

O Come, Branch of Jesse

December 16, 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: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" # 353

Holden Evening Prayer pp.2-7

Service of Light

Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 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. 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

John 12:27-36

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine." ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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, 4, 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: "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" # 883

THE TREE OF JESSE

