Wednesday in Advent 2

RESPONSIVE PRAYER 1

Opening Hymn # 590

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

- Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
 Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
 My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
 O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
 O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
 Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly— Receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be! Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

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Opening Versicles

- L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
- C have mercy and hear us.

Lord's Prayer

 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. **Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

> And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
> He descended into hell.
> The third day He rose again from the dead.
> He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
> From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Psalm 25 ¹To you, O Lord,*

I lift | up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust;

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let me not be | put to shame;*
  let not my enemies exult | over me.
<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
  they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
  teach me | your paths.
<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,
  for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
  for you I wait all the day long.
<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,*
  for they have been | from of old.
<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- gressions;*
  according to your steadfast love remember me,
  for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
<sup>8</sup>Good and upright | is the LORD;*
  therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in | what is right,*
  and teaches the humble | his way.
<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,*
  for those who keep his covenant and his testi- monies.
<sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, | O LORD,*
  pardon my guilt, for | it is great.
<sup>12</sup>Who is the man who | fears the LORD?*
  Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
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¹³His soul shall abide in well- | being,*

and his offspring shall inher- | it the land. ¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who | fear him,* and he makes known to them his | covenant. ¹⁵My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,* for he will pluck my feet out of the net. ¹⁶Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,* for I am lonely and af- | flicted. ¹⁷The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;* bring me out of my dis- tresses. ¹⁸Consider my affliction and my | trouble,* and forgive | all my sins. ¹⁹Consider how many | are my foes,* and with what violent hatred they | hate me. ²⁰Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!* Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you. ²¹May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,* for I | wait for you. ²²Redeem Israel, O God,* out of all his | troubles. Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:36-39

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Catechism: Holy Baptism - Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

Sermon

Our Offerings to Our Faithful God

Prayer

- L I cry to You, O Lord;
- C in the morning my prayer comes before You.
- L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L My mouth is filled with Your praise,
- C and with Your glory all the day.
- L Every day I will bless You

- C and praise Your name forever and ever.
- L By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
- C O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- L Bless the Lord, O my soul;
- C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- L He redeems your life from the pit
- C and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray...

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 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Blessing

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. C Amen.

Closing Hymn # 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain
- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain
- O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain
- O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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