

# University Hills Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Midweek Advent 3

## Opening Versicles

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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: "Arise, O Christian People" ..... # 354

## Holden Evening Prayer, pp. 2-7

Service of Light

Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament: - Isaiah 22 (Isaiah prophecies the destruction of Jerusalem as punishment for Israel's lack of repentance)

<sup>1</sup> The oracle concerning the valley of vision.

What do you mean that you have gone up, all of you, to the housetops, <sup>2</sup> you who are full of shoutings, tumultuous city, exultant town? Your slain are not slain with the sword or dead in battle. <sup>3</sup> All your leaders have fled together; without the bow they were captured. All of you who were found were captured, though they had fled far away.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore I said: "Look away from me; let me weep bitter tears; do not labor to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people."

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord God of hosts has a day of tumult and trampling and confusion in the valley of vision, a battering down of walls and a shouting to the mountains. <sup>6</sup> And Elam bore the quiver with chariots and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. <sup>7</sup> Your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took their stand at the gates.

<sup>8</sup> He has taken away the covering of Judah. In that day you looked to the weapons of the House of the Forest, <sup>9</sup> and you saw that the breaches of the city of David were many. You collected the waters of the lower pool, <sup>10</sup> and you counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you broke down the houses to

fortify the wall. <sup>11</sup> You made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not look to him who did it, or see him who planned it long ago.

<sup>12</sup> In that day the Lord God of hosts called for weeping and mourning, for baldness and wearing sackcloth; <sup>13</sup> and behold, joy and gladness, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine. "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

<sup>14</sup> The Lord of hosts has revealed himself in my ears: "Surely this iniquity will not be atoned for you until you die," says the Lord God of hosts.

**P:** The Light shines in the darkness  
**C:** and the darkness has not overcome it.

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Holy Gospel (Jesus weeps over the result of sin and over Jerusalem)

(John 11:30-36)

<sup>26</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Luke 19:41-44

<sup>41</sup> And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup> and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

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**C:** and the darkness has not overcome it.

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 Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life" ..... # 552 (1,9,10,4)

Sermon

Offering

(We continue with Holden Evening Prayer on page 8)

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

