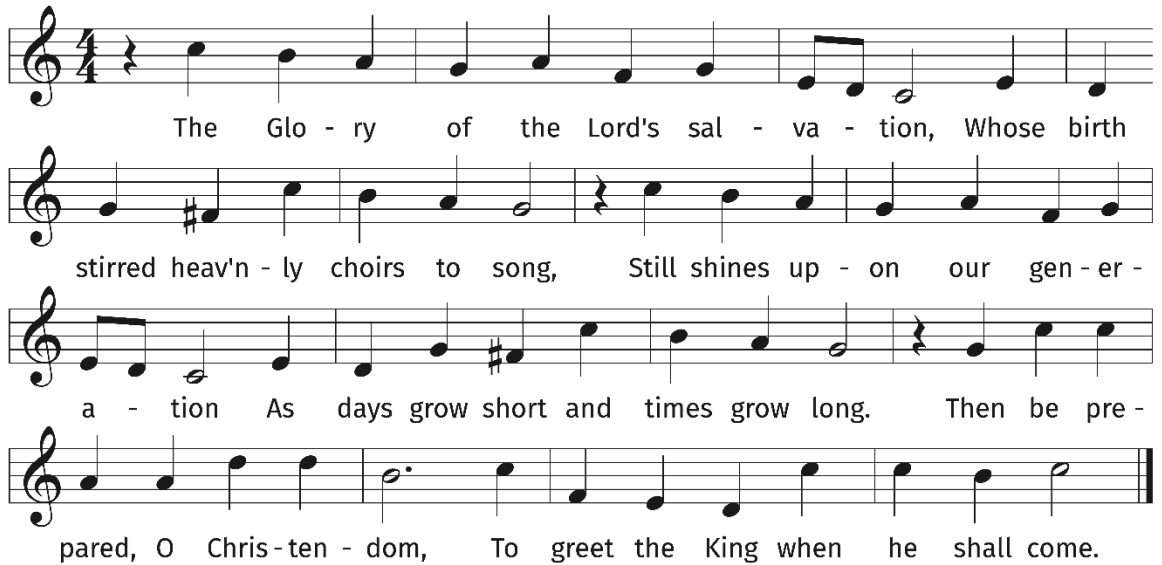


December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Midweek Advent Service



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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



The Glo - ry of the Lord's sal - va - tion, Whose birth  
 stirred heav'n - ly choirs to song, Still shines up - on our gen - er -  
 a - tion As days grow short and times grow long. Then be pre -  
 pared, O Chris - ten - dom, To greet the King when he shall come.

M: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come. (*Revelation 1:4*)

C: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION

M: The kingdom of heaven is near; therefore, let us repent of our sins.

C: **Merciful Father, forgive us for becoming too attached to this world. We repent of the many times we have allowed its vain pursuits and short-lived pleasures to lure us away from your Word. Guide our feet on the path of your Truth, and keep our eyes of faith focused on the skies, always prepared for Christ's return.**


M: Our heavenly Father is merciful and has sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for your sin. He promises to walk beside you all the length of your days, protecting you from the evil one. Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: You are the light of the world.  
C: **A city on a hill cannot be hidden.**

M: Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.  
C: **Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.**

M: In the same way, let your light shine before men,  
C: **that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.** (*Matthew 5:14-16*)



Send forth the rays of your per - fec - tion, O ho -  
ly God en-throned in light, That we, though still a poor re -  
flec - tion, May shine your grace in realms of night. Be not a -  
fraid, O Chris - ten - dom; The dark - ness shall be o - ver - come.

M: For you were once darkness,  
C: **but now you are light in the Lord.**

M: Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)  
C: **and find out what pleases the Lord.** (*Ephesians 5:8,9*)

M: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,  
C: **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** (*Colossians 1:13,14*)

M: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts  
C: **to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.**  
(*2 Corinthians 4:6*)

Let ev - 'ry tongue and race and na - tion Join in  
the songs the an - gels raise Of glo - ry, hon - or, a - dor -  
a - tion Till heav - en ech - oes with the praise. Sing al - le -  
lu - ia! Sing a - men! The King of kings shall come a - gain!

M: Lord, God grant us your Holy Spirit that we may believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C: Amen.

## LESSON

## ISAIAH 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

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

***HYMN: OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL***

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## SERMON

## ISAIAH 11:1-10

### Branch of David

*Stand*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: O Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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.

## BLESSING

**HYMN: BEHOLD, A BRANCH IS GROWING**

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