

An Advent Service of the Word



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Invocation and Versicles

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

C Amen.

P Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.

C Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight paths for Him.

P Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.

C The crooked ways shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

P And all mankind shall see God's salvation.

C Blessèd be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

P Behold, the Lord comes to save us.

C O come, let us worship Him.

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.

Psalm 24

P The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

C for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

P Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

C He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

P He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

C Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

P Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

C Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

P Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

C Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

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.

Sit

Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Hymn

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide” *LSB* 355

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your
whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C Amen.

In the Lord's Service

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