

Traditional Worship

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in
Advent

Length
in mins

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

0:00 Reminders

*Advent dinner tonight at 5:00pm

*Christmas Eve services 4:00pm and 8:00pm

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 Prayer

P: Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace

abound,

until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

C: Amen.

0:00 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" v.2

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,

gently lead them homeward.

**Length
in mins**

Confession & Forgiveness

0:00 Confession/Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C: 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 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" ELW 246

- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

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.

**Length
in mins**

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

0:00 First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

(Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.)

1A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

2The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

3His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

7The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

9They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

10On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Length
in mins**

Psalm

0:00 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (read responsively)

1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

2 that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;

3 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

4 Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

6 Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**Length
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Second Reading

0:00 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

(God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.)

4Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

10and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

11and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

12and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: Word of God, word of life!

C: Thanks be to God!

L: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

0:00 Setting 7

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia! Alleluia!

**Length
in mins**

Gospel

0:00 Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew , the 3rd chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

(Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.)

1In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
2“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

4Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11“‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Homily

Sermon

0:00 "Hope from a Stump"--Pastor Ruth Hamilton

**Length
in mins**

Hymn of the Day

0:00 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" ELW 249

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

**Length
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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.

Prayers of Intercession

0:00 Prayers for 12/4/22

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

(A brief silence.)

God, you renew the Church in every age. We give thanks for lay people and pastors, hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to refugees, our neighbors without shelter, and those fleeing danger and destruction. Bring peace and comfort to those who are ill. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation, especially MUST Ministries, YELLS, Community Assistance Center, Special Needs Cobb, and Inspiritus. We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones (especially). God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

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

**Length
in mins**

Lord's Prayer

0:00 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 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" ELW 247

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.

**Length
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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.

Sending Hymn

0:00 "Prepare the Royal Highway" ELW 264

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: Refrain

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: Refrain

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
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Dismissal

0:00 Sending

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music

0:00
