

**Theme for Worship Come, Lord Jesus!** Advent prepares us for Christmas. What Jesus did when he came the first time allows us to see that when he comes the second time, believers have no need to be afraid.

**Hymn: 915 Hosanna to the Living Lord**

- 1 Hosanna to the living Lord!  
Hosanna to th' incarnate Word!  
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,  
let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing.
  
- 2 "Hosanna, Lord!" your angels cry;  
"Hosanna, Lord!" your saints reply.  
Throughout the earth, around your throne,  
your people sing in sweetest tone.
  
- 3 O Savior, with protecting care  
abide in this your house of prayer,  
where we your parting promise claim,  
assembled in your sacred name.
  
- 4 O Spirit, all our sins forgive,  
and come within our hearts to live.  
Our souls shall be your temple pure  
and you will make our faith endure.
  
- 5 So, on that last and dreadful day,  
when earth and heav'n shall melt away,  
your flock, redeemed from sinful stain,  
shall swell the sound of praise again.

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**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **Absolution**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Glory to God in the Highest**

*Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

*Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

The Word

## **Salutation**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day:**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5**

<sup>1</sup>This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>This will take place in the latter days:

The mountain of the LORD's house will be established  
as the chief of the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it like a river.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples will come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob.  
Then he will instruct us about his ways,  
and we will walk in his paths.”  
For from Zion the law will go out,  
and the LORD’s word will go out from Jerusalem.  
<sup>4</sup>He will judge between the nations,  
and he will mediate for many peoples.  
Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into blades for trimming vines.  
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,  
nor will they learn war anymore.  
<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## **Psalm of the Day: 24A Welcome the King of Glory**

### *Refrain*

Welcome the King of glory, each tribe and nation!  
He is the LORD Almighty, bringing salvation.

The earth is the LORD’s, and every- / thing in it,  
the world, and all who / live in it;  
for he founded it / on the seas  
and established it on the / waters.

Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his / holy place?  
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,  
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. *Refrain*

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,  
that the King of glory / may come in.  
Who is this King of / glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,  
that the King of glory / may come in.  
Who is he, this King of / glory?  
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## **Second Reading: Philippians 4:4–7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Philippians 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Gospel: Matthew 21:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## **Hymn of the Day: 301 Savior of the Nations, Come**

1 Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin’s Son, make here your home.

Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
by the Spirit of our God  
was the Word of God made flesh,  
woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
of the virgin undefiled,  
though by all the world disowned,  
yet to be in heav'n enthroned!

4 From the Father's throne he came  
and ascended to the same,  
captive leading death and hell.  
High the song of triumph swell!

5 Praise to God the Father sing,  
praise to God the Son, our King,  
praise to God the Spirit be  
ever and eternally.

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## **Sermon**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

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## **Hymn: 305 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates**

- 1 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation he will bring;  
therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
your joyful songs of praise.
  
- 2 The King is born in poverty,  
his chariot is humility,  
his kingly crown is holiness,  
his scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe he brings;  
therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
your grateful hymns of praise.

- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is he  
who comes to set his people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
your happy shouts of praise.
- 4 Fling wide the gates; prepare your heart  
to be a temple set apart  
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
and new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
for word and deed and grace!
- 5 Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to you; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with your saving grace;  
show me your kind and friendly face.  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on  
until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
we offer to your name.

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## **Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**



**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **Hymn: 524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 2 The Lord, our Savior, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
and take his servants up

to their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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