

Announcements

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Advent Wreath Lighting (*standing, as you are able*)

Presider The Holy One is coming.

People ***We wait with anticipation.***

Presider We open the Book of Hope and read the promise of God.

People ***God will be with us.***

Presider Our hearts are glad; we trust God's holy name.

People ***God's never-ending love surrounds us.***

Presider Today, we light the candle of Hope.

People ***Our hope is in the Lord.***

(As the hymn is sung, the Advent Wreath is lit.)

Opening Hymn: Creator of the Stars of Night (*standing, as you are able*)



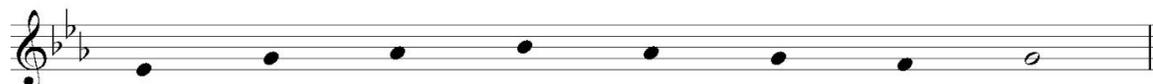
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
*6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Opening Acclamation (*standing, as you are able*)

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Presider 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.*

The Trisagion (*sung three times*)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Prayer (Collect) of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. 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 Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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. Many 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. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (*the Musician-in-Residence sings the verses, the Congregation sings the Refrain*)

Refrain: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1. I was glad when they said to me, * "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
2. Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself; **(Refrain)**
4. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

5. For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * "May they prosper who love you. **(Refrain)**
7. Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.
8. For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.
9. Because of the house of the Lord our God, * I will seek to do you good." **(Refrain)**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 *(standing, as you are able)*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Jesus Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeller The Gospel of our Lord.

People *Praise to you, Jesus Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gray Lesesne

The Affirmation of Faith: An Advent Creed *(standing, as you are able)*

We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

The one who is full of patience,
 who is not afraid of silence,
 who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.
 The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,
 and who does not jostle for attention.

We believe in God the Son, Savior of creation,
 who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,
 who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,
 who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,
 who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,
 who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,
 whose silence overpowered their words,
 who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
 who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,
 sometimes arriving with obvious power,
 sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.
 We believe in one God
 who patiently waits for us,
 and who longs for us to do the same.

Advent Prayers Of The People

Rick Morley

Presider In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph and Mary, we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

Litanist O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the Church, especially Jennifer, our Bishop, Gray, our priest, our Bishop's Committee, our Ministry Leaders, and our staff, that through them you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come, Lord Jesus:

People ***And hear our prayer.***

Litanist Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come, Lord Jesus:

People ***And hear our prayer.***

Litanist In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts, including _____; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come, Lord Jesus:

People ***And hear our prayer.***

Litanist In your Reign, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate, including _____; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. Come, Lord Jesus:

People ***And hear our prayer.***

Litanist In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your Son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love, but see no longer. Come, Lord Jesus:

People ***And hear our prayer.***

Litanist O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come, Lord Jesus.

People ***Amen.***

The Peace

Presider The Peace of God be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Admission of Good Sam's 101 Graduates as Members of Good Samaritan

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, having completed Good Sam's 101, you now come before our community as a sign of your desire to grow together with us and to become members of this community. Will you, with all the gifts God has given you, help us to love and serve others, as Christ loved and served us?

Members ***We commit ourselves to being followers of Jesus, with open minds and hearts to serve.***

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The people's offerings are collected to support the ongoing work and ministry of our community. *If you wish to make a gift by text, simply send the dollar amount you wish to give to 73256 with the keyword GoodSams, followed by a space, and then a dollar amount. For example, "GoodSams 15"*

The Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer

Presider God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

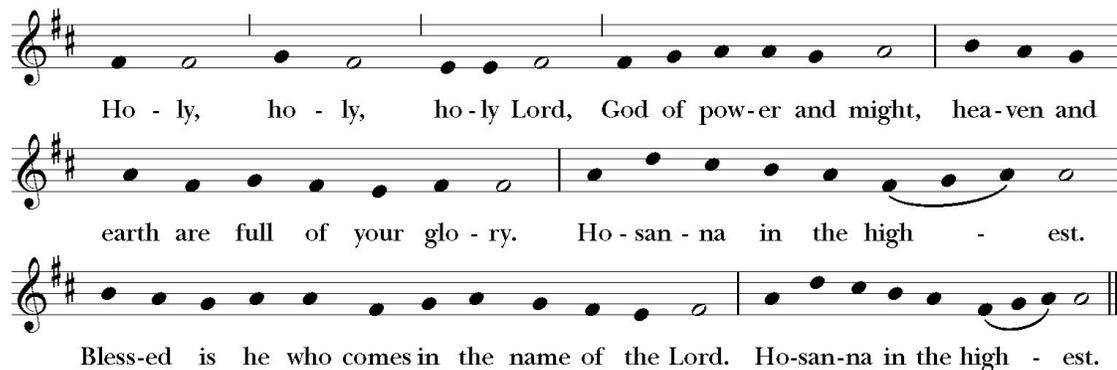
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as Our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of musical notation continues the vocal and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

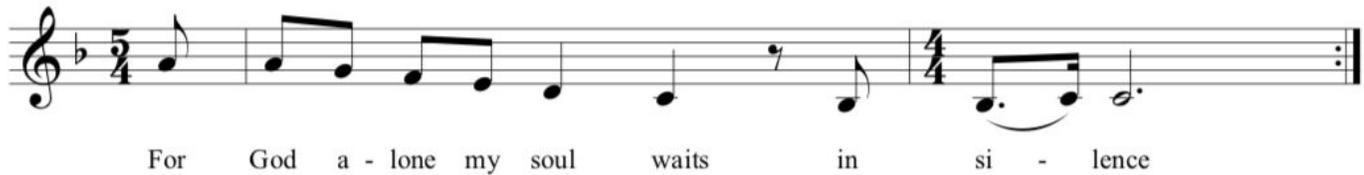
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has lyrics: "give us your peace, give us your peace." The bass staff continues the accompaniment and ends with a double bar line.

All who are followers of Christ, regardless of your church background (or not!), are warmly welcome to receive the gifts of bread and wine in Holy Communion. Come forward and the priest will place a piece of bread into your palm.

Gluten-free bread is available; simply ask the minister. *As the cup of wine passes, you may either dip the bread into the wine, or drink from the cup. If you do not wish to receive bread and wine, we welcome you to come forward anyway and to cross your arms over your chest. The priest will say a prayer for God's blessing upon you.*

Hymn After Communion: For God Alone My Soul Waits (*sung in repetition*)



Postcommunion Prayer (*said by all*)

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Advent Blessing of the People

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, preserve and keep you, now and always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope

1. Jesus came bringing us hope,
Jesus came bringing us hope,
Jesus came bringing us hope,
hallelujah forever more!
2. Jesus came bringing us peace,
Jesus came bringing us peace,
Jesus came bringing us peace,
hallelujah forever more!
3. Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!
4. Jesus came bringing us joy,
Jesus came bringing us joy,
Jesus came bringing us joy,
hallelujah forever more!

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The Dismissal

Presider With love and compassion,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider With judgement and mercy,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider In power and glory,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider In wisdom and truth,

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

With thanks to those who serve today!

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- I'd like to ask for your prayers for _____.
- Something we didn't think of: _____.

Your name: _____ Your email: _____
Your phone: _____
Thoughts you want to share?