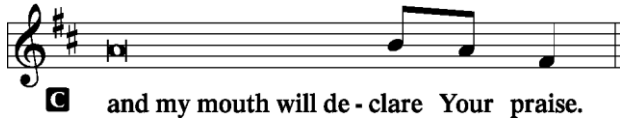


ADVENT MIDWEEK III
December 17, 2025
Songs of God and Men
"The Song of Mary"

THE OPENING VERSES

(please stand)

P: O Lord, open my lips,



and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

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



make haste to help me, O Lord.



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.



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

THE PSALM Psalm 103:1-18 (ESV)

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

P: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C: who redeems your life from the pit,

P: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

C: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

C: He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever.

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
P: as far as the east is from the west,
C: so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
P: As a father shows compassion to his children,
C: so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
P: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.
C: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
P: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
C: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,
P: and His righteousness to children's children,
C: to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE HYMN #333 *"Once He Came in Blessing"*



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -




save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

THE ADVENT GOSPEL Luke 1:57-80

THE RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

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


Refrain



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.

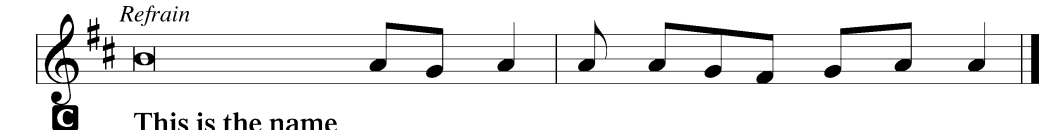
Refrain



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.

Refrain



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

THE SERMON “The Song of Mary” Text: Luke 1:46-56

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

THE HYMN #934 "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"

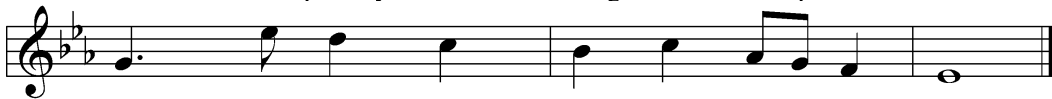
(A hymn version of the Virgin Mary's song of praise, known as "The Magnificat")



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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(please stand)

THE PRAYERS

The Kyrie



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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

(The Prayers continue on the next page)

The Collects

P: 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father for all Your benefits. Bless us, and all the gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, including the food by which You give us our daily bread, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Have mercy on Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyful ones. And all for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE BENEDICTION

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.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN #883 "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
I this day have done, That with the world, my -
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

**5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.**

**△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Please join us downstairs for supper following our dismissal.

A free will offering will be received.

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