

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 5, 2021

Malachi 3:1-7b

Psalm 66:1-12

Philippians 1:2-11

Luke 3:1-6

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh
Awake and harken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Ten cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Prepare the Royal Highway

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story;
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

God's people, see him coming; your won eternal king
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join you singing;
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding;
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing night.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who hear in patience their cross and suff'rings bore;
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun to longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Psalm 66:1-12

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴ All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”

⁵ Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

⁷ who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹ who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

¹² you let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.