

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

AS WE GATHER

The Advent season has an expectation not only of the coming Christmas celebration, but of the end of this fallen world and the remaking of creation. What do you hope will happen then? According to Paul, in today's Epistle, when the Messiah returns, the world will live without conflict. God certainly helps us in the Church to live in harmony with one another, but we must, as John the Baptist cried, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." But by ourselves we cannot do that, we cannot hope for any change. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ, who is glorified in the Church with one voice. Hope in Him!

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

You Say Preservice #1

I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Ev'ry single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of
Ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe
What You say of me I believe

The only thing that matters now
Is ev'rything You think of me
In You I find my worth
In You I find my identity

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe
What You say of me I believe

**Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You'll have ev'ry failure God
You'll have ev'ry victory**

**You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe
What You say of me I believe**

**Oh I believe yes I believe
What You say of me I believe**

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Take A Walk Through Bethlehem Preservice #2

**The city's decorated up for Christmas
All the stores are open late tonight
People hurry through the frozen streets
I take a walk**

**Every child has a thousand wishes
Every window has a thousand lights
Every soul has a need for peace
I take a walk**

**There's a star
That still outshines the night
You can find it if you close your eyes
See the light**

**Take a walk through Bethlehem
Come and kneel before the lamb
Good news for every man
Walk through Bethlehem**

**Every night, another TV special
Merchants counting down the shopping days
But something's missing underneath the tree
I take a walk**

**'Cause every heart longs for more than tinsel
Something more than just a holiday
Come and celebrate the baby King
Let's take a walk**

**You don't have to travel anywhere
Faith and hope and love
Will bring you there
Bring you there**

**Take a walk through Bethlehem
Come and kneel before the lamb
Good news for every man
Walk through Bethlehem**

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BELLS – CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Opening Song

**Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set thy people free
from our fears and sins release us
let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
hope of all the earth thou art
dear desire of every nation
joy of every longing heart**

**Born thy people to deliver
born a child and yet a King
born to reign in us forever
now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne**

You draw the hearts of shepherds
You draw the hearts of kings
Even as a baby
You were changing everything
You called me to Your Kingdom
Before Your lips could speak
And even as a baby
You were reaching out for me

And now we are awaiting
The day of Your return
When every eye will see You
As heaven comes to earth

Until the sky is opened
Until the trumpet sounds
The bride is getting ready
The church is singing out

Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set thy people free
from our fears and sins release us
let us find our rest in thee

Come Thou long expected King

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation who made heaven and earth.

Pastor If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Congregation But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

#357 "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

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

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Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten
Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure
minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

On page 1076 in NIV pew Bible

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PSALM

Psalms 72:1–7

On page 908 in NIV pew Bible

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EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

On page 1766 in NIV pew Bible

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ALLELUIA & VERSE

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Pastor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Congregation **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Congregation **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On page 1499 in NIV pew Bible

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NICENE CREED

Congregation I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

“Still”Sermon Song

**I believe that You are God alone
But sometimes I still try to take control
Cause I get scared when I can't see the end
And all You want from me is to let go**

**You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still**

**I bring my praise before I bring my need
Cause there's no fear You've not already seen
I rest my heart on all Your promises
Cause I have seen and know Your faithfulness**

**You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still**

**And know that You are God Be still
And know that You, trust that You are parting waters
Lord, You whispered my name
Oh, You answered my prayer
You're moving mountains**

**You're parting waters making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still**

Be still

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SERMON..... “Hope Is Real”

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OFFERING

“God Loves Me Dearly” Offering Song

**God loves me dearly grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly loves even me.**

**He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer
He sent forth Jesus, and set me free.
Refrain**

Refrain:

**Therefore I'll say again: God loves me
dearly, God loves me dearly, loves
even me.**

**Now will I praise You, O Love Eternal
Now will I praise You all my life long.
Refrain**

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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near. With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Congregation 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation Amen!

DISTRIBUTION

"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone) Communion Song

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear,
The hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.**

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

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Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor 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 T give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

“Jesus Loves Me”.....Closing Song

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! Still today
Walking with me on my way**

**Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way
Thou has bled and died for me
I will henceforth live for thee**

**Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.**

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