

SECOND
SUNDAY
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OF ADVENT

EVENSONG

DEC 5TH 5:00PM

INTROIT

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

People of Zion, behold,
the Lord is close at hand
to redeem the nations,
and in the gladness of your heart
the Lord will cause his glorious voice to be heard.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

INVITATORY

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

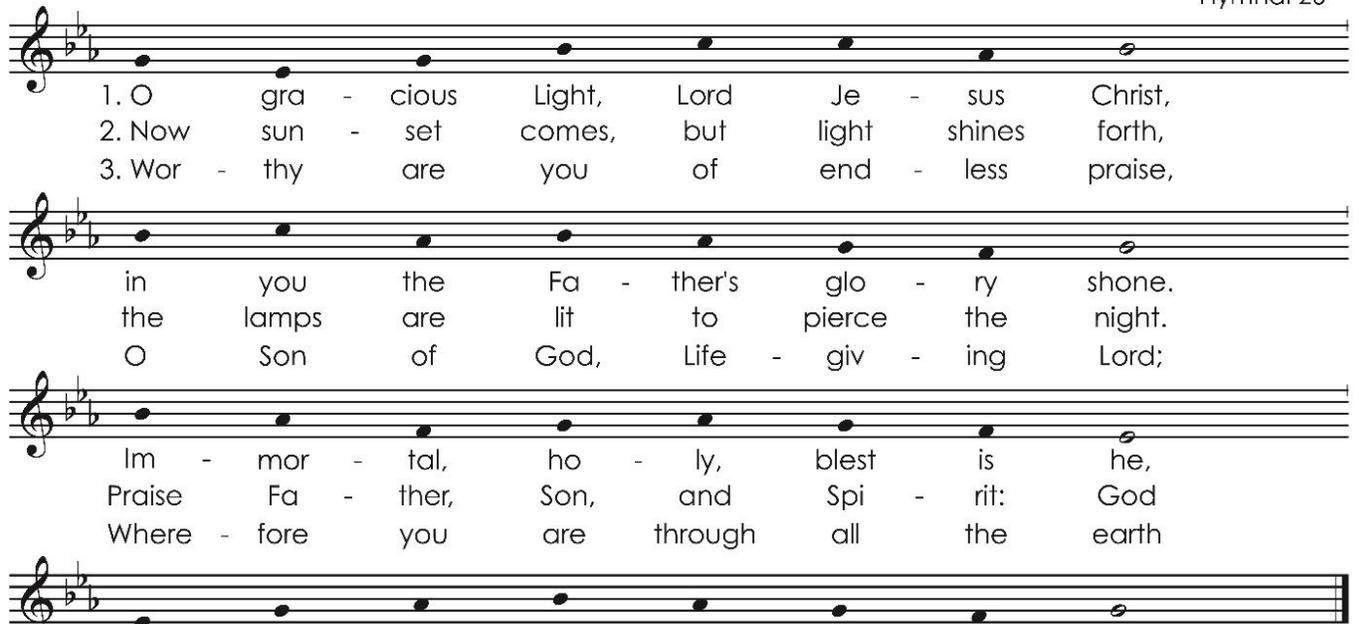
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia.

PHOS HILARON

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Hymnal 26



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ,
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth,
3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise,
in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
O Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord;
Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he,
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit: God
Where - fore you are through all the earth
and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
who dwells in the e - ter - nal - light.
and in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

PSALTER

Psalms 114, 115



- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of / Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a peo- / ple of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's / sanctuary, *
and Israel / his dominion.
- 3 The sea be- / held it and fled; *
Jordan turned / and went back.
- 4 The mountains / skipped like rams, *
and the little hills / like young sheep.



- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled?
O Jordan, / that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you / skipped like rams? *
you little hills / like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence / of the Lord, *
at the presence of the / God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / water *
and flint stone into a / flowing spring.



- 1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to / your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because / of your faithfulness.
- 2 Why should / the heathen say, *
"Where / then is their God?"
- 3 Our / God is in heaven; *
whatever he / wills to do he does.
- 4 Their idols are / silver and gold, *
the / work of human hand.
- 5 They have mouths, but / they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, / but they cannot see,
- 6 They have ears but / they cannot hear; *
noses, / but they cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but / they cannot walk; *
they make / no sound with their throat.
- 8 Those who / make them are like them, *
and so are all who / put their trust in them.
- 9 O Israel, / trust in the Lord; *
he is / their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, / trust in the Lord; *
he is / their help and their shield.



- 11 You who fear the Lord, / trust in the Lord; *
he is / their help and their shield.
- 12 The Lord has been mindful of us, / and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel; he will / bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 He will bless those / who fear the Lord, *
both / small and great together.
- 14 May the Lord increase / you more and more, *
you and your / children after you.
- 15 May you be / blessed by the Lord, *
the maker / of heaven and earth.
- 16 The heaven of hea-/ vens is the Lord's, *
but he entrusted / the earth to its peoples.
- 17 The dead do / not praise the Lord, *
nor all those who / go down into silence,
- 18 But we / will bless the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore. / Ha-le-lu---jah!
- Glory 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.

FIRST LESSON – AMOS 6:1-14

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!
Cross over to Calneh, and see;
from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is your territory greater than their territory,
O you that put far away the evil day,
and bring near a reign of violence?
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.
The Lord God has sworn by himself
(says the Lord, the God of hosts):
I abhor the pride of Jacob
and hate his strongholds;
and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.

If ten people remain in one house, they shall die. And if a relative, one who burns the dead, shall take up the body to bring it out of the house, and shall say to someone in the innermost parts of the house, "Is anyone else with you?" the answer will come, "No." Then the relative shall say, "Hush! We must not mention the name of the Lord."

See, the Lord commands,
and the great house shall be shattered to bits,
and the little house to pieces.
Do horses run on rocks?
Does one plow the sea with oxen?
But you have turned justice into poison
and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood—
you who rejoice in Lo-debar,
who say, "Have we not by our own strength
taken Karnaim for ourselves?"
Indeed, I am raising up against you a nation,
O house of Israel, says the Lord, the God of hosts,
and they shall oppress you from Lebo-hamath
to the Wadi Arabah.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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SECOND LESSON – LUKE 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

These eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

These eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord of all Hopefulness

Hymnal 482



1. Lord of all ___ hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ___ ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all ___ kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all ___ gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could des - troy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your ___ hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at ___ our ___ wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at ___ our ___ la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at ___ our ___ hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at ___ our ___ sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

DISMISSAL & GRACE

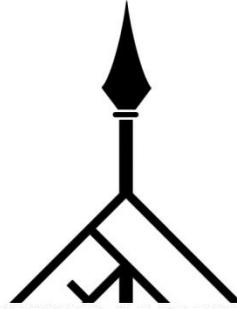
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24, Friday	5:00 & 10:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
December 25, Saturday	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
December 26, Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist



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