

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

# welcome!

We are a community of believers seeking and sharing life in Christ through ancient-future faith. We consider it a great privilege to worship the Lord with you today. In fact, your presence today is a gift from God. Please let us know if we can do anything to help you feel at home.

#### CHILDCARE

If you have infants (age 2 and under), we have a nursery on the main floor, available at any time.

### WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

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#### WFICOME

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,

People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

## "Blessed Be Your Name"

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#### VERSE 1

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name

## (PRE-CHORUS)

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

#### CHORUS 1

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

#### VERSE 2

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name (BRIDGE)

You give and take away, you give and take away My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

## "It Is Well With My Soul"

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#### **VERSE 1**

When peace like a river

Attendeth my way

When sorrows

Like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot

Thou hast taught me to say

It is well

It is well with my soul

#### **CHORUS 1**

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)

It is well

It is well with my soul

#### VERSE 2

Tho' Satan should buffet

Tho' trials should come

Let this blest assurance control

That Christ has regarded

My helpless estate

And hath shed His own blood

For my soul

#### VERSE 3

My sin O the bliss

Of this glorious tho't

My sin not in part

But the whole

Is nailed to the cross

And I bear it no more

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord O my soul

#### VERSE 4

And Lord haste the day

When my faith shall be sight

The clouds be rolled back

As a scroll

The trump shall resound

And the Lord shall descend

Even so it is well

With my soul

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

#### LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

## THE FIRST LESSON

Liturgist: A reading from Isaiah 64:1-9a.

- O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
- You meet those who gladly do right,
   those who remember you in your ways.
   But you were angry, and we sinned;
   because you hid yourself we transgressed.
- We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
- Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
- 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM**

Liturgist: A reading from Psalm 80:1-7.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! \*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. \* Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; \* let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, \*
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

- You have fed them with the bread of tears, \* and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- You make us the scorn of our neighbors; \* our enemies laugh among themselves.
- Restore us, O God of hosts; \*let your face shine, that we may be saved.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

## "Faithful"

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#### **CHORUS**

Hallelujah my soul will sing Hallelujah You are good to me You are faithful always faithful

## THE GOSPEL READING

*The Gospel reading today is from Mark 13:24-37.* 

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Presiding Bishop and our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

#### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We invite you to take advantage of several opportunities:

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. The clergy will celebrate the Eucharist in both kinds while distributing only the bread to the congregation. Gluten free bread is available also. We ask that households maintain social distance with one another when coming forward to receive the sacrament. While not the norm or the ideal, this practice of the laity receiving only the bread for a season has ample historical precedent and fully confers to its recipients the real presence of Christ.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

## "My Delight Is In You"

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## VERSE 1

My delight is in You Lord On Your Word I set my heart

You are peace You are calm for my restless soul

You light my way through the dark

I want to know You even more

#### VERSE 2

Holiness is my desire Purify burn in me Come and make me clean You refine me in Your fire

## **CHORUS 1**

Here I am open arms
Draw me close to Your heart
You're my life You're my refuge
My delight
My delight is in You
My delight is in You

## VERSE 3

My delight is in You Lord You're the treasure I have found You're the rock where I stand I will not be moved All my life is in Your hands

### "I Surrender"

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#### VERSE 1

The riches of this world will fade
The treasures of our God remain
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing
And find ev'rything in You
Chorus 1

I surrender I surrender I surrender all to You

#### VERSE 2

Take my life a sacrifice
In You alone I'm satisfied
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing
And find ev'rything in You
Oh oh ev'rything in You

## MISC 1 (BRIDGE)

Not my will but Yours be done Not my strength but Yours alone Nothing else but You O Lord I find ev'rything in You

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. Amen.

#### THE HYMN IN RECESSION

## "Build My Life"

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#### VERSE 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

#### VERSE 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

#### **CHORUS 1**

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

## MISC 1 (BRIDGE)

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

#### SENDING FORTH

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!