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The First Sunday in Advent

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Hark the Glad Sound”

- ♪ Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.
- ♪ He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.
- ♪ He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.
- ♪ Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

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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. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

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

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait
all the day long.

Psalms 25:1-2a; 4-5

May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.

Psalms 25:21

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Confession and Absolution

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives.

Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity. *A Time of Silence.*

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The 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 be 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 Music: "Hark the Glad Sound" Hymn 349* "In Advent Hope"

♪ In Advent hope we gather here And worship trustingly,
Assured that Christ is coming near To set His people free.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 13:11–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“Savior of the Nations, Come” (vv. 1-5 & 8)

♪ Savior of the nations, come, Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

♪ Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh- Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

- ♪ Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.
- ♪ Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.
- ♪ God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

Please Stand

- ♪ Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

- ♪ I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
- ♪ I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
- ♪ I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.
- ♪ I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
- ♪ I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- ♪ I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Trustingly”

Matthew 24:36–44

Hymn of Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 4)

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

Prayer of the Church

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer and grant our petition.

Offering and Musical Offering

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 upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Music: “From Heaven Above”, Hymn 358* “Hosanna to the Living Lord”

♪ Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to th’Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, Let earth and heav’n, hosanna sing.

♪ O Savior, with protecting care Abide in this Thy house of prayer.
Where we Thy parting promise claim, Assembled in Thy sacred name.

♪ But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast, Eternal, bid Thy Spirit rest
And make our secret soul to be A temple pure and worthy Thee.

♪ So in the last and dreadful Day, When earth and heav’n shall melt away,
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise again.

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Postlude