



**Second Sunday in Advent Dec 4, 2022 10: 45 Blended Service**

The Kingdom of Peace is Here and Now

**Prelude**

**As We Gather**

The Advent season brings us the assurance that God's plan is still unfolding and that we continue to abide in His peace. In this season of busyness, we can be peaceful and peaceable people by God's grace!

**Welcome**

**+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP +**

**Opening Song " Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"**

**Sing we the song of Emmanuel**

**This the Christ who was long foretold**

**Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem**

**Promise of dawn now our eyes behold**

**God Most High in a manger laid**

**Lift your voices and now proclaim**

**Great and glorious Love has come to us**

**Join now with the hosts of heaven**

**Come we to welcome Emmanuel**

**King who came with no crown or throne**

**Helpless He lay the Invincible**

**Maker of Mary now Mary's son**

**O what wisdom to save us all**

**Shepherds sages before Him fall**

**Grace and majesty what humility**

**Come on bended knee adore Him**

**Go spread the news of Emmanuel**

**Joy and peace for the weary heart**

**Lift up your heads for your King has come**

**Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark**

**Glory shining for all to see**

**Hope alive let the gospel ring**

**God has made a way He will have the praise**

**Tell the world His name is Jesus**

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### **Invocation**

- A** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Opening Sentences**

- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- C** **Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**
- A** Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.
- C** **But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**
- P** I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
- C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

### **Lighting the Advent Wreath** "Light One Candle"

Light One Candle for hope  
one bright candle for hope,  
He brings hope to every heart  
He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace  
One bright candle for peace,  
He brings peace to every heart,  
He comes, He comes,

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## Confession and Absolution

- A** 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.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

**Song of Forgiveness** "My Chains are Gone" SSP 39

**My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace**

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## Prayer of the Day

**A** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us with Your presence. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a deep and abiding peace for all of our days. By the working of the Holy Spirit, lead us to share that joy we now know as Your gift. Keep us in true faith until the coming of Your everlasting kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## + WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

### Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1–10

*(A shoot shall come forth from the stump of Jesse.)*

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

<sup>2</sup>And 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.

<sup>3</sup>And 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,

<sup>4</sup>but 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.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The 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.

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

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

<sup>9</sup>They 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.

<sup>10</sup>In 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

*(Paul points to Christ as the source of hope.)*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For 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, <sup>9</sup>and 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.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

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

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

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

<sup>13</sup>May 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

Matthew 3:1–12

*(John the Baptist preached in the wilderness.)*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,  
<sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For 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.’”

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

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>Even 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.

<sup>11</sup>"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 with fire. <sup>12</sup>His 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."

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,**



**by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" LSB 359

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.**

**O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.**

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**Message** "The Kingdom Peace Is Here and Now" Isaiah 11: 1-10

### **Prayer of the Church**

**A** As we live in hope until our Lord's return, we pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church, here and around the world.

For any among us and all others who hope for freedom from the consequences of their past mistakes, from the injustices of their societies, and from their own worldly passions, that God would surround them with people of faith "that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures" they might place their hope in Him alone, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord hear our prayer.**

**A** For our communities and country and for all the nations of the world, wherever people live in hope for an end to discord with their neighbors and calm across their borders, that God would use people of faith to bring about order in our society at home and work for harmony among the nations, so that peoples and nations might welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord, we pray for Your presence and provision within our families and in the lives of our children. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, Myles & Marilyn Dempsey, Ditz & Judy Ditzenberger, Faye Drahos, Ron, Beverly, Andrea, Shelby, Jordan, Josh DuPree, Gracelynn Ewing, Felicity Dillon. Bless the children of our CLC Brodie, Clayson, Weston, Penelope, along with their parents and our staff. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord hear our prayer.**

**A** For people who hope for relief from long-term ills or sudden crises of health, including Craig White, Barrie Henke, Chesley Dempsey, Christina McGreevy, Janice Sessum, Jason Taylor, Leah Knack, Chris Bossy, John McCarty, Larry Mamken, Loyd Fields, Kirk Ruhberg, Sara Rothan, Craig White, Jeanette Henriques, Kay Renshaw, Nathan Pittman, Jeane Hilsberg, Andy Puls, Donna & Brian Krueger, Barbara Murphy, Kathy Carlson, Barbara Kerber, Dan Benson, Tammy Tolbert, Tisha Robinson. that God would provide comfort, relief, and health so that they "might glorify God for His mercy," let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord hear our prayer.**

**A** For ourselves and everyone who eagerly wait for the return of our Savior, that the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord hear our prayer.**

**A** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who has taught us to pray...

## **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.**

**Offertory** "Who Will Send a Baby" Jennifer Rasch

## **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### **Prepare our Hearts for Communion**

1. Do I believe that I am sinful without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

## **Communion Instructions**

*(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- A** Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to give Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace and endless joy. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with thankful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may continue as the people of Your kingdom of peace, awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.
- C** **Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Song of Preparation "We Proclaim Your Death" SSP 9**

L The Mystery of Faith

**C We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
And profess your Resurrection  
until you come again**

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**Song of Forgiveness "Lamb of God" SSP 10**

L Lamb of God,

**C You take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God,

**C You take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God,

**C You take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace.**

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**Distribution Song "Christ the Lord" SSP 27**

**Darkness hangs the world is aching**

**Yearning for the coming light**

**In His rising hope awaking**

**Love has come to steal the night**

**In our hearts true east we're facing**

**Toward the coming of our Lord**

**Morning rising gloom now fleeing**

**Christ returned His word is true**

**As we wait with hope for rescue**

**Love descends and all is well**

**Prophets tell your God is with us**

**Heaven's gift Emmanuel**

**He is here but hid as lowly**

**In the poor and mystery**

**Where the bread and wine are offered**

**He is here our God and King**

**Parting clouds reveal His wonder  
Mighty King in victory  
Trembling earth and rolling thunder  
Blazing sun and quaking sea  
Now He comes our King in glory  
Saints rejoice and darkness flees  
Rising rays of light His chariot  
Christ the Lord has made us free**

**On us now the Son is shining  
Lifting us to His embrace  
Shame is cursed no more confounding  
Lift your head and know His face  
Love incarnate breath indwelling  
Now in truth is truth made known  
We are His and He forever  
Is our God and He alone  
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Is our God and He alone**

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**Distribution Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411**

**I want to walk as a child of the light.**

**I want to follow Jesus.**

**God set the stars to give light to the world.**

**The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain**

**In Him there is no darkness at all.**

**The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**



**I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

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**Song of Blessing "Lord Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937**

**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.**

**With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.**

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**+ WE DEPART IN HIS PEACE +**

## **Benedicamus**

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

**P** Paul prayed, "May 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."

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**A** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who created us, the †Son who saved us and shall return to welcome us home, and the Holy Spirit who creates and nourishes the faith that Jesus is the Lord—be with you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Song** "Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
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There is no god like Jehovah  
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