

December 4, 2022
9:00am & 11:00am
Advent II



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Order of Worship

Prelude

Lisa and Aaron Sadowski, Violins

Lighting of the Advent Candle

9:00am Service: *Brian Beverly*
11:00am Service: *Dan and Jill Fielding*

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Opening Hymn

(please stand)

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;
dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
“Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744
St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978
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Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Call to Worship

He has come to the help of His servant Israel, **for He has remembered His promise of mercy.**

The promise He made to our fathers, **to Abraham and His children for ever.**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Our King and Savior now draws near; **Come, let us adore Him.**

Gloria

“Savior of the Nations, Come!”



Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's Son make here your home.
Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.

Mar - vel now, both heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Boundless shall your king - dom be grant that we its glo - ries see.

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

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Psalm Reading - Psalm 1

(read responsively by whole verse)

¹Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

²**But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

⁴**Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Song of Praise

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has



soul. _____ Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
do. _____ Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
made, _____ show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your



-new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a - live in me;
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;



Give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the



pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading - Zechariah 4:1–14

(please be seated)

¹Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep. ²He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights. ³Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." ⁴I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied. ⁶So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. ⁷"What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" ⁸Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁹"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. ¹⁰"Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "(These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range throughout the earth.)" ¹¹Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" ¹²Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?" ¹³He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said. ¹⁴So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading - Matthew 13:31–32

³¹He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³²Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

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“God’s work between the Advents?”

The Apostles Creed

(please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People

(please sit or kneel)

Father, thank You for Your great love for us and for hearing Your people when we pray.

Please help every member of Your Church family to truly know and humbly serve You; **That Your Name may be known and glorified by all people.**

We pray for Archbishop Foley Beach, Bishop John Guernsey, Bishop-elect Chris Warner, and for all leaders and ministers in the Church; **That we may be faithful ministers of the Gospel and humble servants of Your people.**

We pray for Christ Church in Accokeek, MD, Christ Church in Loudoun County, VA, and Central Presbyterian Church in Towson, MD; **That You would guide, strengthen, and sustain the churches in our diocese and in Baltimore.**

We pray for the work of our ministry partners: Anglican Leadership Initiative and Search Ministries; **That You would equip and bless them to fulfill their mission, serve Your people, and build Your kingdom.**

We pray for our President, Congress, Governor, and all who hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for the lives of the unborn; **That they may be protected and delivered safely.**

We pray for all who are poor in spirit, for the sick and those in need; **That You would heal and deliver them from their distress.**

We pray for Christians who are persecuted for their faith; **That You would sustain them by Your Holy Spirit and give them strength, joy, and perseverance.**

Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others, and give thanks for the blessings of this life, either silently or aloud.

Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, beginning with silent, personal confession.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. Grant us, O merciful Father, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution and Peace

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.**

(please stand)

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Offertory

Lisa and Aaron Sadowski, Violins

Doxology

(please stand)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Sanctus - S125

(sung together)

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 is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Words of Remembrance

(please sit or kneel)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had chosen to sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life we have through faith in Him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia! The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who desire prayer for yourself or someone else are welcome to proceed around the back of the altar to the chapel to pray with a member of our prayer team before or after you take communion.

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;

Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”
The liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”
Look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;

I found in Him a rest - ing place, and He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I’ll walk till trav - ’ling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar

Music: *English Country Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

“Come Lord Jesus, Send Us Your Spirit”

Refrain: Come Lord Jesus. Send us your Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.

Verse 1: Come to us, Spirit of God. Breathe in us now. We sing together.
Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives. Come to us, Spirit of God. *[Refrain]*

Verse 2: Fill us with the fire of love. Burn in us now. Bring us together.
Come to us; dwell in us. Change our lives, oh Lord. Come to us, Spirit of God. *[Refrain]*

Verse 3: Send us the wings of new birth. Fill all the earth with the love you have taught us.
Let all creation now be shaken with love. Come to us, Spirit of God. *[Refrain]*

Post Communion Prayer

(please stand)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. And, may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, The ev - er - liv - ing Lord,
2. Through ho - ly proph - ets did He speak His word in days of old;
3. Of old He gave His sol - emn oath To Fa - ther A - bra - ham:
Who comes in pow'r to save His own, His peo - ple, Is - ra - el.
That He would save us from our foes And all who bear us ill.
His seed a might - y race should be, And blessed for - ev - er - more.
For Is - ra - el He rais - es up Sal - va - tion's tow'r on high
To our an - ces - tors did He give His cov - e - nant of love;
He vowed to set His peo - ple free From fear of ev - 'ry foe;
In Da - vid's house, who reigned as king And ser - vant of the Lord.
So with us all He keeps His word In love that knows no end.
That we might serve Him all our days In good - ness, love, and peace.

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Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

All who desire prayer for yourself or someone else are welcome to proceed around the back of the altar area to the chapel to pray with a trained prayer team after the service.