

Season of Hope



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Advent I
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.

As We Gather

In Advent we prepare for the “advent,” or coming of the Lord our Savior. He first came in the flesh at Christmas, the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament. More than that, however, He also comes to us today in His Word and Sacraments. Then, as at His first coming, we also gather now in patient anticipation of His final coming in the day of the resurrection of all flesh. This year at Zion we are using this time of preparation to meditate on the persons and events of the Old Testament and how they foreshadow or point to Jesus, through our Jesse Tree devotional and mid-week services. At these services, we are encouraged by the example of the patient waiting of three women in the Old Testament. The first is Sarah, the wife of Abraham, our father in faith, and the mother of Isaac. The second is the unnamed wife of Manoah and mother of Samson, the great “savior judge” and deliverer of God’s people. Finally is Hannah, the wife of Elkanah and mother of Samuel. All of these prepare us for Mary and the virgin birth of Jesus, the Son of God. As each of these women waited upon the Lord with trust that nothing is impossible with God, so the Word enables us to exercise the patience of faith under whatever trials beset us. This patience makes Advent a season of hope.

Today we rejoice in the beginning of God’s fulfillment of His promise to Abraham as He gives the patriarch Isaac, even in the face of our doubt and impatience.

Welcome and Greeting

Please stand

Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come

LSB 350



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

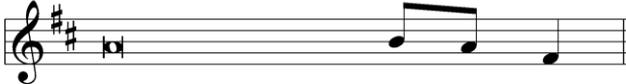
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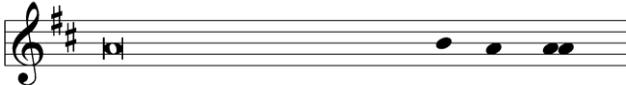
Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er 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.

Psalmody

Psalm 40:1-10; antiphon: Is. 25:9

P It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

C **This is the LORD; we have waited for Him, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."**

- P** I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- C** **He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**
- P** He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- C** **Blessèd is the man who makes
the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!**
- P** You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.
- C** **Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.**
- P** Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C** **I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**
- P** I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.
- C** **I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**
- P** It will be said on that day,*
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might
save us.
- C** **This is the LORD; we have waited for Him,
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."**

Please be seated

Surely It Is God Who Saves Us

Jack Noble White

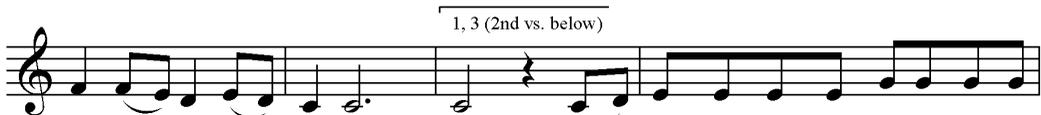
Refrain (repeated at end)



Sure-ly it is God who saves me, I will trust in Him and not be a -



fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense and



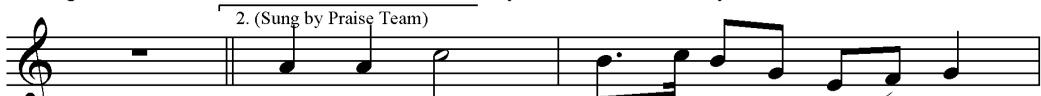
He will be my Sa - vior. *Fine* 1. There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re -
3. Cry a - loud in hab - i - tants of



joic - ing, from the springs of sal - ya - tion. And on that
Zi - on, ring out your joy, for the



day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call up - on His name. To Refrain
great one in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Israel.



2. (Sung by Praise Team)
2. Make His deeds known among the peo - ples;



see that they re-mem-ber that his Name is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the



Lord, for He has done great things, and this is known in all the world. *to Refrain*

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Reading

Genesis 21:1–7

¹The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. ²And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." ⁷And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8, 11–12

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Responsory

Jeremiah 23:5a, 6

- 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.**

For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855

vs. 2 located beneath the hymn



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
We of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

**2 According to Your promise
To Abraham of old
You did not leave them hopeless
Gave Isaac as foretold.
With Sarah lift our spirits
By Your assuring Word
That faith not doubt within us
Give hope abundant, Lord.**

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Sermon

Please stand

Antiphon

Psalm 141:2

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

LSB 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - pish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



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

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.

Prayer

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to
lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation;
Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, by the spiritual fruit of patience, You enabled blessed Sarah of old
to hope in You even in the face of her doubts and fears. So enable us in
our days to believe in Your promised deliverance that we may rejoice at
every blessing You send; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- 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.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

- 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 **Amen.**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720

Tune: Land of Rest

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.**
- 2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.**
- 4 For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.**

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Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities

Advent Worship II

December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

“His Name Is Wonderful”

Advent Worship III

December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

“Heard By God”

Christmas Eve Worship “The Hope of Christmas”

December 23

5 pm Candlelight Communion

A joyful worship using carols and modern songs

7 pm Candlelight Communion

Celebrating God’s love with age-old Christmas carols

Christmas Eve Worship “The Hope of Christmas”

December 24

5 pm Candlelight Communion

A joyful worship using carols and modern songs.

7 pm Candlelight Communion

Celebrating God’s love with age-old Christmas carols

Christmas Day Worship

December 25

10 a.m. Worship with Communion