

## Advent II

### Opening Hymn # 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo-ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind-ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross is made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings & death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Psalm 66:1-12 Antiphon vs. 12

K: you let men ride o- | ver our heads;\*  
we went through fire and through water;

K: Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\* sing the glory of his name;  
give to him | glorious praise!

C: Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!\*"  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.

K: All the earth worships you  
and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name."

C: Come and see what | God has done:.\*  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

K: He turned the sea into | dry land;.\*  
they passed through the riv- | er on foot.  
There did we rejoice in him,

C: who rules by his might forever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the | nations—\*  
let not the rebellious ex- | alt themselves.

K: Bless our God, O | peoples;\* let the sound of his | praise be heard,

C: who has kept our soul among the | living\*  
and has not let our | feet slip.

K: For you, O God, have | tested us;\*  
you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.

C: You brought us in- | to the net;\*  
you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;

K: you let men ride o- | ver our heads;\*  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.

**All: 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.**

K: you let men ride o- | ver our heads;\*  
we went through fire and through water;

### Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis *(is omitted during Advent)*

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spir - it.  
Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.  
A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*After the reading is said:*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

### Epistle

*After the reading is said:*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia, Verse (Kantor), Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life **✝** of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

**Sermon Hymn # 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

**Sermon**

Stand

**Offertory**



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Offering** (Please give online following the service)

**Prayer of the Church**

*After each petition is said:*

- P** Lord, in Your Mercy
- C** Hear our prayer.

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**G** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...  
... evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who  
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to  
temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.  
**G** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**G** A - men.

#### Agnus Dei

**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn(s) #347, #346** (see below)

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.  
... one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**Salutation and Benedicamus**

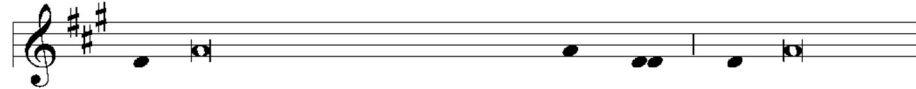
**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

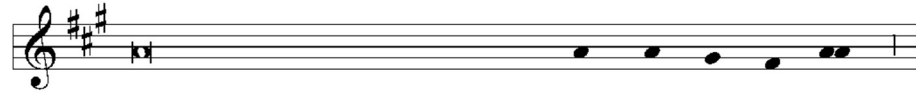
**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

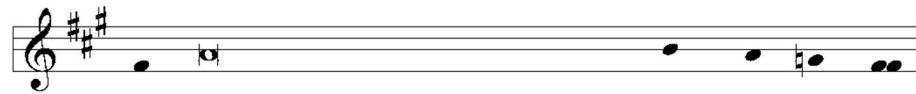
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un-to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a-men.

## Communion Hymn # 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 "Com-fort, com-fort ye My peo-ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par-don, Blot-ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her-ald's voice is cry-ing In the des-ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook-ed; Make the rough-er



saith our God; "Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing  
 dark mis-deed; All that well de-served His an-ger He no  
 far and near, Call-ing sin-ners to re-pen-tance, Since the  
 plac-es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-



'neath their sor-rows' load. Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf-fered man-y a day,  
 King-dom now is here. O that warn-ing cry o-bey!  
 fits His ho-ly reign. For the glo-ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a-way; God will change her  
 Now pre-pare for God a way; Let the val-leys  
 Now o'er earth is shed a-broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov-er And her war-fare now is o-ver."  
 pin-ing sad-ness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken.

## Communion Hymn # 346 When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,  
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,  
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.  
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.  
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,  
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,  
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.