



WORSHIP SERVICE
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
HOPE



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

GATHERING

♪ **PRELUDE**

† **WELCOME**

P: We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

C: Amen.

♪ **ADVENT SONG ~ People Look East**

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Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today— Love, the Guest, is on the way.

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† **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ First Candle - Bonnie Taggart**

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† **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the darkness instead of adding to the light. [Silence.] God of Love and Light,

C: We confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the transgressions of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in the dark. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. We inflame others by lashing out in anger. We go through our days enveloped in the gloom of fear and doubt. We let our witness become a smoldering ember until it dies out completely. Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

P: God is light, and in God there is no darkness as all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

C: Amen.

🎵 GATHERING SONG ~ Creator of the Stars of Night

Verse 1:

Creator of the stars of night,
 your people's everlasting light,
 O Christ, redeemer of us all,
 we pray you hear us when we call.

Refrain:

Come, O Lord, and bring your light,
 O radiant star and heart's delight.
 O God with us, Emmanuel,
 With your love, the dark dispel.

Verse 2:

When this old world drew on toward night,
 you came; but not in splendor bright,
 not as a monarch, but the child
 of Mary, blessed mother mild. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

At your great name, O Jesus, now
 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 all things on earth with one accord,
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord. *Refrain*

Verse 4:

Come in your holy might, we pray,
 redeem us for eternal day;
 defend us while we dwell below
 from all assaults of our dread foe. *Refrain*

Verse 5:

To God the Father, God the Son,
 and God the Spirit, Three in One,
 praise, honor, might, and glory be
 from age to age eternally. Amen. *Refrain*

✠ GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C: And also with you.

✠ KYRIE (top line only)

Lord, have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on us.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Shine your light in to our dark-ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.
 Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to live as one.

Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.
 Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.

Breathe new life in - to our spir - its. Pu - ri - fy our hearts and minds.
 Word made flesh who lives a - mong us; Christ our Lord, Em - man - u - el.



✠ GLORY TO GOD (top line only)

Glo - ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a
 Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry one. Hope has lift - ed

joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -
 up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.

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†PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

†FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

†PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

²Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

⁹Because of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek to do you good."

†SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ He Came Down

Verse 2:

He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

†GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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†SERMON

Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward

♪HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Verse 1:

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.

Rejoice!

Verse 2:

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.



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Verse 3:

The saints, who here in patience
their cross and sufferings 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.

Verse 4:

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!



†**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†**PRAYERS**

P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

♪**SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Let All Mortal Flesh** arr. by Carlton R. Young

†**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

MEAL



Glory Tones Choir

P: At the beginning of creation God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. In ancient times God also led the Israelites through the desert with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The priests of old also kept a perpetual fire burning in the Temple to remind us that God is a light who cannot be extinguished.

Finally Jesus, the Word, who was with God since the beginning of creation, became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory shining in our world, full grace and truth. Christ's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. This same light has commanded us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but to put it on a lamp stand so that everyone can see it. With our lights burning brightly, we now join the saints and angels in a hymn of praise to God, the Everlasting Light.

C: Amen.

♪**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.



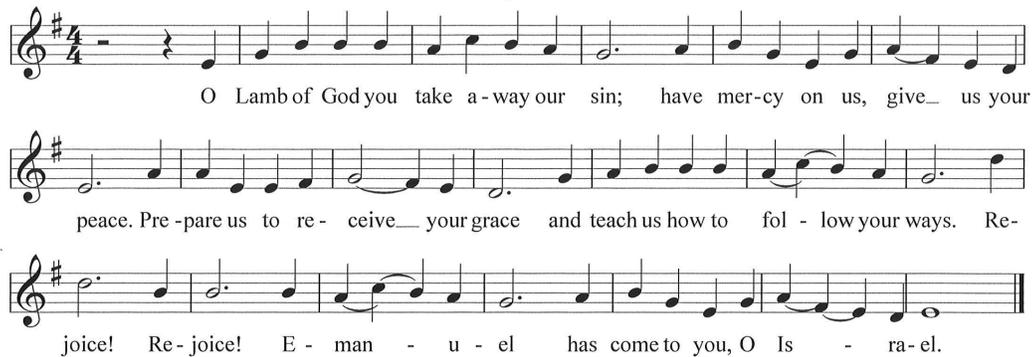
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†LORD'S PRAYER

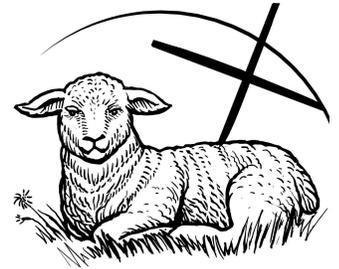
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

♪LAMB OF GOD



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give us your
peace. Pre-pare us to re-ceive your grace and teach us how to fol-low your ways. Re-
joice! Re-joice! E-man-u-el has come to you, O Is-ra-el.



†THE MEAL IS SHARED

All are welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion.

*The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive the gifts. Pick up a communion cup before coming to receive God's gifts.
You will receive gluten free bread from Pastor Emily. Then the assisting minister will pour either wine or grape juice into your chalice.*

†COMMUNING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

♪COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC ~ O Come, O Come Emmanuel by the Piano Guys

Video

♪COMMUNION HYMN ~ What Feast of Love

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Verse 1:

What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

Verse 2:

What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

Verse 3:

What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

†TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

†PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

P: Jesus, our bright Morning Star, we give you thanks that you have fed us well through the bread and wine of your Supper. May it enable us to shine brightly in all the dark places of our world with your love, justice and peace. We ask this in your holy name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

†BENEDICTION / BLESSING

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

♪SENDING SONG ~ Fling Wide the Door

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Verse 1:

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.

Verse 2:

He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.

Verse 3:

Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.

Verse 4:

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,
and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪POSTLUDE



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