First Sunday in Advent

READINGS

Isaiah 64:1–9
“Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down.”

Psalm 80:1–7
“Restore us, O God Almighty.”

1 Corinthians 1:3–9
“(He) will sustain you to the end.”

Mark 11:1–10
Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem

Mark 13:24–37
“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

332 Savior of the nations, come

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L01)

HYMNS FOR THE READINGS

355 0 Savior, rend the heavens wide (OT)
984* Oh, that You would rend the heavens (OT)
696 0 God, my faithful God (E)
350 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come (G1)
340/341 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (G1)
335 0 bride of Christ, rejoice (G1)
334 0 Lord, how shall I meet You (G1, G2)
343 Prepare the royal highway (G1)
351 Creator of the stars of night (G2)
353 Jesus came, the heav’ns adoring (G2)
336 Lo! He comes with clouds descending (G2)
968* My Lord, what a morning (G2)
508 The day is surely drawing near (G2)
348 The King shall come when morning dawns (G2)

THEME

The Advent season beckons the Lord to rend the heavens and come down, permeating humanity with His almighty incarnation, laying waste our sin and unrighteousness. As God’s people, we can do no more than plead for mercy. Through the grace of Christ Jesus, we are declared guiltless. Therefore, we echo with the myriad of saints who eagerly anticipate the coming of Christ, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

OTHER HYMNS

673 Jerusalem, my happy home
674 Jerusalem, O city fair and high
672 Jerusalem the golden
339 Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors
333 Once He came in blessing
331 The advent of our King
SMALL CHOIR
98-4273  Creator of the Stars of Night, Mahnke  SAB, Or/Pi, opt HB(3)

LARGE CHOIR
98-4258  Psalm Antiphons for a Time of Preparation, Schalk  SATB
98-4078  Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring, Bobb SATB, Pi, HB
98-3934  Hosanna to the King!, Morris SATB, Pi, opt Perc
98-3926  Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Everlasting Doors, von Kampen SATB, Or
97-7235  Full score for above Br, Ti, Cong
98-4173  Four Prayers for Advent, Council

CHILDREN
97-4702  A Second Morning Star Choir Book, Thomas 2pt
97-7564  We Praise Thee, Part 1, Willan 2pt, Kb
98-3986POD Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Kohn SA(T), Kb, C-I
97-7345  Instrumental parts for above Perc

KEYBOARD
97-7273  NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND: Greet the New Morn, Chapin Pi
97-7648  Duo Baroque, Vol. 1, Culli Kb, Inst
97-7732  A Reformation Christmas, Ore Or
97-7788  Partita on "NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND", Weber Or
97-7710  O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF:
         For Manuals Only, Set 3, Blersch Or
97-7409  Partita on "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide", Kosche Or
97-7399  MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR: Chorale Preludes of Harald Rohlig, Set 2 Or
97-7460  Hymn Prelude Library, Vol. 7, Kolander Or

HANDBELL
97-7763  Advent Passacaglia, Lamb HB(3–5), HC(3), II
97-7164POD  Emmanuel, Savior of the Nations, Hakes HB(3), HC(3), II
97-7241  Jerusalem, My Happy Home, Lamb HB(3–5), HC(3), III

Suggestions

Pre-Service
Hymn of Invocation
Confession
Introit/Psalm/Entrance Hymn
Kyrie
Hymn of Praise
Psalm/Gradual
Alleluia and Verse
Hymn of the Day
Sermon
Creed
Offering/Offertory
Sanctus
Agnus Dei
Distribution

Post-Communion Canticle
Hymn to Depart
Post-Service

Divine Service Setting

with ☐ Absolution or ☐ Declaration of Grace

During Advent and Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted.

Text ___________ Theme ___________

☐ Nicene or ☐ Apostles'

☐ Thank the Lord or ☐ Nunc Dimittis

Notes
Third Sunday of Easter

READINGS
Acts 3:11–21
“The God of Abraham . . . glorified His servant Jesus.”

Psalm 4
“You have given me relief when I was in distress.”

1 John 3:1–7
How great the love that we should be called children of God!

Luke 24:36–49
Jesus appears to the disciples.

HYMN OF THE DAY
483 With high delight let us unite

COLLECT OF THE DAY
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L42)

HYMNS FOR THE READINGS
479 Christ is risen, Christ is living (FR, G)
489 Hail thee, festival day (FR)
531 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus (FR)
505 Triune God, be Thou our stay (FR)
828 We are called to stand together (FR)
815 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine (E, G)
725 Children of the heav’nly Father (E)
605 Father welcomes all His children (E)
392 God loves me dearly (E)
594 God’s own child, I gladly say it (E)
700 Love divine, all loves excelling (E)
459 Christ is risen (G)
831 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard (G)
825 Rise, shine, you people (G)
830 Spread the reign of God the Lord (G)
464 The strife is o’er, the battle done (G)
720 We walk by faith and not by sight (G)

OTHER HYMNS
510 A multitude comes from the east and the west
883 All praise to Thee, my God, this night

THEME
We are refreshed in the forgiveness of Christ. Through His Word, our sins are blotted out. This is God’s love for us—in Christ, we are called children of God. The very wounds of Jesus confirm His grief, His sacrifice, His death foretold by Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms. His resurrected presence with the disciples leaves no room for doubt. Now repentance and the forgiveness of sins may be declared boldly everywhere, in the name of Jesus.
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)

READINGS

Ezekiel 2:1–5
They will know that a prophet has been among them.

Psalm 123
“To You I lift up my eyes.”

2 Corinthians 12:1–10
“My grace is sufficient for you.”

Mark 6:1–13
In his hometown a prophet is without honor.

HYMN OF THE DAY

839  O Christ, our true and only light

COLLECT OF THE DAY

0 God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (B67)

HYMNS FOR THE READINGS

612  As rebels, Lord, who foolishly have wandered (OT)
583  God has spoken by His prophets (OT, G)
836  O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing (OT, G)
835  On Galilee’s high mountain (OT)
728  How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord (E)
718  Jesus, lead Thou on (E)
770  What a friend we have in Jesus (E)
727  You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord (E)
840  Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated (G)
690  Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion (G)
856  O Christ, who called the Twelve (G)

THEME

Our human existence is burdened by personal weaknesses and limitations. Paul confesses that he is inflicted with a thorn in the flesh. His only sufficiency is the very grace of God. So also, the prophet Ezekiel is called upon by God as the “son of man.” Yet this designation emphasizes Ezekiel’s human weakness. Even the disciples embark on their missionary journey without food or possessions. In all circumstances, as God’s people we can only boast in His divine grace.

OTHER HYMNS

541 “Away from us!” the demon cried
966 Before You, Lord, we bow
497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
717 Eternal Father, strong to save
664 Fight the good fight
965 God bless our native land
833 Listen, God is calling
834 0 God, 0 Lord of heaven and earth
643 Sent forth by God’s blessing

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