

# Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may draw near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## GOD CALLS US

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O Lord, that you would rend the heavens and come down!

**People: That the mountains might quake at your presence;**  
From of old no one has heard, no ear has perceived;  
**No eye has seen a God like you, who acts on behalf of those who wait on him.**

Come Lord Jesus, come!  
**Summon all your strength, O Lord, and come.**

**All: Come, in your love and power, to find us in our guilt and shame.**  
**Come, set us free from our sin, so we may live without fear.**  
**Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness, and deliver us from the shadow of evil.**  
**Come and make all things new—our lives, our bodies, and our world.**  
**Come, save us now in life and death, and on your great and final Day.**  
**Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* ..... Selection 194

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

*+Silent Prayer+*

**All this we ask through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

*"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."*

*1 Peter 1:18-19*

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

†*"Doxology"* ..... Selection 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, and this day we remember and proclaim the one who is our hope.

Our hope is in God, and in His Son Jesus Christ—announced by the prophets, worshiped by the angels, born of the virgin Mary. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem His people.

We light this candle today proclaiming that Jesus Christ is our hope and the light of the world. We thank God that all of his promises are Yes and Amen in Jesus, for he is the light that shines in the darkness, which the darkness shall never overcome.

*Lighting of the Candle*

**All: Almighty Father, God of Hope, your Son came to us in humility as our Savior, and at the last day he will come again in glory as our Judge: give us grace to turn away from darkness to the light of Christ that we may be prepared to welcome him and to enter into his kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

†HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* ..... Selection 196

## GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Leviticus 4:22-35

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING ..... 1 John 1:5-10

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

†GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 27:15-26

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith. .... *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

†*"Gloria Patri"* ..... Selection 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

SERMON TEXT ..... Hebrews 9:15-28

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

*"Without the Shedding of Blood There is No Forgiveness"* .. Pastor Josh Anderson  
XXII. Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* ..... Selection 193

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and along with the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!**

## GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

**All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!**

†Hymn of Praise

*“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”* ..... Selection 195

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**People: Amen!**

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

## AN INTRODUCTION TO ADVENT

Advent is a season in the church year often considered exclusively as a preparation for Christmas. While this notion is part of the meaning and purpose of Advent, it does not tell the full story. In reality, Advent is much more than just four weeks to prepare for the coming of the Christ child. The season of Advent is about *all* the comings of Jesus. The word “advent” is from the Latin *advenire* which means “to come.” This includes, but does not limit itself to, the coming of Jesus when he was born as a man.

There are three distinct comings of Jesus that are in view in the season of Advent. The first coming is in the past—the birth of our Lord Jesus over two thousand years ago in the Israelite town of Bethlehem. The second coming is his coming at the end of history and is the bodily return of Jesus Christ to judge the earth and make for his people the New Heavens and New Earth, where those who trust in Jesus will live forever with him in resurrected and glorified bodies. These two comings, or Advents, of Jesus are indeed glorious, yet there is another coming of Jesus that we should not miss. The third coming refers to our longing for Jesus to appear and visit us now, by his Spirit, to overcome evil, heal our wounds in body and soul, and advance the kingdom of God in this world. When we say the phrase, “Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!” (*Maranatha* is an Aramaic word used by Paul in 1 Cor 16:22, which means “Come, Lord!”), we are not only asking for the Lord Jesus to return again at the end of time. We are also asking for Jesus to enter into the dark valleys of our world in the here and now and to intervene in our present situation through the presence and power of his Spirit.

So we see that Advent is about all of the comings of Jesus, whether past, present, or future. In Advent we are looking and longing for the Lord to come today, in our lives and in practical ways to fix the brokenness of this world. How does Christmas fit in? In the Christmas season, we remember the answer to all our longing is found in the incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God in the person of Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Risen Lord. Jesus, the Word made Flesh, is the one in whom we must place our trust and ask to come to us. And it is because he has already come to us in time and space that we are able to ask him to bless us with his presence again, both now and in the age to come.



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in Advent**

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