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THE SECOND 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

If you are new to our church or would like to share a prayer request with the church staff, please fill out a connect card located on the table as you walk in. Place it in the offering basket or hand it to an usher.

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RESOURCES

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,

People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

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VERSE 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

CHORUS 1

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

VERSE 2

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

VERSE 3

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

VERSE 4

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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 40:1-11.*

- 1 Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
- 2 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.
- 3 A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 very 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.
- 5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
- 6 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.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
- 9 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!”

- 10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
- 11 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.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Liturgist: *A reading from Psalm 85.*

- 1 Lord, you were favorable to your land; *
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; *
you pardoned all their sin.
- 3 You withdrew all your wrath; *
you turned from your hot anger.
- 4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, *
and put away your indignation toward us.
- 5 Will you be angry with us forever? *
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- 6 Will you not revive us again, *
so that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 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.
- 9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; *
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

- 11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, *
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- 12 The LORD will give what is good, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness will go before him, *
and will make a path for his steps.

THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from 2 Peter 3:8-18.*

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

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CHORUS

Hallelujah hallelujah

Come oh Lord on earth to reign

Hallelujah hallelujah

We await the coming day

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading today is from Mark 1:1-8.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹The beginning of the good news^[a] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

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VERSE 1

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the everlasting light
Son of righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these chains of mine

VERSE 2

Come thou long awaited One
In the fullness of Your love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same

CHORUS 1

So here I've waited hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear

VERSE 3

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born

And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come.

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VERSE 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

VERSE 2

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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

“More To Come”

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VERSE 1

You're the God who makes the giants fall
You bring down the walls of Jericho
You're the God who gives the miracle
We believe

VERSE 2

You're the God who parts the ocean wide
Just to bring us closer to Your side
You're the God who brings the dead to life
We believe oh we believe

CHORUS 1

God how great You are
Great things You have done
For ev'rything we've seen
There is more to come
Ev'ry victory ev'ry battle won
For ev'rything we've seen
There is more to come

VERSE 3

We are confident in all Your ways
'Cause we know You never make mistakes
God You fill us with a greater faith
We believe

MISC 1

(BRIDGE)

All of our hope in
All of our trust in
All of our future in
The God who never fails
All of our faith in
All of our strength in

All of our future in
The God who never fails (oh)

SENDING FORTH

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!