
Traditional Worship Guide
2nd Sunday in Advent ☩ December 4, 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.**

HYMN "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" # **240**

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 PEACE CANDLE

- P: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Peace.
Our peace is found in God and in his son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist—and all the prophets—remind us that to receive peace we must be prepared for it. As we light this candle today, we remember:
C: **Christ is the Prince of Peace, the One promised,
from the beginning of the world.
We thank God for the hope he gives us,
and for the peace he bestows.**

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

KYRIE (from ELW, by Jeremy Young © 1995, 2006 Augsburg Fortress #SBL14414)

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By him 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.
Amen.

BIBLE READING *Isaiah 11: 1-10* Bible, pg. 1076

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand*)

☩ Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3: 1-12* Bible, pg. 1499

- 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: “*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*” # 244

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:

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

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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

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

HYMN: “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*” [verses 1 & 5]..... # 257

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please come down the center aisle, receive communion, return by side

HYMN: “*Lamb of God*” # 195

HYMN: “*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*” # 272

HYMN: “*Hark, the Glad Sound*” # 239

HYMN: “*All Earth Is Hopeful*” # 266

BENEDICTION

HYMN: “*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*” [sts 1 – 4] # 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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. Composite
Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Prartorius, 1571-1621
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.
- 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.
- 3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.
- 4 Light four candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.
Let your lights be shining!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954. Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress. One License #A-708297. Music: Yiddish Folk Tune.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- 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 Laurentii, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907, alt.
Music: Swedish Folk Tune. Public domain.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Text: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Koln, 1710
Music: French Precessional, 15th Century. *Public domain.*

Lamb of God

Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung,
it came, a flow'r so bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah had foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.
- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fill the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens ev'ry load.
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
who dost our weakness know:
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven,
and to the endless day.

Text: German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John Caspar Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4. Music: Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge 1599, arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621. Public Domain

Hark, the Glad Sound!

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751. Music: Thomas Hawies, 1734-1820. Public domain.

All Earth Is Hopeful / Toda la tierra

- 1 All Earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
This the labor of people, who struggle to see how
God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.
- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel;
She conceived him, God with us, our brother, whose birth
Restores hope and courage to children of this Earth.
- 3 Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
New highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here, God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!
- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
In our world, he is present, in neighbors we see,
Our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

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