

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Under His Wings* by Dani Lemieux

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

L: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths. (Isaiah 2:3)

Now it's time to light the candle,
Soon God's promise will be here.
We do not know the hour but we trust
that our Savior draws near.

**C: Light will overcome the darkness:
See the hope the Christ Child brings.**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (ELW #257 vs 1)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We worship this morning in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P: Lord, as we enter this season of advent we are reminded that it is a season of waiting and of hoping. Instead of hoping in you we are hoping to get it right, hoping to pack it all in, hoping that our families will behave this year, hoping to have all the cheer and peace that the Christmas cards say we should have. Oh Lord, we have a long list of our hopes.

C: Come to us. Find us. Be with us. We ask for your blessing on this time. Fill us with hope that this Advent you will help us to be still and know that you are our God and our hope. Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.
(*A time for personal confession and reflection.*)

P: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; be our hope; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

SHARING A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG

Prepare Ye

**Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
(Repeat 3x)**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

All : Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

FIRST READING Daniel 6: 6-27

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 23: 1-5

Before the Gospel is read:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Reading:

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Bishop Rick Jaech

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Creator of the Stars of Night* (ELW #245)

1 Creator of the stars of night,
 your people's everlasting light,
 O Christ, redeemer of us all,
 we pray you hear us when we call.

2 When this old world drew on toward night,
 you came; but not in splendor bright,
 not as a monarch, but the child
 of Mary, blessed mother mild.

3 At your great name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 all things on earth with one accord,
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

4 Come in your holy might, we pray,
 redeem us for eternal day;
 defend us while we dwell below
 from all assaults of our dread foe.

5 To God the Father, God the Son,
 and God the Spirit, Three in One,
 praise, honor, might, and glory be
 from age to age eternally.

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition.. P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things,

C: Through your mercy you have blessed us with our body and souls, all of our faculties and our property. Use us, and what you have given us in feeding the world with your faith and your forgiveness. We give you thanks and praise because you have blessed us with the greatest gift we can ever have, the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Hymn

O Day of Peace (ELW #711)

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God, our life, our strength, our food,

C: We give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to proclaim your promises to the world, that we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

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