

O Come, Wisdom of God

December 4, 2020

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

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

Hymn: "Comfort, Comfort, Ye my People" # 347

Holden Evening Prayer pp.2-7

Service of Light

Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

Scripture Readings

Proverbs 8:12-31

¹² "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion.

¹³ The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. ¹⁴ I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. ¹⁵ By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; ¹⁶ by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. ¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness.

¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. ²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice,

²¹ granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

²² "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face

of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Isaiah 11:1-9

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And 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. ³ And 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, ⁴ but 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. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The 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. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory for Advent

P: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C: **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.**

P: In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C: **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our Righteousness.**

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ... # 357 (vv. 1, 2, 5, 7)

Sermon

(We continue with Holden Evening Prayer on page 8 with the response below)

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Annunciation (pg. 8)

The Magnificat (pg. 8)

Litany and Prayers (pg. 10-11)

Leader: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises we are bold to pray:

All: 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

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless us and preserve us.

All: Amen.

Hymn: "Christ, Mighty Savior" # 881