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The Second Sunday in Advent

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand Music: Hymn 803* “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

♪ 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 ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry 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.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned
upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Psalms 80:1

Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Psalms 80:3

Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.

Psalms 80:14a

**But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You
have made strong for Yourself!**

Psalms 80:17

I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

Psalms 40:1

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Psalms 40:3a

Confession and Absolution

O God, our Father, 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, O God, according to Your steadfast love. We acknowledge our
sinful nature and confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deed. 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 may 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. Go in peace.

Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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.

♪ Our Advent-hope hosannas now Expectantly arise
To Jesus Christ, the Savior, King Who comes from Paradise.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vv. 1-4)

♪ 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...

Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Matthew 3:1–12

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

Bell Choir

The Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

- ♪ It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.
- ♪ Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds The blessed angels sing.
- ♪ All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow: Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the angels sing.
- ♪ For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Expectantly”

Romans 15:4–13

Hymn of Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 7)

- ♪ O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. ~Rejoice....

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 357-Text: Latin 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Cathjolicarum, Koln 1710; tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66; Tune: French 15th cent.; Setting:
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Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

With hope we pray:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Offering and Musical Offering *Please Be Seated*

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus Hymn *Music: "Away in a Manger," Hymn 364*

- ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God, Almighty. The earth and the heavens all magnify Thee.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest praise, O blessed is He that comes in Your great name.

Words of Our Lord

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei Hymn *Music: "Away in a Manger," Hymn 364*

- ♪ O Jesus, our Savior, the true Lamb of God; Forgiveness in Your name, have mercy on us.
O Jesus, our Savior, the true Lamb of God, Give peace to Your people, have mercy on us.

Distribution Hymns

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

- ♪ O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
- ♪ For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
- ♪ How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.
- ♪ O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

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“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

- ♪ On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- ♪ Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
- ♪ We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- ♪ Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- ♪ All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Dismissal

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

“Joy to the World”

- ♪ Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- ♪ Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- ♪ No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
- ♪ He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

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Postlude