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THE THIRD 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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RESOURCES

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,

People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

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VERSE 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

VERSE 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

VERSE 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

“Your Words Of Life”

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VERSE 1

As we gather come and teach us
Spirit come and speak today
You delight to lead and guide us
It's Your Word that lights the way

CHORUS 1

So come awaken our hearts
Illumine our minds magnify Jesus Christ
Come renewing our faith
Changing our lives
With Your words of life

VERSE 2

Let Your truth sink deep within us
Let the foolish learn Your ways
We are often to prone to wander
As we hear may we be changed

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 65:17-25.*

- ¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,

- and its people as a delight.
- 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
- 20 No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 23 They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
- 24 Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Liturgist: *A reading from Psalm 126.*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

3 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we rejoiced.

4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

5 May those who sow in tears *
reap with shouts of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing, *
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28.*

¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

²⁵ Beloved, pray for us.

²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

“See He Comes”

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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 John 3:22-30.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized ²⁴—John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵ Now a discussion about purification arose between John’s disciples and a Jew. ²⁶ They came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.” ²⁷ John answered, “No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.’ ²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”

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

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, 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

"Out Of The Depths"

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VERSE 1

Out of the depths O Lord I cry to You
When I am tempted to despair
Though I may fail to trust Your promises
You never fail to hear my prayer
And if You judged my sin I'd never stand again
But I see mercy in Your hands

CHORUS

So more than watchmen for the morning
I will wait for You my God
When my fears come with no warning
In Your Word I'll put my trust
When the harvest time is over
And I still see no fruit
I will wait I will wait for You

VERSE 2

The secret mysteries belong to You
We only know what You reveal
And all my questions that are unresolved
Don't change the wisdom of Your will
In every trial and loss My hope is in the cross
Where Your compassions never fail (to chorus).

“There Is A Redeemer”

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VERSE 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

CHORUS 1

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

VERSE 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

VERSE 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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

“The Blessing”

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The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

CHORUS

Amen
Amen
Amen

(BRIDGE)

May his favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
To your family, And your children
And their children
And their children
May his presence go before you
And behind you and beside you

All around you and within you

He is with you

He is with you

In the morning, In the evening

In your coming and your going

In your weeping and rejoicing

He is for you

He is for you

SENDING FORTH

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!