns: 332-344-882

Looking Forward to Next Sunday (Gaudete: Advent III)

Lessons: Isaiah 40:1-8, I Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 11:2-10

Hymns: 406-345-354/347/352/344/620/356-357:5-6

Remaining Advent Midweek Vespers Services Wednesdays:
December 10 & 17 at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Divine Service: 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Divine Service: 9:30 am

No service Wednesday December 31

Epiphany Divine Service Tuesday January 6th at 6:30 pm

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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