

Entrance Hymn “Wake! The Welcome Day Appareth” [tune: Rex Glorïae]

1. Wake! The welcome day appareth! Wake! The Lord’s great year behold!

How with joy our hearts it cheereth, That which holy men of old,

Those who throng the sacred pages -- Sing ye, Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

Waited for through countless ages; Sing ye, Al - le-lu - - ia!

2. Patriarchs and priests aspiring, Saw not this before they died;

Kings and prophets long desiring: Lo, the sight to them denied!

See His beams to earth directed! -- Sing ye, Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

Welcome, O Thou long-expected! Sing ye, Al -le-lu - - ia!

3. He, the Savior sent by heaven, Israel’s Son and glorious King,

Once through faith to Abram given, Hope to which the Gentiles cling,

Now on earth with men abiding, -- Sing ye, Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

Comes to Zion meekly riding; Sing ye, Al -le-lu - - ia!

4. Lo! He comes a victim willing, He will, through His precious blood,

All His Father’s will fulfilling, All things once again make good,

Pain and shame of death sustaining, -- Sing ye, Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

What was lost with joy regaining, Sing ye, Al -le-lu - - ia!

5. In our stead Himself He offers, That His death’s sweet savor may,

By the cursed tree He suffers, Take our curse for aye away;

Cross and curse for us enduring -- Sing ye Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

Hope and heav’n to us securing; Sing ye, Al -le-lu - - ia!

6. Moses’ law no longer rules us, Ended now our captive thrall;

Christ’s free Spirit gently schools us, All who by His gracious call,

Through the Savior’s death and merit -- Sing ye, Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

Now enjoy adoption’s spirit! Sing ye Al -le-lu - - ia!

7. Rent the temple curtain’s center; Through the veil, the holy place,

Fearless we may boldly enter, There to stand before His face;

He who once came down from heaven -- Sing ye, Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

Fear from all our breasts hath driven; Sing ye, Al -le-lu - - ia!

8. Hence, thy King, O Zion, praising, Shout with joy, thou royal heir,

Heart and voice to Him upraising, in His kingdom thou wilt share;

Come, thyself as off’ring bringing -- Sing ye, Al - - le-lu - - ia! --

Come, thou Bride, forever singing, Sing ye, Al -le-lu - - ia!

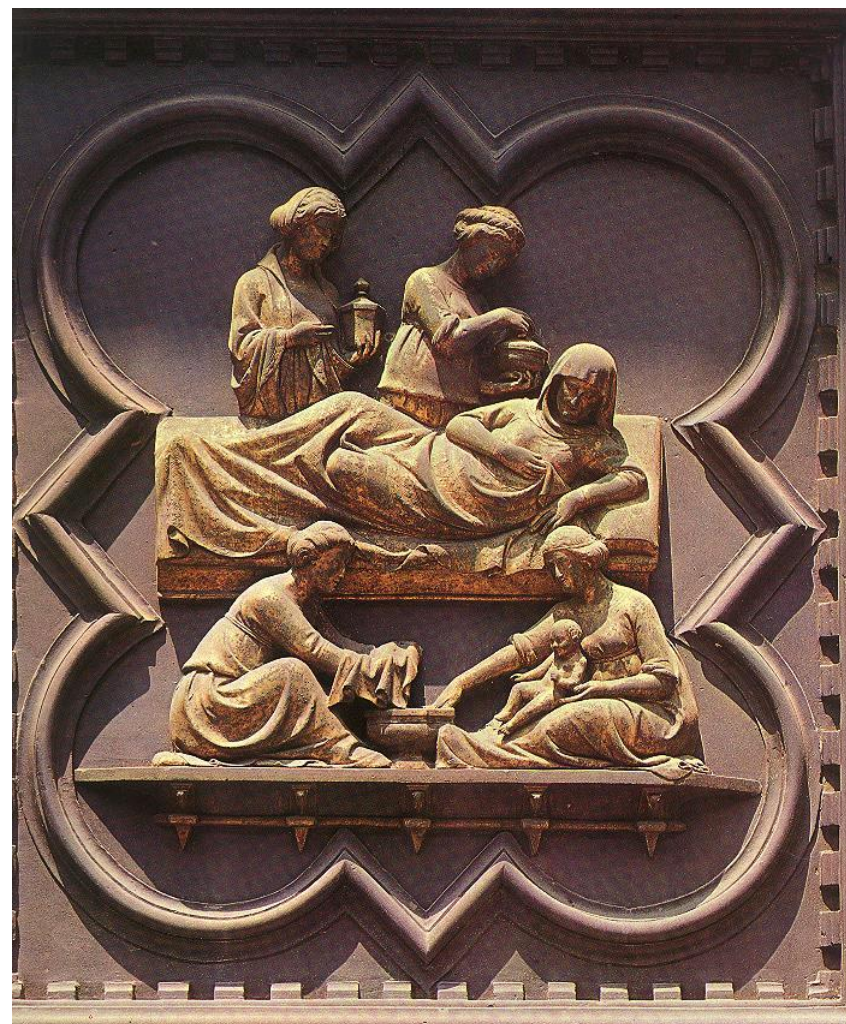
[Text: Auf, auf weil der Tag erschienen, J. A. Freylinghausen, c. 1704; arr. RWS, 2003]

