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Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ding Dong Merrily On High

arr. John Carter

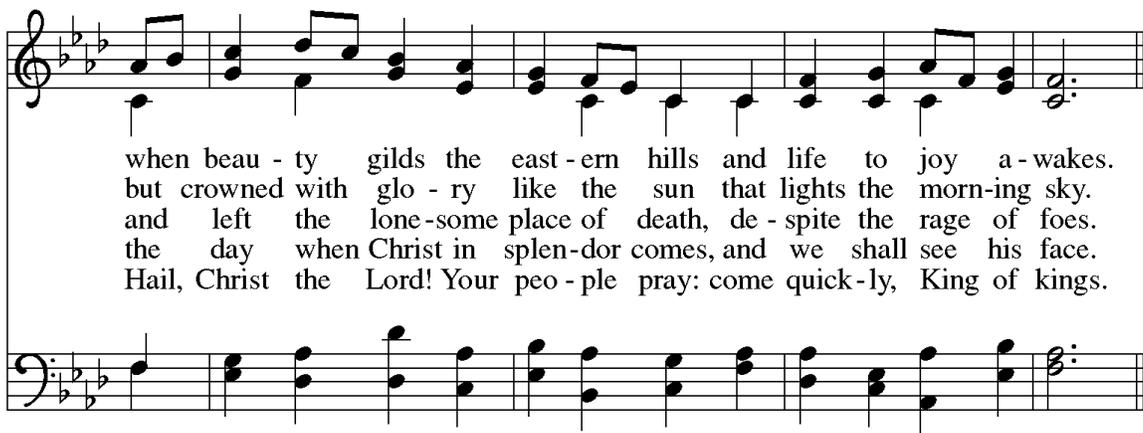
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phunt breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davission, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our Prince of Peace,
our mighty God, our Wonderful Counselor,
Emmanuel, God with us,
who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen.**

ADVENT WREATH INTRODUCTION

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of faith, peace, new life, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US IN PEACE

Voigt Family

ADVENT WREATH HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Re-joice! Re-joice!

and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your people, Lord God, with your advent among us. Open the doors that keep our hearts from loving, and teach us your way of life and love by living among us. Send yourself to end our exile, that we may set our neighbors free. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

The reading is from the book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

God comes to us in the word.

God comes to us where we are.

PSALM

The reading is from the book of Psalms.

Lord, you were favorable to your land;
 you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people;
 you pardoned all their sin.
You withdrew all your wrath;
 you turned from your hot anger.
Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
 and put away your indignation toward us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
 Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
 so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
 and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
 for he will speak peace to his people,
 to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
 righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
 and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
 and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
 and will make a path for his steps.

God comes to us in the word.
God comes to us where we are.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.

“Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: French folk tune, 17th cent.

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GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 1-8

The Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



HYMN OF THE DAY

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I 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.

I 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response

Hear us O God,
Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

MEAL

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OFFERING MUSIC

Hope and Glory

Proclaim

Tim Hughes, Martin Smith & Nick Herbert

Hear our cry O King of heaven
Jesus hope to every heart
We are lost without Your glory
We are lost without You God

Be the fire that burns within us
Flames of love that purify
Send Your power and Your salvation
Let us see Your Kingdom come

('Cause) Only You can move the mountains
Only You can heal our land
Christ alone our hope and glory
Christ alone in You we stand

Turn Your eyes and show us mercy
How we need Your Father's love
Lead us home and out of darkness
With Your gospel burning bright

We believe our God is mighty
We believe our God is here
We believe our King is coming
Christ alone in You we stand

Praise the Lord our God is mighty
Praise the Lord our God is here
Praise the Lord our King is coming
Christ alone in You we stand

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,
you have created all that is,
all you provide for us in every season.
Bless all that we offer,
that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
lives now in - side us for - ev - er.

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Music: Marty Haugen
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REJOICE, REJOICE
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. We invite you to share in your homes the sacrament of the Lord's table.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE 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**

WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION

Give to one another the bread, "Body of Christ given for you."
Give to one another the wine, "Blood of Christ shed for you."

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. John Carter

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,

✠ now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
Soon and Very Soon

Proclaim
Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King

Hallelujah, hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there, We are going to see the King
No more crying there, We are going to see the King
No more crying there, We are going to see the King

No more dying there, We are going to see the King
No more dying there, We are going to see the King
No more dying there, We are going to see the King

Hallelujah ooh ooh ooh ah

Should there be any rivers we must cross
Should there be any mountains we must climb
God will supply all the strength that we need
Give us grace till we reach the other side

We have come from every nation
God knows each of us by name
Jesus took His blood and He washed our sins
And He washed them all away
Yes there are some of us
Who have laid down our lives
But we all shall live again
On the other side

Hallelujah ooh ooh ooh ah
Hallelujah ooh ooh ooh
Hallelu ooh ooh ooh ah

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas

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