



December 12, 2021 | Advent Week 3

At Home Bulletin

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
O Lord shine your light upon us. We await the coming of Christ.*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

Hymnal page 791

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Lift up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,
his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

To you, O Lord belongs all glory, honor, and power.

**Together we confess that we have not offered you
the glory and praise due your name.**

**We have placed ourselves at the center of the universe,
instead of glorifying you, the Creator of all things.**

Behold, you are making all things new.

**Forgive us for reducing the grandeur of your redemptive work
to an act just about us.**

Forgive us for forgetting that you revealed in Christ your plan to unite all things in him, things in heaven and on earth.

Forgive us, for we have made ourselves so very big and you so very small.

Restore to us a motivation from your salvation to be your servants declaring your wonder in all that we do.

Forgive us and restore us even now, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.

What has Christ done?

**All things were created through him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the Church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Why should we follow Christ?

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence H
Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Liturgy of St. James, 5th Century; Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864; PICARDY, French Melody 17th Century, Arr. By Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906.

SCRIPTURE READING

Pew Bible p.730

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ezekiel 43:1-12

SERMON

“Glory Restored”

Pastor Ian Hard

Outline:

1. Surety of God’s Return

2. Glory of God’s Return

3. Holiness of God’s Return

4. Mercy of God’s Return

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ

HYMN OF SENDING

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;

upheld, protected, gathered up. *(chorus)*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh, how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *(chorus)*

Ev’ry vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

bind us together, bring shalom. *(chorus)*

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