



# **First Sunday of Advent**

**November 28, 2021**

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665 St. John's Road*

The worship leader reads the fine print.

The assembly reads the bold print.

# **+GATHERING+WORD+MEAL+SENDING+**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand as we are able.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,  
**the presence of one another,**  
**we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**

**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**

**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**

**We fear those different from ourselves.**

**We forget that we are your children  
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,  
and assure us again of your saving grace.**

**Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
✠ your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG**

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” ELW 244

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

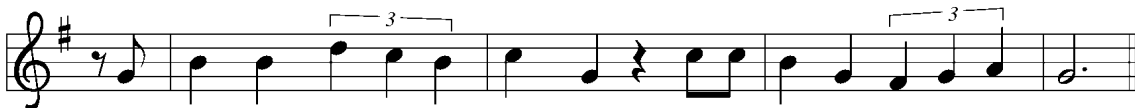
O house of Jacob, come,  
**let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

During the lighting, the assembly sings "He Came Down," ELW 253.

This week we only sing verse 1.



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

*The assembly is seated.*

## +GATHERING+WORD+MEAL+SENDING+

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Word of God, word of life,

Thanks be to God

Psalms 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. R**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting. R**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-

ness, O LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up-<sup>1</sup>right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners<sup>1</sup> in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low-<sup>1</sup>ly in justice  
and teach the low-<sup>1</sup>ly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast<sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your<sup>1</sup> testimonies. R**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Word of God, word of life,  
Thanks be to God.

*We stand as we are able to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW 431

## APOSTLE’S CREED

ELW pg.105

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God,  
*Your mercy is great.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

*The assembly is seated.*

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## OFFERING PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,  
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us  
as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.  
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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory

as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

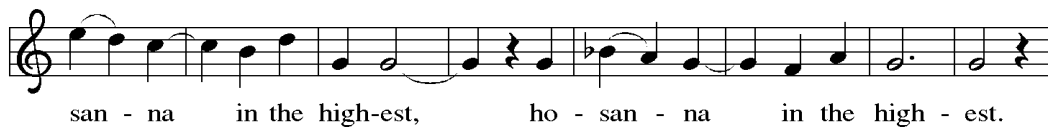
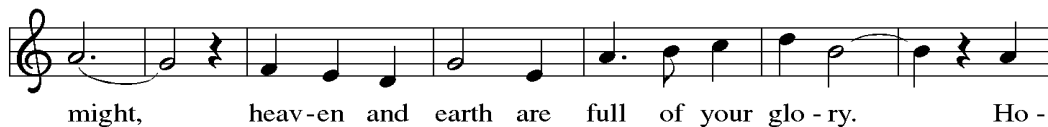
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,

ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
Our Father,...

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**



Come to Christ's banquet.  
Feast on God's gift of grace.

## **COMMUNION**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **LAMB OF GOD**

ELW PG #112

### **HYMN DURING COMMUNION**

"My Lord, What a Morning" ELW 438

"I Received the Living God" ELW 477

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.  
**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

"He Came Down" ELW 253

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**