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The First Wednesday in Advent

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**Processional Hymn** *Please Stand*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

- ♪ 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...
- ♪ O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight. ~Rejoice...
- ♪ 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....

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**Opening Sentences**

The Spirit and the Bride say,

“Come.”

And let the one who hears say,

“Come.”

And let the one who is thirsty come;

**Let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

*Revelation 22:17*

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

**Amen.**

*Revelation 20:20*

**Hymn of Light** *Please Be Seated*

“O Light Whose Splendor”

- ♪ O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens With radiance brighter than the sun,  
Pure gleam of God’s unending glory, O Jesus, blest Anointed One;
- ♪ As twilight hovers near at sunset, And lamps are lit, and children nod,  
In evening hymns we lift our voices To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.
- ♪ In all life’s brilliant timeless moments, Let faithful voices sing Your praise,  
O Son of God, our Life-bestower, Whose glory lightens endless days.

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## Thanksgiving for Light

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Psalmody Hymn

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” (vv. 1-3)

- ♪ The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.
- ♪ Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.
- ♪ Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.

## Psalmody with Hymn Response

Psalm 80:1–7; 17–19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!  
Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!  
♪ **Restore us, Lord of hosts, we pray, Stir up Your pow’r again.**  
**Smile on us, save us, Christ, our Lord, Within us come to reign.**

O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people’s prayers?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!  
♪ **Restore us, Lord of hosts, we pray, Stir up Your pow’r again.**  
**Smile on us, save us, Christ, our Lord, Within us come to reign.**

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

Then we shall not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name!  
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!  
♪ **Restore us, Lord of hosts, we pray, Stir up Your pow’r again.**  
**Smile on us, save us, Christ, our Lord, Within us come to reign.**

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## Psalmody Hymn Concludes

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” ” (vv. 4-5)

- ♪ Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see His face.
- ♪ The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

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## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as 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!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From 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.

<sup>5</sup>You 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?

<sup>6</sup>We 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.

<sup>7</sup>There 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.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Verse Hymn

“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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## The Epistle

1 Peter 5:6–11

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being

experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

**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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## Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## The Hymn

“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 beloved name.

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## Proclamation of the Word

“Restored”

Psalm 80

## Offering

### Apostles' Creed *Please Stand*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us as we pray for ourselves and all the Church: Strengthen our hope and increase faith and love among us and toward the world. Use us as fits Your gracious plans for them.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Restore us, stir up Your might, and come to save us.**

Lord over all the angels, hear us as we pray for all who have been forgotten by the world's commerce: Surround with faith-filled people all who are hungry and homeless, the many who are migrants and refugees, people dealing with sudden ills and long-term disabilities, and all who are in mourning. Use us as fits Your gracious plans for them.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Restore us, stir up Your might, and come to save us.**

Regard us, the fruitful vine You have planted, as we struggle in this dark world: Renew in us true faith and peace, faithfulness in worship, spiritual vitality, and confidence in Your promise of eternal life. Grant that many join us in fruitful worship. Use us as fits Your gracious plans for them.

**Hear our prayer, O Lord. Restore us, stir up Your might, and come to save us.**

By the blessed coming of Your Son, whose death purchased us as Your own people, grant these our prayers, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Magnificat

“My Soul Rejoices”

- ♪ My soul rejoices, My spirit voices- Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior Has shown me favor- Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy-  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him,  
Love and revere Him- O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
- ♪ His arm now baring, His strength declaring- Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters- Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy-  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token All that was spoken to Abr’ham’s offspring  
God is fulfilling- O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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## Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## 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 *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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