
Traditional Worship Guide

First Sunday in Advent ☩ November 27, 2022

WELCOME & BETHANY'S MISSION

- P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,
we seek to live our mission of:
- C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM (10:30) "Give Me Jesus" *Chancel Choir*
HYMN (8:15) "Fling Wide the Door"[st 1, 3, 4] # **259**

ADVENT INVOCATION

- P: In the mighty name of God, in the saving name of Jesus,
in the strong name of the Spirit,
- C: **we come, we watch, we wait, we long for God.**
- P: The Spirit and the church cry out:
- C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P: All those who await his appearance pray:
- C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P: The whole creation pleads:
- C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

ADVENT WREATH: THE HOPE CANDLE

- P: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.
- C: **Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ.
Jesus is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things.
He is the one through whom God saves and redeems the world.**
- P: We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus is our
hope and the hope of all the earth.
- C: **We thank God for the promises made to us,
and for the light God has brought into the world.**

Sing "Kyrie" on the next page as a candle is lit →

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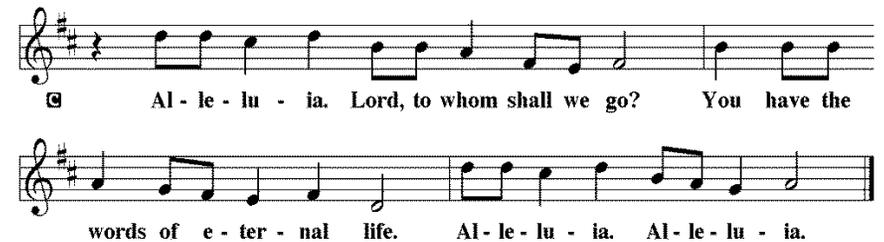
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. By your merciful protection save us from 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 2: 1-5* Bible, pg. 1062

SECOND READING *Romans 13: 11-14* Bible, pg. 1765

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand*)



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HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 24: 36-44* Bible, pg. 1539

Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.

HYMN: “*Soon and Very Soon*” # **439**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Faithful God,

C: we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you. We have not eagerly expected your coming. We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor. Restore us, God of might. Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins. Almighty God grant you forgiveness, keep you in the grace of Christ Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and hope. Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:

P: ...Hear us, O God, **C. Your mercy is great.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**

BENEDICTION

HYMN: “*My Lord, What a Morning*” # **438**

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

- 1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God’s right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**
- 2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God’s right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**
- 3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God’s right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Fling Wide the Door

1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
salvation's gift to all the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.

3 Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.

4 Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,
and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!

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Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

3 No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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