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# Interviews with Isaiah

Advent, Week 3 • The Wait

Opening Responsory ... St. Thomas

*P Come, O house of Jacob,*

**C Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

*P The glory of the Lord shone around them,*

**C and they were terrified.**

*P The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it,*

**C For the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.**

*Come, walk into the light to meet our glorious King*

*To flee the darkness of the night and gladsome praises bring.*

*P The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—*

**C The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.**

*P Glory to God in the highest,*

**C and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.**

*P The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"*

**C And let the one who hears say, "Come!"**

*The Spirit gives us peace that fills our hearts with hope  
To give our sin-sick souls release and with our trials cope.*

*P And a highway will be there;*

**C it will be called the Way of Holiness.**

*P "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

**C So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger.**

*P Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb*

**C down the middle of the great street of the city.**

*This life a journey is through valleys dark and gray,  
But God walks with all who are His to help along the way.*

*P Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down,*

**C that the mountains would tremble before You!**

*P While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,*

**C and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son.**

*P "Behold, I am coming soon!"*

**C Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.**

*While in this world we wait for Christ again to come,  
God grant us grace to celebrate until our labor's done.*

*P The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son,*

**C and will call him Immanuel.**

*P When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning*

*what had been told them about this Child,*

**C and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.**

*P Those who are victorious will inherit all this,*

**C and I will be their God and they will be My children.**

*The Child, God's only Son, brings heav'n's presence here  
To make us with the Father one and His own children dear.*

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*P Three candles are lit to remind us that we wait for the Lord.*

**C We wait for Him to rend the heavens and come down.**

*P We wait for the mountains to quake at His presence.*

**C We wait for the nations to tremble at His attendance.**

*P Three candles are lit to remind us that we wait for the Lord.*

**C Come, let us wait for the Lord.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

#### **Hymn of Praise ... Hark the Glad Sound**

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne  
And every voice a song.*

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring*

*With Thy beloved name.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

#### **Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 64:1-9**

*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 nigh  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.*

#### **Epistle Reading ... 1 Corinthians 1:4-8**

*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.*

#### **Gospel Reading ... Luke 2:25-35**

*The saints who here 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 so 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!*

*Isaiah tells the waiting, the Lord forgives all sin.  
The Lord will not remember the filthiness within.*

*The Lord, who is the Potter, will mold our lives like clay.  
He formed us as His people. We follow in His way.*

## **Sermon**

### **Offering and Prayers**

Each petition ends with this response:

*P O people of God,*

**C Come, let us walk with the Lord as we wait.**

### **Lord's Prayer and Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn ... Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Comfort, comfort, ye My people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day,  
Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.

Hark, the Herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
Make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.

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