



November 30, 2025
Sunday Gathering
The First Sunday of Advent

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-PRELUDE-

"Do You Hear What I Hear" - N. Regney & G. Shayne
Brenda Gardiner

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-A READING-

"In the Time of Herod"
Tiffany Jones

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Show Up"

SUN SETTING EARLY, GET OUT THE CANDLES
SO MUCH REVEALED IN A SPARK
WHAT DO YOU PICTURE IN THESE GROWING SHADOWS?
WHAT DO YOU FEAR IN THE DARK?

I BELIEVE THAT A GOD, BORN INTO EMPIRE
CARRIES THE MESSAGE THAT HOPE IS ENOUGH
A LITTLE BRAVE CANDLE AGAINST GROWING SHADOWS
FEARFUL OR NOT, WE SHOW UP
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-WELCOME-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

On Sundays and Mondays,
ON GOOD DAYS AND BAD DAYS,

Early in the mornings and very late at night,
HERE IN THIS ROOM, AND OUT IN THE WORLD,
GOD, WE LONG FOR YOU TO BREAK IN.

Meet us in this space.
SURPRISE US WITH YOUR PRESENCE.

Fill this room with your good news.

WITH HOPE,
WE SING,
WE WORSHIP,
WE PRAY.
AMEN!

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O COME, O COME COMPASSIONATE DIVINE,
AND RANSOM CAPTIVE PALESTINE
THAT MOURNS WITH TEARS THAT WILL NOT BE SOOTHED
TILL EMPIRES FALL AND NATIONS' HEARTS ARE MOVED.

REJOICE! REJOICE!
GOD'S JUSTICE IS AT HAND
TO LIBERATE THE PEOPLE AND THE LAND.

O COME, O BRIGHT AND EVER-BURNING STAR;
BRING GAZA COMFORT FROM AFAR!
DISPEL FROM HER THE SHADOW OF DEATH
THAT MURDERS DIGNITY AND CHOKES OUT BREATH.

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O COME, O KING OF PEACE AND JUSTICE, BREAK
ALL WEAPONS DOWN, AND FROM THEM PLOUGHSHARES MAKE.
LET ALL TEARS DRY, ALL PEOPLES RESPOND:
"WE ARE EACH OTHER'S MAGNITUDE AND BOND."

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-SCRIPTURE-

Luke 1:5-13 (CEB)

During the rule of King Herod of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. They were both righteous before God, blameless in their observance of all the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old. One day Zechariah was serving as a priest before God because his priestly division was on duty. Following the customs of priestly service, he was chosen by lottery to go into the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense. All the people who gathered to worship were praying outside during this hour of incense offering.

An angel from the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw the angel, he was startled and overcome with fear.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son and you must name him John."

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-THE MESSAGE-

"When God Breaks In"

Kenny Bishop

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD,
HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD;
INCLINE YOUR EAR TO US,
AND GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

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-PASTORAL PRAYER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-COMMUNION MEDITATION-

"O Come, All You Faithful" (adapted)

O COME, ALL YOU PEOPLE,
ALL WHO SEEK BELONGING,
O COME, ALL GOD'S CHILDREN, BELOVED AND WHOLE.

COME TO THE TABLE,
OPEN FOR CREATION:
O COME, AND TASTE THE BREAD HERE,
O COME, AND DRINK THE WINE HERE,
O COME, AND TAKE YOUR PLACE HERE,
WHERE THERE IS LOVE.

COME, ALL YOU WEARY,
COME AND FIND COMPASSION;
COME, AND DISCOVER GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.
HOPE IS DISCOVERED,
AND BECOMES OUR COURAGE:
O COME, AND TASTE THE BREAD HERE,
O COME, AND DRINK THE WINE HERE,
O COME, AND TAKE YOUR PLACE HERE,
WHERE THERE IS LOVE.

COME, ALL YOU STRANGERS,
EVERY TRIBE AND NATION;
COME, EVERY VOICE AND TONGUE FROM ALL O'ER THE WORLD,
HERE WE REMEMBER
CHRIST IN EVERY NEIGHBOR:
O COME, AND TASTE THE BREAD HERE,
O COME, AND DRINK THE WINE HERE,
O COME, AND TAKE YOUR PLACE HERE,
WHERE THERE IS LOVE.

COME, TASTE THE PROMISE
OF GOD'S NEW CREATION—
TABLES MADE WIDER,
AND WALLS BROKEN DOWN.
FEAST OF BELONGING,
BREAD FOR LIBERATION:
O COME, AND TASTE THE BREAD HERE,
O COME, AND DRINK THE WINE HERE,
O COME, AND TAKE YOUR PLACE HERE,
WHERE THERE IS LOVE.

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-OFFERING-

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-IN GRATITUDE-

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-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS,
BORN TO SET YOUR PEOPLE FREE.
FROM OUR FEARS AND SINS RELEASE US;
CHRIST, IN WHOM OUR REST SHALL BE.
YOU, OUR STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION,
COME SALVATION TO IMPART;
DEAR DESIRE OF EVERY NATION,
JOY OF MANY A LONGING HEART.

BORN YOUR PEOPLE TO DELIVER,
BORN A CHILD, AND YET A KING,
BORN TO REIGN IN US FOREVER,
BORN YOUR GRACIOUS REALM TO BRING.
BY YOUR OWN ETERNAL SPIRIT
RULE IN ALL OUR HEARTS ALONE;
BY YOUR ALL-SUFFICIENT MERIT
RAISE US TO YOUR GLORIOUS THRONE.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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