

University Hills Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Midweek Advent 1

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

Old Testament: Isaiah 1:1-18

¹ The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me.

³ The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." ⁴ Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly!

They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. ⁵ Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

⁶ From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil. ⁷ Your country lies desolate; your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence foreigners devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners. ⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. ⁹ If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we should have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or

of goats. ¹² "When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? ¹³ Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

¹⁸ "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" # 353

Sermon

Offering

(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 (page 8)
The Magnificat (page 8)
Litany and Prayers (pp. 10-11)

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

All: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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: "Now the Light Has Gone Away" # 887