

Advent Candle Lighting

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Leader: In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God: and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life: and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in darkness: and the darkness does not comprehend it.

Out of Zion, the loveliness of his beauty, God shall come manifestly: our God shall come, and shall not keep silence. A fire shall burn before him: and a mighty tempest shall be round about him. He shall call heaven from above, and the earth, to judge his people.

Leader: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins we may be rescued by your protection, and to be saved by your Deliverer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **AMEN.**

Scripture (John 1:1-5; Psalm 49:2-5, 71:2-8, 8-15)

Advent Candle Lighting Music: Holy is your name (verse 4)

To the hungry you give food,
Send the rich away empty,
In your mercy you are mindful
of the people you have chosen.

And holy is your name,
Through all generations,
Everlasting is your mercy
to the people you have chosen,
And holy is your name.

Opening Hymn: Freedom is Coming

Oh freedom (freedom is coming)
Oh freedom (freedom is coming)
Oh freedom (freedom is coming, oh yes I know)

Oh yes I know (oh yes I know)
Oh yes I know (oh yes I know)
Oh yes I know (oh yes I know, oh yes I know)

Oh Jesus (Jesus is coming)
Oh Jesus (Jesus is coming)
Oh Jesus (Jesus is coming, oh yes I know)

Oh freedom (freedom is coming)
Oh freedom (freedom is coming)
Oh freedom (freedom is coming, oh yes I know)

In that Great Gettin' Up Morning

Well, in that great gettin' up mornin'
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
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Run and look behind the altar
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
Run and look behind the altar
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)

Pick up your silver trumpet
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
Pick up your silver trumpet
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)

Blow your trumpet, Gabriel
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
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(Fare ye well, fare ye well)

Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
Oh, to wake the children sleepin'
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
Oh, to wake the children sleepin'
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)

Well, in that great gettin' up mornin'
(Fare ye well, fare ye well)
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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
All desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
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,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray

Collect: 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 forever. *Amen.*

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!

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

- 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;
- 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.
- 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."

Romans 13:11-14

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; 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; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 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.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Matthew 24:36-44

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord 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."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sequence: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessions and Thanksgivings Shared

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

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

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, **and hear our prayer.**

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 now;

Intercessions shared here

We pray to you, mothering God, to heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.
Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We give thanks for those who rejoice this week, especially for those joys we now name;

Thanksgivings shared here

Shield the joyous, Father, for your love's sake.
Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

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, **and hear our prayer.**

Officiant

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

Confession: *You are welcomed to stand or to kneel*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

a brief silence is observed

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

Announcements

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversary Prayer

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: Down by the Riverside

1

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more.

2

Gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my burden,
gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more.

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray:

**Blessed are you, Breath of peace, Giver of all life,
Source of love that knows no boundaries.**

Your song of wisdom rang out before the world began; throughout the ages, your song of liberation has impregnated us with your hope for a world where those considered last and least are first and most; violence is overcome by the power of your ancient love; and, all your children work together for peace.