## A GUIDE FOR ADVENT MIDWEEK VESPERS

7:00 P.M.

16 December 2009

### Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church Colorado Springs, Colorado



Andrea Pisano, “The Birth of the Baptist” 1360, Bronze Door

To Our Guests and Visitors

The members of Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church are glad to have you join with us as we gather around the proclaimed Word of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here it is that we find our source of forgiveness and life before God. It is our prayer that you also may rejoice in the precious message of the Gospel of our Lord: "But God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved!" [Ephesians 2.4-5]. **Please introduce yourself by name to our pastors as you leave today. Thank you!**

[Rise] **Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution** p. 185

## THE OFFICE OF VESPERS

Opening Hymn "Wake! The Welcome Day Appareth" See back page

**The Opening Sentences** p. 229

### The Psalmody



Psalm 13

Antiphon of the Day: I have trusted / in Thy / mercy; \* My heart shall re- / joice in / Thy sal- / vation. I will sing un- / to the / Lord, \* because He / hath dealt / bountifully with / me.

**How / long, O / Lord? \* Wilt / Thou for- get / me, for / ever? How / long wilt / Thou? \* Hide / Thy\_ / face from / me?**

How / long O / Lord, \* shall I take / counsel / in my / soul? Having sorrow / in my heart / daily? \* How long shall mine enemy be ex- / alted / over / me?

**Consider and hear me, O / Lord my / God: \* lighten mine eyes, lest I / sleep the / sleep of / death; lest mine enemy say, I have pre- / vailed a- / gainst him; And those that trouble me re- / joice when / I am / moved.** (Ps. 13.1-4)

**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. A- / men.**

**I have trusted / in Thy / mercy; \* My heart shall re- / joice in / Thy sal- / vation. I will sing un- / to the / Lord, \* because He / hath dealt / bountifully with / me.**[Brief Silent Meditation]

**Psalm 107.10-22 [Hymn Paraphrase]**  
"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" #375  
[Brief Silent Meditation]

### Psalm 103.13-14, 17-18, 22-21

Antiphon: The mercy / of the / Lord: \* Is from ever- / lasting to / ever- / lasting: Upon / them that / fear Him, \* and His righteousness / unto / children's / children.

**Like as a father / pitieth his/ children, \* So the Lord / piti - eth / them that / fear him. For He / knoweth our / frame; \* He re- / membereth that / we are / dust.**

The mercy / of the / Lord: \* Is from ever- / lasting to / ever- / lasting: Upon / them that / fear Him, \* and His righteousness / unto / children's / children.

**To such as / keep His / covenant, \* And to those that remember / his com- / mandments to / do them. Bless the Lord, all / ye His / hosts: \* Bless the / Lord\_, / O my / soul.**

**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. A- / men.**

**The mercy / of the / Lord: \* Is from ever- / lasting to / ever- / lasting: Upon / them that / fear Him, \* and His righteousness / unto / children's / children.**

[Brief Silent Meditation]

Chief Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" #348

**The Readings from Holy Scripture** p. 230

Isaiah 9.2-7 Hebrews 1.1-4 Romans 5.1-11

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**The Common Responsory for Advent** p. 230

Sermon "The Struggle for Peace with God"  
Advent Midweek Series: "Preparing for Peace on Earth"

The offering is received  
*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*

[We rise] **The Canticle (Hymn Paraphrase of The Benedictus)** #936

**The Prayers** p. 233

### The Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cv.

**The Our Father (chanted)** #957

**The Collects (chanted)**  
*For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent*

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Thy gracious visitation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. [Longer] **Amen!**

*For the Season of Advent*

O God, who dost gladden us with the yearly anticipation of our redemption, grant that we who now joyfully receive Thine only-begotten Son as our Redeemer may also behold Him without fear when He cometh as our Judge; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. [Shorter] **Amen!**

*The Collect For Peace:*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace that 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.

[Longer] **Amen!**

**The Benedicamus, The Benediction** p. 234

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