



Advent 2020

Jesus: The Son of Scandal

Matthew 1:1,3,5-6

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EVENING PRAYER (*CW* page 52)



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PSALM 141

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85

Refrain

I will hear what the Lord pro - claims: peace to his peo - ple.

Psalm tone *

You showed favor to your land, O LORD;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.
Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Refrain

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
he promises peace to his people, his saints.
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
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.

Refrain

Silence for meditation

LESSON

Luke 1:57-80

The promised John is born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. Zechariah sings a song, full of joy knowing that a great evangelist has been born, who will “give to his people the knowledge of salvation.” There is no greater way to get ready for the Christ-child than giving that same knowledge of the gospel.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

C: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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God's Own Son Most Holy



1 God's own Son most ho - ly Came a ser - vant low - ly,
 2 Still he comes with - in us; Still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if we have known him And will not dis - own him
 4 Those who then are loy - al Find a wel - come roy - al.



Came to live a - mong us, Came to suf - fer for us,
 From the sins that hurt us, Would to truth con - vert us
 Nor have loved him cold - ly But will trust him bold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re - lease us.



Bore the cross to save us, Hope and free - dom gave us.
 From our fool - ish er - rors Ere he comes in ter - rors.
 He will then re - ceive us, Heal us, and for - give us.
 Let us here con - fess you Till in heav'n we bless you.

Text: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN (66 66 66) attr. Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534.

DEVOTION

Matthew 1:1,3,5-6

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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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from You. Give to us, Your servants, that peace with the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of *Jesus Christ our Savior; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON



The musical score is written on five staves of a single melodic line in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el." The score ends with a double bar line.

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and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN 592 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

Advent Midweek 1: Jesus: The Son of David, Matthew 1:1, 6
Advent Midweek 2: Jesus: The Son of Abraham, Matthew 1:1–2
Advent Midweek 3: Jesus: The Son of Scandal, Matthew 1:1, 3, 5–6
Advent Midweek 4: Jesus: The Son of Joseph, Matthew 1:16
Christmas Eve or Day: Jesus: The Son of Mary, Matthew 1:16

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1 All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the
 2 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
 3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, My soul with



bless - ings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me,
 lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die so
 heav'n - ly thoughts sup - ply; Let no ill dreams dis -



King of kings, Be - neath thine own al - might -
 that I kings, Rise glo - rious at the awe -
 turb my rest, No pow'rs of dark - ness me



y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear
 full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re -
 dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings



Son The ill that I this day have
 pose And may sweet sleep mine eye - lids
 flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be -



done, That with the world, my - self, and thee
 close, Sleep that shall me more vig - rous make
 low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;



I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 To serve my God when I a - wake.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, abr., alt.
 Tune: EVENING HYMN (LM D) Charles F. Gounod, 1818-93, adapt.