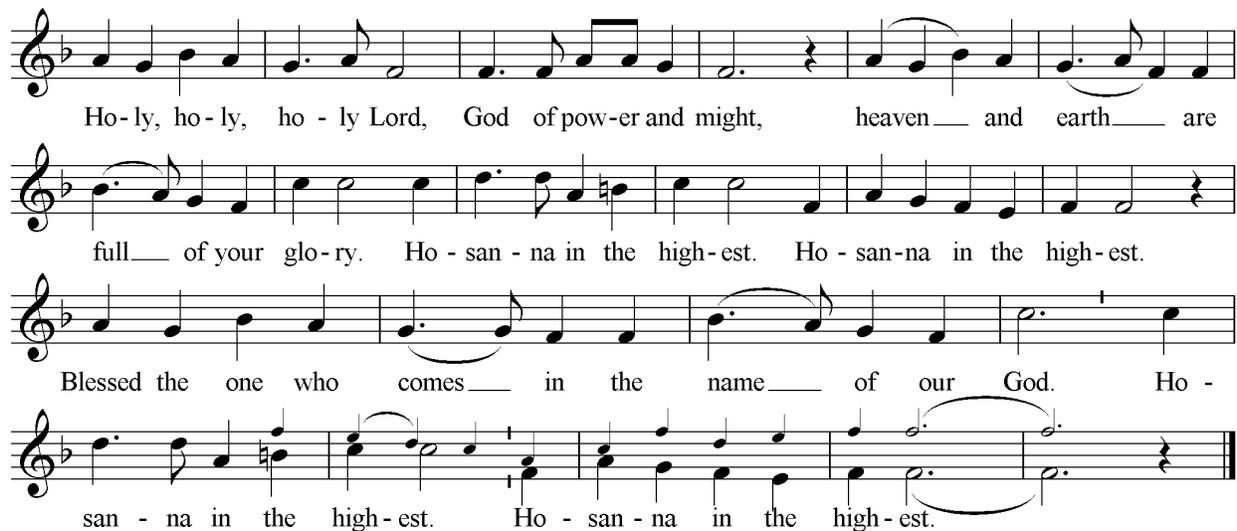
**You bring our longings to birth, and send prophets to awaken us to your approaching
Advent among us.**

We thank you for those who, like Mary, have the strength and courage to give birth to your love in the world; for those who, like the shepherds, dare to seek out the Child of Bethlehem; for those who, like the wise ones, actively challenge violent and oppressive powers.

We join in the Advent prayer of all your people,
“O come, Emmanuel.”

And, as we wait and watch for your coming among us,
we proclaim your goodness.

Sanctus: Proulx



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven___ and earth___ are
full___ of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Blessed the one who comes___ in the name___ of our God. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

God of hope, make this bread the means of our rebuilding,
this wine the medium of our transformation,
this table the foundation of our renewal,
and this community the place of our rebirth. **Amen.**

At this time, we remember Jesus,
Who on the night before he died,
took a loaf of bread,
gave you thanks, broke it, and said,
“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”

**Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,
“This is the new covenant; remember me.”**

Gracious God, Breath of peace,
Source of love,
we pray for your Spirit.

**Make us, while many, one.
Make us, though broken, whole.
Make us, despite death, alive.**

And so we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Lord’s Prayer: Pulkingham

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen. Amen.

Fraction

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefor let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

The Cup

The chalice with a ribbon is for those who wish to drink from the cup

*The chalice without a ribbon is for dripping the host into the wine (intincture).
Please hand the chalice bearer your host and they will dip the host in the chalice for you*

Healing Stations During Communion

There will be a healing station by the side of the Altar where a Pastoral Care Minister will be located for prayer and anointing during the Eucharist.

Communion Hymn: Unexpected and Mysterious

1 Unexpected and mysterious
is the gentle word of grace.
Everloving and sustaining
is the peace of God's embrace.
If we falter in our courage
and we doubt what we have known,
God is faithful to console us
as a mother tends her own.

2 In a momentary meeting
of eternity and time,
Mary learned that she would carry
both the mortal and divine.
Then she learned of God's compassion,
of Elizabeth's great joy,
and she ran to greet the woman
who would recognize her boy.

3 We are called to ponder myst'ry
and await the coming Christ,
to embody God's compassion
for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing
to bring healing to the earth,
while we watch with joy and wonder
for the promised Savior's birth.

Post Communion Prayer

Officiant and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing:

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 God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer be with you
this day and forever more. Amen

Closing Hymn: People Get Ready

People get ready, there's a train a-comin'.
You don't need no baggage,
you just get on board.
All you need is faith to hear the diesels
hummin'.
You don't need no ticket,
you just thank the Lord.

People get ready, there's a train to Jordan,
picking up passengers coast to coast.
Faith is the key, open the doors and board
them;
there's hope for all among those loved the
most.

Have mercy on those
who let their chances grow thinner,
for there ain't no hiding place
'gainst the Kingdom's throne.
There's always room for one more sinner;
just throw down your baggage,
and just come on home.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.