

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

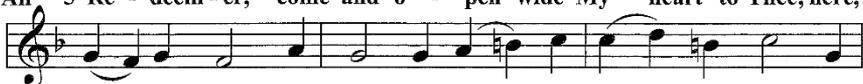
We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” 340

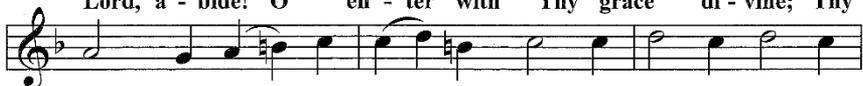


All 1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
All 2 A righ-teous Help - er comes to thee; His char-iot is hu-
Choir 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er

Choir 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple
All 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to Thee; here,



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The
mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His
is con-fessed! O peace-ful hearts and hap - py homes To
set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -
Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di - vine; Thy



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud-less sun of
dorned with prayer and love and joy. So - shall your Sov'-reign
face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free. To
en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To
guide us on Un - til our glor - ious goal is won. E -



God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** In today's Reading from Isaiah, when God was about to send the King of Assyria to destroy Judah, King Ahaz didn't want to hear about it, though the nation deserved destruction.
- C** **Help us to consider the physical or spiritual consequences of our actions, not taking God's grace and forgiveness for granted.**
- P** As Paul begins his Letter to Rome, he writes that he is "called to be an apostle . . . among all the nations, including you."
- C** **Help us to make talking about God's grace in our lives with people different from ourselves a priority. We are by nature sinful and have sinned in our words, in our thoughts, and in our actions. Have mercy on us, Jesus!**
- P** God's plan of salvation has been unwavering since creation. The prophecies were kept, the Savior entered human history to pay for all sins, and everyone who believes has been given "clean hands and a pure heart" purely by the grace of God for Jesus' sake. As an ordained servant of Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- A** Let us pray
C **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-17
Pew Bible page 727

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 24

L The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

C for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

L Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

C He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

L He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

C Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

L Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

L Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 1:1-7
Pew Bible page 1194

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

We stand.

VERSE FOR ADVENT "In This Advent"



1 In this Ad - vent, broth - ers, sis - ters, Let us pause and
2 Look at that, the Son of Da - vid, Vir - gin - born in -
so pre - pare That we may greet Christ, our Sav - ior,
to this world! Son of God to rise in pow - er,
Here in wor - ship and in prayer. He came
He comes as had been fore - told. Breth - ren,
once, ful - fill - ing prom - ise, And He
He is Je - sus, Sav - ior, Son of
shall come back a - gain. Dai - ly comes He, Word In -
God, Im - man - u - el. See God's plan for us un -
car - nate, In our hearts and minds to reign.
fold - ing, His love un - con - di - tion - al.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible page 1026

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** **357**
St. 1-2, 5-7

SERMON Pastor William Gittner

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We sit.

OFFERING

LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”** **352**

POSTLUDE