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# The Attitudes of Advent

Mary Sings of Joy!

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Second Wednesday in Advent

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠  
(In the Name of Jesus)

**GUESTS & VISITORS:** Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

**NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE:**

During this Advent season, our midweek Matins/Vespers services will focus on the various moods and mindsets associated with this season in a series of sermons called **The Attitudes of Advent**. How should we feel about Christ's Advent among us? If you knew that a "VIP" was coming to your house in the very near future, what kinds of feelings would you have? And how would you act based on those feelings? Join us each Wednesday as we look at three biblical figures and their feelings about Advent!

**PRELUDE** - *Selected*

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

*Hymn 72*

*[Please stand]*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

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**P** O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**C** **♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

*Psalm 51:15*

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C** **♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

*Psalm 70:1*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

## PSALM OF THE DAY - *Psalm 34:1-8*

**P** *Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.*

### **C** Refrain

**Refrain:**

Oh, mag - ni - fy the LORD with me, and  
let us ex - alt His name to - geth - er!

*Psalm Tone:*

*I will bless the LORD at | all times;\**

*His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.*

**My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\***

**let the humble hear | and be glad.**

*Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,\**

*and let us exalt His name to- | gether!*

**I sought the LORD, and He | answered me\***

**and delivered me from | all my fears.**

*Those who look to Him are | radiant,\**

*and their faces shall never | be ashamed.*

### **Refrain**

*This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\**

*and saved him out of all his | troubles.*

**The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear Him,\***

**and de- | livers them.**

*Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\**

*Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!*

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spir - it;**

**as it was in the be- | gin - ing,\***

**is now and will be forever. | A - men.**

### **Refrain**

*[Please sit]*

## FIRST READING

*Philippians 4:4-9*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** *♪* Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 1:35-47*

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** *♪* Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

## OFFICE HYMN

*“Tell Out My Soul”*

*Insert*

## SERMON

*“Mary Sings of Joy”*

*[Please stand]*

## CANTICLE HYMN

*“My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord”*

*Hymn 275*

## RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

*[Please stand]*

### LITANY

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**C** **Alleluia.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*A time of silence for individual prayer may follow.*

**P** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C** **To You, O Lord.**

## KYRIE

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**C** **♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Mark 10:47*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **♪ And with thy spirit.**

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **♪ Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR GRACE - *Morning*

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**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C** **♪ Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PEACE - Evening**

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**P** O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C** *♪ Amen.*

**BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION**

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**P** Bless we the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**C** *♪ Thanks be to God.*

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**C** *♪ Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN“**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

*insert*

**POSTLUDE**

*Those who serve today:*

Rev. Dustin Beck  
Mrs. Ann Bamsch  
Mr. Shea Kasper

Pastor  
Organist  
Audio/Video System

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)

