

University Hills Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Midweek Advent 2

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: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" # 345

Holden Evening Prayer, pp. 2-7

Service of Light

Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: 1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel: John 1:19-34

¹⁹And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹And they asked him, "What

then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of 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: "When All the World Was Cursed" # 346

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