



BEHOLD THE CHILD
Advent 1: November 30, 2022
7:00 p.m.
For You and All the World

The good news of Christ’s birth is both universal and personal. The angel proclaims that Christ’s birth is “good news of great joy . . . for all the people” (Luke 2:10). The heavenly host builds upon that by declaring that Christ’s advent brings “peace among men” to make it known that Christ comes to save all.

Even as the news is universally good for all people, it is also news delivered personally to the shepherds—“for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). What is for all people is most certainly “for you” because you are part of all people.

What do you find in Christ? Peace! He brings peace between you and the Father. You who are alienated from the Father by sin are now brought near to the Father in His Son. You have peace with Him. And so you sing with the heavenly host:

Joy, great joy and tidings glad we bring from heav’n resounding,
 For you, for you and all the world abounding.

The Ringing of the Bell
 The Prelude
 The Words of Welcome

OPENING HYMN: “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Oh, come, Oh, 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.

Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
 From depths of hell Thy people save And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

Oh, come, Thou Day-spring 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! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

Oh, 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! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

Stand

L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C **Amen**

L The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L All those who await His appearance pray:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L The whole creation pleads:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

L Joyous light of glory:

C **of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

**We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.**

We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.**

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

L Blessèd 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

+ PSALMODY +

PSALM 141

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

C **O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.**

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

C **Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.**

P Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

**C But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**C Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and
let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may
sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host
and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

PSALM 24; antiphon: v. 7

Antiphon:

**Children: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Cong: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and
those who dwell therein,

Children: **for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon
the rivers.**

Cong: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His
holy place?

Children: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart
who does not lift up his soul to
what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Cong: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from
the God of his salvation.

Children: **Such is the generation of those who seek Him
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Cong: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Children: **Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Cong: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Children: **Who is this King of glory?**
The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!
All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

HYMN: TLH 73 "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates"

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now, Creator, wise art Thou!**

**A Helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress,
The end of all our woe He brings; Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now, Mighty in deed art Thou!**

**O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless Sun of joy He is, Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now, Our Comforter art Thou!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for Heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sovereign enter in The new and nobler life begin.
To Thee, O God, be praise For word and deed and grace!**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thine inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name. Amen.**

+ READINGS +

FIRST READING *Genesis 12:1-3*

**¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and
your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a
great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will
be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I
will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."**

**L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *1 John 4:9-14*

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING *Luke 2:8-20*

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

SERMON For You and All the World

OFFERTORY: The Magnificat
(*TLH 275*) “**My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord**”

**My soul doth magnify the Lord, My spirit shall in God rejoice;
My low estate He did regard, Exalting me by gracious choice.**

**Henceforth all men shall call me blest, For great things He hath done to me.
The mighty God is now my Guest; The Holy One hath set me free.**

**His mercy is on all who fear, Who trust in Him from age to age;
His arm of strength all is near, The proud He scatt’reth though they rage.**

**The strong He casteth from their seat And raiseth men of low degree;
To hungry souls He giveth meat, The rich depart in poverty.**

**He helped His servant Israel; Remembering His eternal grace,
As from of old He did foretell To Abraham and all his race.**

**So praise with me the Holy One, Who cometh in humility.
Divine Redeemer, God’s own Son, Eternal glory be to Thee! Amen**

LITANY

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ,
for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the
Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:
- C **To You, O Lord.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

- L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
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.**

BENEDICAMUS

- L Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.
C **Amen.**

HYMN: (TLH 66) "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

**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.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, They welcome shall proclaim
And heaven's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name. Amen**

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