



First Sunday in Advent November 28, 2021

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. 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.
2. 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.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Children are invited to go to Children's Church and Encounter.)

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, Thy own may I be; Thou in me dwelling, and I with one Thee.

3. High King of heaven, when victory's won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Joyous Light

1. Hail Gladdening Light, sun so bright; Jesus Christ, end of night. Alleluia.

2. Hail Gladdening Light, Eternal Bright; at every time, 'round us shine. Alleluia, alleluia.

C. We hymn the Father, we hymn the Son; we hymn the Spirit, wholly Divine. No one more worthy of songs to be sung; to the Giver of Life, all glory is Thine.

3. Hail Gladdening Light, such joyous Light; O Brilliant Star, forever shine. Alleluia, alleluia.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lessons

Zechariah 14:3-9

³Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

⁶On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. ⁷And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. ⁸On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. ⁹And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 50:1-6

1 The LORD, even the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.

2 **Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty, has God shone forth in glory.**

3 Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

4 **He shall call to the heavens above, and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:**

⁵ “Gather my faithful together unto me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

⁶ **And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, for God himself is Judge.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— ⁷for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness. That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

People Glory to You Lord Christ

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you

know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to You Lord Christ

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us— Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Closing Song

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come. And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!