



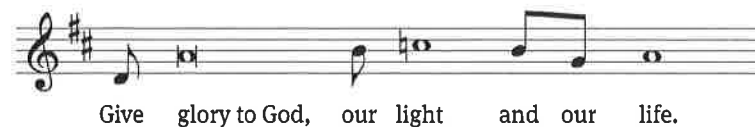
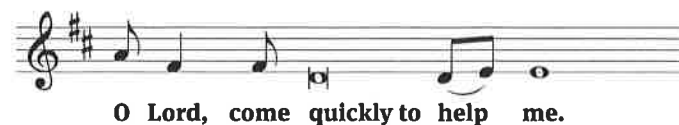
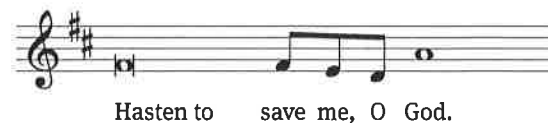
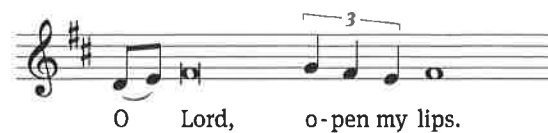
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The Third Sunday in Advent - December 15

778 Father, We Praise You

CW 778

Opening Sentences



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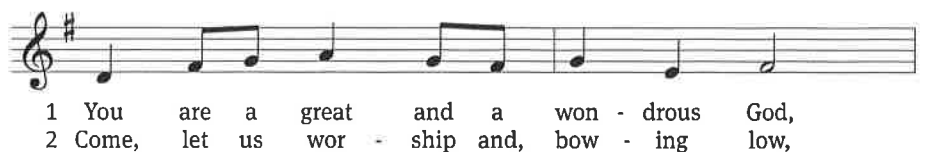
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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

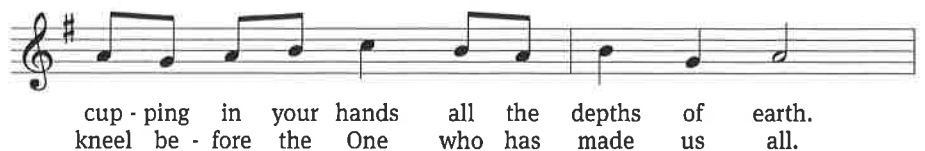
Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



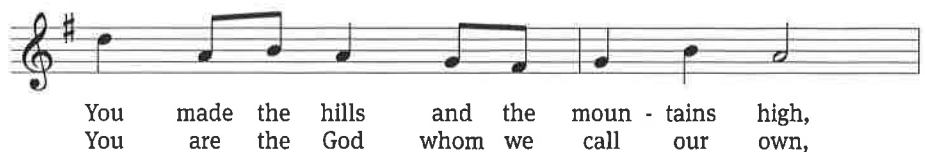
Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



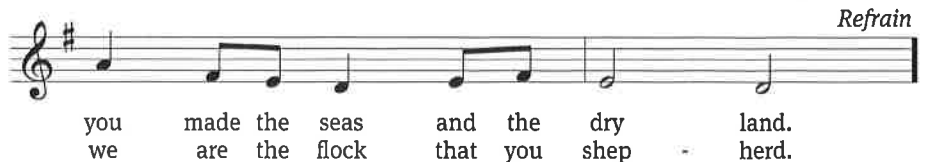
1 You are a great and a won - drous God,
2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

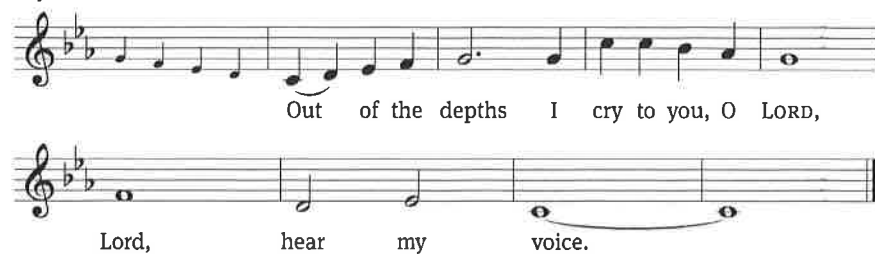
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130A Out of the Depths

Psalm 130A

Refrain



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD,
Lord, hear my voice.

Tone



Out / of the depths

I / cry to you, O LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Listen closely as I / call on you for help.

LORD, if you kept / track of sins,

O / Lord, then who could stand?

But with you there is for - / giveness,

in order / that you may be feared. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my / soul waits,

and in his / word I put my hope.

More than watchers wait for / morning

my / soul waits for the Lord.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the / LORD is faithful love;

with him is complete re - / demption.

He will redeem Israel from the / guilt of all their sins.

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 for - / ever. Amen. *Refrain*

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-17

¹⁴Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!
¹⁵The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.
¹⁶On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
“Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.
¹⁷The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

⁷John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

324 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

CW 324

Sermon: Luke 3:7-18 Prepare to Meet Jesus

We Praise You, O God

CW 210

1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:

1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
2 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;

1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise you.
3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.

4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When you became man to set us free,
6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come

5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,

7 bought with the price of your own blood,

7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Lord, Have Mercy

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be
mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Benedicamus

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



A - men.



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.

326 O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort

CW 326

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Morning Prayer (alternate) from Christian Worship

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Church Offerings

Wednesday, December 4: *(no service due to weather)*

General: \$ Missions: \$ Cap Imp.: \$

Sunday, December 8: 34

General: \$960 Missions: \$35 Cap Imp: \$35

(General includes a memorial for Sonny Haeuser)

(Cap Imp includes a gift for Luther High School)

Total: \$1030

General: \$960 Missions: \$35 Cap Imp.: \$35

Our Weekly Walk with Jesus

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Coffee hour

Monday, December 16

Tuesday, December 17

10:00 am Bible class

6:30 pm Bible class

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 pm Evening service

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

3:00 pm St. Michael's Brass Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Coffee hour