

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

1 Advent

December 1, 2024 + 9:30 am

The coming of the Son of Man

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Jesus is the guest who surprises us when he comes

Stir up your power and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

GATHERING MUSIC

flute

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Marilyn Thompson

At the sound of the bell please stand if you are able and face the worship leaders.

GATHERING SONG

(hymn) ELW 244

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

stanzas 1, 2, 4

**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.**

**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 Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

GREETING

P From the One who was, and who is, and who is to come:

Grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER AT THE ADVENT WREATH

by Mt Carmel households

A The Spirit and the church cry out:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

A All those who await his appearance pray:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

A The whole creation pleads:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. In this first week of waiting, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C **Amen.**

This Sunday's candle is lit during the singing of the Advent hymn.

ADVENT HYMN

(hymn) ELW 240

"Light One Candle"

stanza 1

**1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the 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.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

FIRST READING

A righteous branch springing up from David

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name — “The Lord is our righteousness” — proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

...Word of God, come down to us.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10 (ICEL)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (25:1)

REFRAIN

C To you O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

L Lord, make me know your ways,
teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth,
for you are God, My Savior. **REFRAIN**

L For the Lord is good and righteous,
revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and humble. **REFRAIN**

L To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God’s word,
who live God’s love, God will always be near,
and will show them mercy. **REFRAIN**

Text: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12-14 © 1982 GIA; Martyr Haugen;
refrain trans. © ICEL

SECOND READING

Strengthen hearts of holiness

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Paul writes to the church in Thesaloniki:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

...Word of God, come down to us.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

setting 3 p. 142

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man

Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus says: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 245

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5

**1 Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.**

**2 When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blessed mother mild.**

**4 Come in your holy might, we pray,
redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below
from all assaults of our dread foe.**

**5 To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.**

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
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APOSTLES' CREED

A We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

ADVENT CONFESSION

P As people called out of darkness, let us confess our sin
and seek mercy from the God of justice and righteousness.

silence is kept for reflection

P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of
heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned
in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, I pray God Almighty to
have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon,
forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.**

P Amen.

C **I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
Therefore, I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon,
forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.

A Awaiting the promised light,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

each petition concludes:

...Come Lord Jesus.

C Bless us with your presence.

finally:

P ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.

"Advent Promise"

flute, arr. P. Martin

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C God of abundance,

**we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.**

Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

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.

P ...and join their unending hymn. *setting 3; page 144*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1789)

P As Christ teaches, we pray:

C 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

“Lamb of God”

setting 3; page 146

**C 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 peace.**

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread
and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome
Christ into our lives, and send us forth to be your people in
the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus
Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

We are sent to be God's hands in the world

BLESSING

P May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

(hymn) ACS 949

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

stanzas 1 - 3

**1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for this work's almost done.**

**2 Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

**3 Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain***

Text: African American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

DISMISSAL

Please face the worship leaders for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Prepare the way.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“People Look East”

arr. J. Bert Carlson



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
Trina Benedict, *assisting minister*
Dubbels, *advent wreath household*
Lory Dubbels, *reader*
Jenny Focht, *flute*
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
Chancel Choir
Julie and Dave Larson, *technology*
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
Doug and Linda Jones, *ushers*
Doug Jacobsen, *bus ministry*
Worship & Music Team, *coffee hosts*

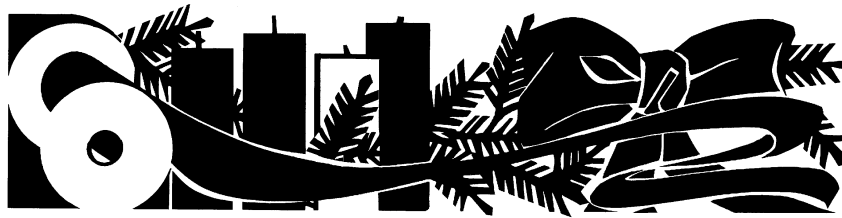
Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Diane Langer
in memory of Adeline Egeland.

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

Please join us for pie & coffee fellowship in the lower level following worship.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

WELCOME



Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

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