

Traditional Worship

November 27, 2022

First Sunday in
Advent

Length
in mins

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

0:00 Reminders

- * Advent Dinner tonight at 5:00pm
- * Midweek Advent services at noon and 7pm beginning this Wednesday.

Invocation

0:00 Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

0:00 First Sunday in Advent

P: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.
C: Amen.

0:00 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (Verse 1)

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

**Length
in mins**

Confession & Forgiveness

0:00 Confession/Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of new beginnings,
C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.

P: People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

**Length
in mins**

Gathering Hymn

0:00 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending ELW 435

- 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Now redemption, long-expected,
comes in solemn splendor near;
all the saints this world rejected
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
See the day of God appear!
- 3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Greeting

0:00 Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

0:00 ELW Setting 7

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy.

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Hymn of Praise

0:00 Glory to God-Setting 7

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

Prayer of the Day

0:00 Salutation & Prayer of the Day (S&S)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. 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.

First Reading

0:00 First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

1The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

3Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

5O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Length in mins

Psalm

0:00 Psalm 122 (read responsively)

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- 2 Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
- 4 To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- 5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers.”
- 8 For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
- 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Second Reading

0:00 Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter 13, verses 11 through 14. Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

**Length
in mins**

Gospel Acclamation

0:00 Setting 7

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

0:00 Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter beginning at the 36th verse.

(Glory to you, O Lord)

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] 36“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Praise to you, O Christ)

Children's Homily

Sermon

0:00 "Keep Awake! Get Ready!"--Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Hymn of the Day

0:00 **Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying ELW 436**

- 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,
 the watchmen on the heights are crying;
 awake, Jerusalem, at last.
 Midnight hears the welcome voices,
 and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
 "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
 The bridegroom comes! Awake;
 your lamps with gladness take!"
 Alleluia!
 Rise and prepare the feast to share;
 go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
 and all her heart with joy is springing.
 She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
 Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
 the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
 her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 Now come, O Blessed One,
 Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
 Sing hosanna!
 Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 and follow to the banquet hall.

- 3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
 Let saints and angels sing before you,
 with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
 Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
 lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
 with angel choirs around your throne.
 No eye has caught the light,
 no ear the thund'ring might
 of such glory.
 There we will go: what joy we'll know!
 There sweet delight will ever flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
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Apostles' Creed

0:00 Creed

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

C: 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.

**Length
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Prayers of Intercession

0:00 Prayers for 11/27/22

In hope and anticipation, we pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Gather all people into your house, O Lord, and open our eyes to your presence among us. Send us as witnesses, that others may see and be drawn to you. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Unite our voices to the great song of praise sung by mountains and rivers, fields and trees. Join our voices with theirs in announcing your coming throughout all creation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Transform our tools of war and destruction into instruments for cultivation and growth. Plant peace in places of conflict, especially Ukraine and the Middle East. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Be attentive to all who wait expectantly for your mercy in times of crisis, illness, fear, and grief, especially.... Answer them when they cry out to you, and give us compassion to bear one another's burdens. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You have clothed the saints in the light of Christ. Teach us to live in his ways until the great day when he comes to make all things new. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Peace

0:00 Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

**Length
in mins**

Musical Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

0:00 Great Thanksgiving-Advent

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.

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos,
cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.
Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen

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Lord's Prayer

0:00 The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Invitation to Communion

0:00 Invitation

P: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Holy Communion

Communion Song

0:00 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? ELW 241

Communion Blessing

0:00 Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace unto life everlasting.
C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

0:00 Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and
strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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Benediction

0:00 Blessing

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.
Amen.

**Length
in mins**

Sending Hymn

0:00 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ELW 244

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

Dismissal

0:00 Sending

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.
C: Thanks be to God.

**Length
in mins**

Postlude Music

0:00
