

Worship Bulletin
Sunday, November 29, 2020

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Nolen

GATHERING PRAYER

Rebecca Ketchie

PRELUDE "Pastoral Symphony" from "The Messiah" G. F. Handel / Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; They lived in a land of shadows, but now a light is shining on them.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

ADVENT CANDLE – Light the Candle of Hope

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HYMN 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Oh, blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Oh, blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,

And tidings of salvation proclaim in ev'ry place.

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.

Oh, blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Advent God, forgive us when we pay more attention to satisfying our own needs, than seeking you and your will for our lives—for being more interested in possessing the material things of life, rather than your spiritual gifts. Turn our lives around so that we are looking in the right direction - towards you. Only then can we hope to recognize the signs of your presence in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 1:5-8

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every way—in everything we say and in everything we know. In addition, through God's grace we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait with anticipation for Jesus to be revealed.

For Christ is the one will keep us strong to the end, so that we shall be blameless on the day of His return.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Mark Miller

Eileen Butler and Julie Vogel

*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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come.
While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come.
Hope of all heaven and earth. Come, Jesus, come. O Jesus, come.
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.
Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come.
While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come.
Hope of all heaven and earth. Come, Jesus, come. O Jesus, come.*

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 64:1-9 & 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

SERMON

“What You Wish For”

Rev. Collin Adams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Susan Lodal

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, as we journey down this Advent road, grant us the courage to bring hope: Hope to those at the end of their rope. Hope to those who have lost their way. Hope to those who are exhausted.

Guide our own hearts toward hope so that we value what means the most to you. Guide our steps toward those you would have us serve. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN 104

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

*O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you a-right?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord, most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please Thee best.*

*Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
In love, all loves excelling our lost and fallen race.*

*You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill.
To bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
When you renewed creation your glory shall display.*

BENEDICTION and BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

G. Winston Cassler