



Second Sunday in Advent December 7, 2025 Blended 1 10:45

Prelude

As We Gather

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. We focus on Radical Advent, the Radical
Message: Repent for the kingdom is at hand.

Welcome

+ PREPARATION +

Psalm 130 (Out of The Depths) SSP 104

Out of the depths I cry
You hear my voice and
you do not turn your eye
Away from me
Out of the depths I cry
In your great mercy
you will come from on high
To rescue me

If you Lord
kept a list of all our sin
Then who Lord
who of us could stand
With you Lord
the turning of our hearts begins
With your forgiving hand

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With your forgiving hand

My body my spirit
my heart and my soul
Are watching are waiting
are holding to hope
Like watchmen are waiting
for morning to come
I wait for the dawn
of your unfailing love

My body my spirit
my heart and my soul
Are watching are waiting
are holding to hope
Like watchmen are waiting
for morning to come
I wait for the dawn
of your unfailing love

Oh church arise
lift your head look up
For with the Lord
is unfailing love
Redemption comes
with the morning sun

So put your hope
in the risen one

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A We light our second Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P The second Advent candle has been known by a few different names, including the Bethlehem candle, the preparation candle, and the candle of peace. As we await the angelic proclamation of "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased," we rejoice in the present reality of the peace Christ has assured in and through Him until perfect and eternal peace is ushered in upon His return. In this season, and until that day, we find comfort in His assurance: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

C **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

A Guided by the light of peace, we respond with the psalmist: "There are many who say, 'Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!'

C **You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

- P** In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
C **for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."**

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

- P** May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.
C **May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

Silence for self-examination.

- A** Holy and gracious God,
C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

A He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

You are My King (Song of Forgiveness) SSP 32

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

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+ WORD +

Prayer of the Day

A Lord of all, by Your hands all things were made. In Your Word is power over order and chaos, light and darkness, life and death. Grant Your Spirit that we become instruments of Yours by Your grace, humbly serving You through the perfect Prophet and Savior of this world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

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

C **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 for 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 with 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."

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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry LSB 344

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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Message "Radical Advent" Radical Message Matthew 3:1-2

Prayer of the Church

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Come, O Lord, among us, that as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. With hope we pray:

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

- A** Come, O Lord, with Your presence on earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace. Come to our nation, that we find joy in that which is done through it by the leaders and by the people. With hope we pray:

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

- A** Come, O Lord, and walk beside us that Your love and blessing be evident in all that we say and do. With hope we pray:

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

A Come, O Lord, and bring Your response to the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs and situations that are part of life, *Ami Gray, Teo McDonald, Doug Ebersol, Kelsey Taylor, Mark Lasche, Tim Maher, Drake Williams, Kathy King, Roger Kindt, Joe Kuzma, Nilsa Colas, David Glass, Brenda Nixon, (AT) Atinae Lealiiee, Jan Felzien, Melissa Ruhberg, Karen Manion, Jan Peterson, Cythina Estes, Joe Northcutt, Carla Weikert, Robert Wood, Eric Peterson, Kerstin Krueger, Mary Fodor, Joseph Davis, Tammy Tolbert.* With hope we pray:

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

A For all those who have completed their earthly journey in faith and now rest from their labors in eternal peace and joy, serving as witnesses of Your never-ending care, we bless You, O Lord, and ask that we also be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting. With hope we pray:

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

A Our Lord who taught us to pray....

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Passing of the Peace

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

Offerings are received

We Prepare

- A** As we prepare to receive the Sacrament of Christ's True Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us humbly confess what we believe regarding this Sacrament and our approach to it:
- C** **I believe and confess that I sin often. I am responsible for my sins. I am truly sorry for them and I desire to redirect my life by God's grace.**
- C** **I am not withholding forgiveness nor harboring bitterness with anyone.**
- C** **I believe that Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion- in, with, and under the bread and wine - His Body and Blood - for the forgiveness of my sins.**
- C** **I believe I am coming together with fellow Christians who are united in faith and doctrine concerning this Sacrament.**
- P** If this is what you believe then I invite you to come forward to share the true Body and Blood of our Savior under these elements of bread and wine. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms as a sign to receive a blessing only.

(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.)

+ SACRAMENT +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- A** O Jesus, as we gather in your name, remembering your death and your Last Supper, we beg you to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Holy Spirit, give us the faith to eat Christ's body and drink His blood as he calls us to do in His Word. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all faithful believers at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.
- In your grace, hear our prayers, save us and preserve our faith.

We honor and worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the only true God, now and forever.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** 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."

Pax Domini

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Lamb of God Setting I SSP 4

Lamb of God,
You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
You take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace

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Give Us Clean Hands SSP 93

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks

That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
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O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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SSP 5 We Thank You Lord Setting I

We thank You Lord
We sing Your praise
We shout aloud alleluia.
Let all the world
seek Your face
and celebrate Your gifts of love.

For you fulfill your promises,
and lead us forth with songs of joy
and shouts of thanksgiving
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A Let us pray.

With grateful hearts we give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have strengthened us by Your Means of Grace. Grant that our faith in Jesus, Prophet and Savior, Lord of Light and hope in our trials, would increase and our courage would grow to serve You and others in Your name through all circumstances; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

A 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.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **AMEN!**

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit
three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever
to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit
three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever
to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings
Praise forever to the King of kings

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Postlude

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