

# DIVINE SERVICE

Propers for the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Rorate Coeli (Shower, O Heavens)

*Setting Three, page 184*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN: REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

*LSB 515*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 19:1, 4–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a*

**L** Shower, O heavens, | from above,\*  
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;\*  
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

**C** The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.  
Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the  
end | of the world.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*  
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,\*  
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

**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.**

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*During Advent the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is not sung.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 18:15–19*

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 145:18, 21*

**C** The LORD is near to all who | call on him,\*  
to all who call on | him in truth.  
My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,\*  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 4:4–7*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Psalm 40:17b*

*Alleluia.* You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God! *Alleluia.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 1:39–56*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

*LSB 357*

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## DISTRIBUTION: DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

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## CLOSING HYMN: WHEN ALL THE WORLD WAS CURSED

*LSB 346*

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