

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 8:30am WORSHIP BULLETIN – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude *Wake, For the Night is Coming* by J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting

*WL: Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.*

*Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25)*

*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.**

Candle Lighting Song *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (ELW #253, verse 1)

**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 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: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children**

and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I declare that
your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (ELW #436)

1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.

3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

GREETING

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 Jeremiah 33: 14-16

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 21: 25-36

Before the Gospel is read: C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Reading: C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (ELW #244)

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.

**Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.**

**4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!**

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.**

SHARING A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

C: And also with you!

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Give Thanks (W&P #411)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

OFFERING PRAYER

WL: God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN

Wait for the Lord (ELW #262)

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!
(Sing 6 times)**

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
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 HYMN

Fling Wide the Door (ELW #259)

- 1 **Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.**

- 2 **He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.**

- 3 **Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.**

- 4 **Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,
and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia in C Minor by J.S. Bach

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