

## In the Lord's Service

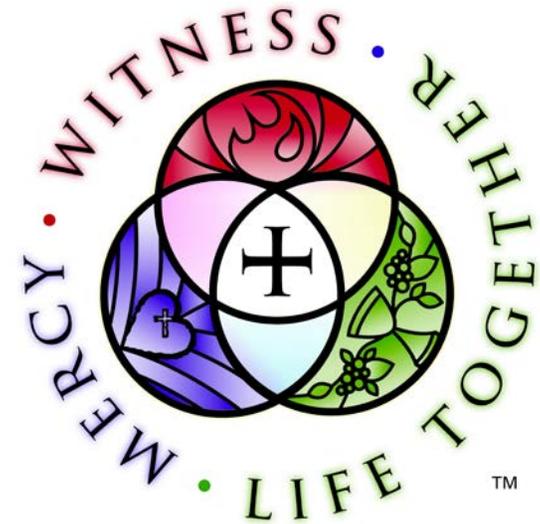
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## An Advent Service of the Word



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## Invocation and Versicles

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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.**

## Psalmody

### ANTIPHON

Psalm 80:1–3, 7–14

*antiphon by Timothy R. Smith*

O God, re-store us; let your face shine, that  
we may be saved.

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**A** *antiphon*

**C** **antiphon**

**A** *Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, from Your throne on cherubim shine forth!  
Stir up Your might and save us, Shepherd of Israel.*

**C** **antiphon**

**A** *You brought a vine from Egypt, and drove out nations to plant it;  
You cleared the ground for it and it took deep root in the land.  
Its shade the mountains covered like mighty branches of cedar;  
it stretched its branches to the sea, its shoots to the distant River.*

**C** **antiphon**

**A** *Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?*

*The boar from the forest ravages it,*

*and all the move in the field feed on it.*

*Look down, O Lord of heaven, have regard for this vine,*

*the stock you have planted by your right hand,*

*for the son you made strong for yourself.*

**C** **antiphon**

*Sit*

## Reading

*Luke 21:25–36*

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Meditation

## Hymn

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” *LSB* 353

## 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.**