## I. The Service of Vespers ELH p.120 🕯 🕯

12/9 MIDWEEK ADVENT-2W WORSHIP 4:30pm. INVOCATION (Please rise.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ♣, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy Law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O LORD! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our LORD. For His sake grant that we may live a godly. righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy Name.

### The ABSOLUTION

P: The Almighty and Merciful LORD has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

**OPENING HYMN Come, Thou Long–Expected Jesus**" ELH #87 Ch. Wesley

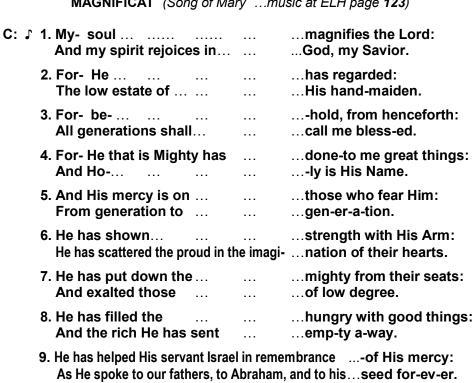
- 1) Come, Thou long-expected Jesus 2) Israel's Strength and Consolation, Born to set Thy people free: Hope of all the earth Thou art, From our fears and sins release us Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart. Let us find our rest in Thee.
- 3) Born Thy people to deliver, Born a Child and yet a King; Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
- 4) By Thine own Eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### The VERSICLES ELH. p. 120

- P: I O LORD, open my lips. C: I And my mouth will show forth Your praise.
- P: \$\int Make haste, O God, to deliver me. C: \$\int Make haste to help me, O LORD.

### The GLORIA PATRI

C: J Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and-to- the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. A-men. Al-le-lu—ia!



10. Glory be to the Father ... ...and to the Son ...the Holy Ghost; And to ... ... ...

11. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ...ever shall be:

Forev- ... ...-er-more, A-men.

Adonai





LECTION: SCRIPTURE LESSONS for ADVENT "JESUS IS OUR KING (DAVID)"

The (7) Great "O" Antiphons or, the (7) verses of Veni Emmanuel

HYMN Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel ELH #110 (Sing vv.1-2 now)

- 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael.
- 2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ordered all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show And teach us in Her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael.

FIRST READING Exodus 6:2-8 Jesus is our "Adonai" = The LORD of AII!

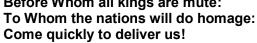
Exodus 6:2-8 NIV God also said to Moses, "I AM The LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by My Name The LORD I did not make Myself known to them, 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them. the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered My covenant. 6 "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I AM The LORD, and I will bring you out from under the voke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched Arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as My own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I AM The LORD your God, Who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted Hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I AM The LORD."

"O"Antiphon #3. O Adonai, and Ruler of the house of Israel. Who appeared to Moses in the burning bush; And gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched Arm and redeem us!

SECOND READING Isaiah 11:1-10 Jesus is The Root of Jesse.

Isaiah 11:1-10 A Shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of The LORD will rest on Him - the Spirit of Wisdom and of Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and of Power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of The LORD - 3 and He will delight in the fear of The LORD. He will not judge by what He sees with His Eyes, or decide by what He hears with His Ears; 4 but with Righteousness He will judge the needy, with Justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the Rod of His Mouth; with the Breath of His Lips He will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be His Belt and Faithfulness the Sash around His Waist, 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the Knowledge of The LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a Banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to Him, and His place of rest will be glorious.

"O" Antiphon #4. O Root of Jesse, Standing as a Banner before the peoples; Before Whom all kings are mute:



HYMN Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel ELH #110 (Sing vv.3-4 now)

- 3. O come, O come Thou Lord of might Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times did give the Law - In cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael.
- 4. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem From ev'ry foe deliv- -er them That trust Thy mighty Pow'r to save, And give them Vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael. The OFFERING

**The VERSICLE** *P:* ↓ Let my prayers rise before you as incense:

C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands - As the ev'ning sacrifice.

The MAGNIFICAT (Song of Mary) Words and music on p.123 and back page →

KYRIE ELEISON (LORD Have Mercy) C: J Lord, have mercy upon us. -CHRIST, have mercy upon us. - LORD, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER C: ♪ Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowèd be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread,

And Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory; forever and ever. C:J A- - - - men.

The BENEDICAMUS P: 1 Let us bless the LORD. C: 1 Thanks be to God.

The BENEDICTION P: 1 The Grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, And the Love of God. And the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: J A---men.

CLOSING CAROL Once in Royal David's City #139 Cecil Frances Alexander

- 1) Once in royal Da-vid's- city Stood a lowly cat-tle-shed, Where a mother laid- her- Baby In a manger for- His- bed; Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her lit-tle- Child.
- 4) And our eyes at last-shall-see Him 5) Not in that poor low-ly-stable Through His own redeem-ing- love, For that Child, so dear and gentle, Is our LORD in heav'n- a-bove: And He leads His children on To the place where He- is- gone.
- 3) Jesus is our child-hood's- pattern; Day by day like us- He- grew, He was little, weak-, and- helpless, Tears and smiles like us- He-knew; And He feedeth for our sadness, And He shareth in- our- gladness.
  - With the oxen stan-ding- by Shall we see Him, but- in- heaven, Set at God's Right Hand- on- high. Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white shall wait- a-round!

Silent Prayer 8 (Candles out.) **FELLOWSHIP** 

## Adonai December 18th

"Jesus is Lord" is one of the earliest confessions of faith in the Church (1 Corinthians 12:3). Confessing "Jesus is Lord" was the same as confessing that Jesus is the God of the Old Testament. When the Lord swore to deliver his people from their slavery he promised to do it with "an outstretched arm." At the crossing of the Red Sea the outstretched arm was the arm of Moses holding the staff of God over the waters. But redemption with an outstretched arm looked forward to a different arm, a worse slavery, and a better salvation.

Jesus' arm was outstretched on the cross to save his people from their sins. In fact, that's what Jesus' name means: "The Lord saves." He saved his people from Pharaoh in the Old Testament, and he has saved us from sin, death, and the devil in the New Testament.

# Root of Jesse December 19th

King David had received a promise from the Lord: "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever" (2 Samuel 7:16). David would always have someone to sit on the throne. And yet the kings after him departed from the Lord. Israel was taken over by foreign kings. It seemed that the great tree of David's kingdom had been forever chopped down instead of forever established.

But even though the physical kingdom of Israel has been chopped down, the Lord's promise stood. David's father was named Jesse. From that stump of Jesse would come a new shoot to rule the kingdom of God's people and fulfill the promise. That king is Jesus, who wore a crown of thorns and died as the King of the Jews. He has risen from the dead and lives forever and ever for the sake of his bride, the Church.