

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Advent - Hope

Scripture Sentence

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
(Isaiah 35: 1-2)

OPENING RESPONSE *(Isaiah 35)*

Leader: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

**People: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong,
do not fear!”**

*Leader: For they shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of
our God.*

**People: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the
ears of the deaf unstopped;**

*Leader: Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the
speechless sing for joy.*

**People: For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and
streams in the desert; and the burning sand a pool.**

Leader: Hope in the LORD; for God is our salvation.

**People: We will hope in the LORD, from this time and
forevermore!**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 31

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and
guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful
God.

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,

because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities,
and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from
grief, my soul and body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee
from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken
vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.'

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and
persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you;
let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous
with pride and contempt.

O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you,
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone!
In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots;
you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues.
Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was beset as a city under siege.
I had said in my alarm, 'I am driven far from your sight.'
But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.
Love the LORD, all you his saints.

The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts
haughtily.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

SILENCE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*We will partake of the Sacrament by intinction; you are invited to
take bread from the bowl, dip it in the chalice and partake of the
elements.*

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

.....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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever, Amen.

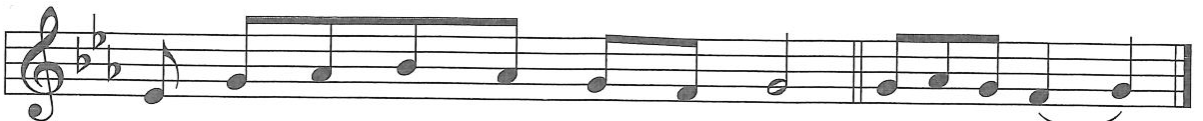
HYMN #84 Creator Of The Stars Of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
4 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you, hear us when we call.
of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY *(unison)*

(Feasting on the Word)

Holy One, thank You for this new day to sing Your praise. Thank you for the signs of Your coming reign, and for the power of Your saving love. Bless all those I meet today, and strengthen their hope in Your power and grace. By Your spirit, let me abound in love, that in living and loving I may point to You, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

BLESSING

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.