



Midweek Advent 4  
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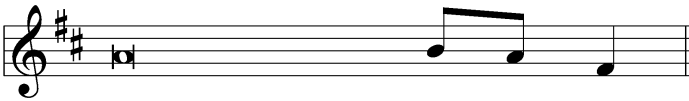


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*Stand*

**P** O Lord, open my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.



- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
**C** **whom shall I fear?**
- P** The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
**C** **of whom shall I be afraid?**
- P** When evildoers assail me  
**C** **to eat up my flesh,**  
**P** my adversaries and foes,  
**C** **it is they who stumble and fall.**
- P** Though an army encamp against me,  
**C** **my heart shall not fear;**  
**P** though war arise against me,  
**C** **yet I will be confident.**
- P** One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
**C** **that will I seek after:**  
**P** that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
**C** **all the days of my life,**  
**P** to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
**C** **and to inquire in his temple.**
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter  
**C** **in the day of trouble;**  
**P** he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
**C** **he will lift me high upon a rock.**
- P** And now my head shall be lifted up  
**C** **above my enemies all around me,**  
**P** and I will offer in his tent  
**C** **sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
- P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**C** **be gracious to me and answer me!**
- P** You have said, "Seek my face."  
**C** **My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**
- P** Hide not your face from me.  
**C** **Turn not your servant away in anger,**  
**P** O you who have been my help.  
**C** **Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**
- P** For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
**C** **but the LORD will take me in. |**
- P** Teach me your way, O LORD,  
**C** **and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

- P** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
**C** for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.  
**P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
**C** in the land of the living!  
**P** Wait for the LORD;  
**C** be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

*Sit*

759 This Body in the Grave We Lay

LSB 759



1 This bod - y in the grave we lay There to a -  
 2 And so to earth we now en - trust What came from  
 3 The soul for - ev - er lives with God, Who free - ly  
 4 All tri - als and all griefs are past, A bless - ed



wait that sol - emn day When God Him - self shall  
 dust and turns to dust And from the dust shall  
 hath His grace be - stowed And through His Son re -  
 end has come at last. Christ's yoke was borne with



bid it rise To mount tri - um - phant to the skies.  
 rise that day In glo - rious tri - umph o'er de - cay.  
 deemed it here From ev - 'ry sin, from ev - 'ry fear.  
 read - y will; Who di - eth thus is liv - ing still.

5 We have no cause to mourn or weep;  
 Securely shall this body sleep  
 Till Christ Himself shall death destroy  
 And raise the blessed dead to joy.

7 So help us, Jesus, ground of faith;  
 Thou hast redeemed us by Thy death  
 From endless death and set us free.  
 We laud and praise and worship Thee.

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6 Then let us leave this place of rest  
 And homeward turn, for they are blest  
 Who heed God's warning and prepare  
 Lest death should find them unaware.

## Reading

Isaiah 25:5–9; 26:19

**P** The Reading is from Isaiah, chapters 25 and 26.

<sup>5</sup>like heat in a dry place.

You subdue the noise of the foreigners;  
as heat by the shade of a cloud,  
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

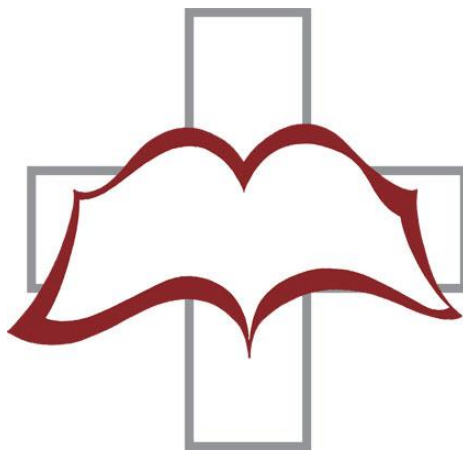
<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

<sup>19</sup>Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.  
You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!  
For your dew is a dew of light,  
and the earth will give birth to the dead.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## Responsory (Advent)

Jeremiah 23:5a, 6 LSB 230

- P** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.



**C** This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

- P** In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.



**C** This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



**C** This is the name  
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

## Sermon

## Offering

*For those gathered with us in-person, an offering plate will be at the back of the room for a contactless drop-off for your gifts, tithes, and offerings as you leave today's service.*

*For those still joining us remotely, we have multiple options for giving. You can text **CHRISTLCMS** to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at [pushpay.com/pay/christlcms](https://pushpay.com/pay/christlcms) for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword **CHRISTLCMS**. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website ([christlcms.org/giving](https://christlcms.org/giving)).*

*If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office ([office@christlcms.org](mailto:office@christlcms.org)) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.*

Stand

## Canticle

**P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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## Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 233



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer

*At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, “Lord, in Your mercy,”  
to which the congregation will respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

**P** ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed 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. Amen.

## Collects

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be  
rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty  
deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Collect for Peace

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1 LSB 234*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

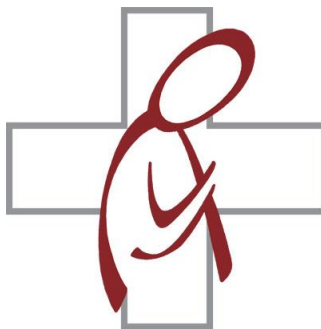
*2 Corinthians 13:14 LSB 234*

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*



# 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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# New Year's Eve Worship

WITH COMMUNION



THURSDAY, DEC. 31ST

7:00 PM



JOIN US IN WORSHIP AS WE THANK GOD  
FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US THIS YEAR,  
AND ASK FOR HIS BLESSINGS IN THE COMING YEAR.



ALL ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP.  
PLEASE SPEAK WITH THE PASTOR BEFORE THE SERVICE  
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR COMMUNION BELIEFS.

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# *Christmas Eve Worship Services*

**DECEMBER 24TH**

**3 PM - "DRIVE IN" PARKING LOT SERVICE**

**4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM - TRADITIONAL  
CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE**

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