

*the* FIRST WEDNESDAY *in* ADVENT  
December 3, 2017

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was the  
father of  
Isaac, and  
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father of Jacob,  
and Jacob the  
father of Judah and  
his brothers, and  
Judah the father of Perez  
and Zerah by Tamar, and  
Perez the father of Hezron,  
and Hezron the father of Ram,  
and Ram the father of  
Amminadab, and Amminadab the  
father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the  
father of Salmon, and Salmon the father  
of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of  
Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,  
and Jesse the father of David the king. And  
David was the father of Solomon by the wife of  
Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father  
of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and  
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of  
Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the  
father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah  
the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and  
Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his  
brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the  
deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and  
Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the  
father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,  
and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan  
the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph  
the husband  
of Mary, of  
whom was  
b o r n

**JESUS**  
*who is called Christ.*

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## OPENING VERSICLES

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.**

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

## INTRODUCTION

### HYMN 1

*Congregation's Choice*

### READING 1

*Matthew, chapter 1*

<sup>1</sup> The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of

Ram, <sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

A 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.**

## TEACHING

### HYMN 2

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### READING 2

*Matthew, chapter 1*

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father

of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup>

and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah,<sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of

Hezekiah,<sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah,<sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

A He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

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

## TEACHING

### HYMN 3

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### READING 3

<sup>12</sup> And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,<sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor,<sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,<sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of

*Matthew, chapter 1*

Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,<sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

A 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.**

## TEACHING

### PRAYER

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

#### **EVENING PRAYER**

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

#### **HYMN 4**

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