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November 29, 2026 **The First Sunday in Advent**

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand* "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

♩ Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, Angels singing, Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

♩ Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*

Amen.

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant. *Psalm 25:1, 3–4, 14*

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. *Zechariah 9:9b*

Confession and Absolution

O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Now the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Amen.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated* "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

♩ O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:
~O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

♩ Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! ~O come,…

♩ Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: ~O come,…

♩ Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! ~O come,….

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Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1–9

1Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
2as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.
5You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
6We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
8But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
9Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ
Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the
testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as
you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

♩ Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear! Then greet the king of glory
Foretold in sacred story:
~Oh, blest is He that came In God the Father's name!

♩ God's people hear Him coming: Your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! ~Oh…

♩ Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation
It's tribute too should bring. All lands, bow down before Him!
All voices, join in singing: ~Oh…

♩ His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: ~Oh…

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The Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Mark 11:1–10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately
as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone
says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here
immediately.'" 4 And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they
untied it. 5 And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the
colt?" 6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 And they brought the colt to
Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and
others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those
who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed
is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

The Hymn *Please Be Seated* "The Advent of Our King"

♩ The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

♩ The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.

♩ O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.

♩ As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.

♩ Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

♩ All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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Proclamation of the Word

"The Oldest Social Game Destroyed" 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*
Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated* "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *(vv. 1-5)*

♩ O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
~Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

♩ 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. ~Rejoice…

♩ O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice…

♩ O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. ~Rejoice…

♩ O come, Thou 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…

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Postlude