

Prayer (p. 233-234)


Kyrie (p. 233)

Lord's Prayer (p. 233) ~ Chanted in Monotone

Collects



P The Lord be with you.



G And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only -begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Collect for Purity

P Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



G A - men.

Collect for Peace (p. 233)



G A - men.

Benedicamus and Benediction (p. 234)

Soli Deo Gloria!

Second Wednesday in Advent

Populus Zion Midweek

7 December Anno † Domini 2011

Order of Solemn Vespers

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Preparatory Prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

The Congregation stands when the Pastor stands to chant the Opening Versicles

Opening Versicles (p. 229 - Advent)

The Psalm

Psalm 105:1-7



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, *
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant, *
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

He is the | LORD our God; *
his judgments are in | all the earth.

**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.**

Sit

Office Hymn: 347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Readings from Holy Scripture (p. 230)

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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Responsory - Advent (p. 230)

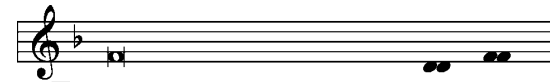
Homily

Offering

(As the offering is being collected, the pastor lights the incense and censes the altar and the people in preparation for the prayers of the faithful)

Canticle (p. 231-232)

Antiphon



L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



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

Magnificat ~ Holy Is Your Name

(Stanza 1 is sung by soloist; Congregation sings Refrain and Stanzas 2-5)

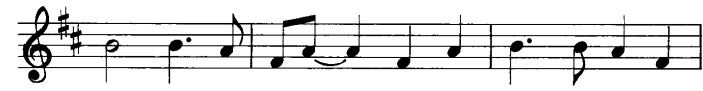
1. *My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my Savior:
you have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.*

Refrain:

Holy Is Your Name, Scottish Traditional, Adapted by David Hass



And ho - ly is your name, through_



all gen - er - a - tions!_ Ev - er - last - ing is your



mer - cy_ to the peo - ple you have



cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name.

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2. I am lowly as a child,
but I know from this day forward
That my name will be remembered,
for all will call me blessed.
(Refrain)

3. I proclaim the pow'r of God,
you do marvels for your servants;
Though you scatter the proud hearted,
and destroy the might of princes.
(Refrain)

4. To the hungry you give food,
send the rich away empty.
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen.
(Refrain)

5. In your love you now fulfill
what you promised to your people.
I will praise you Lord, my Savior,
everlasting is your mercy.
(Refrain)