

# Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4, 2022

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: Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands, behold:

**All: One like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.**

The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow.

**His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.**

In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword,

**And his face was like the sun shining in full strength!**

And he said: "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one."

**"I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."**

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"

**And let the one who hears say, "Come!"**

And let the one who is thirsty come;

**Let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon!"

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Revelation 1:12-16, 17b-18; 22:17, 20

†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...

*"If we walk in the light, as [God] is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."*

1 John 1:7

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

On the night before his death, Jesus blessed his disciples, saying: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

We remember today that the Christ who is our life is also our Prince of Peace, and in a world of sin and sorrow, there is no peace outside of him. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows in the person of his Son, who lives forever for us in heaven now and will come again in glory on the Last Day.

*Lighting of the Candle*

**All: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!**

†HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Once in Royal David's City" (Verses 1-2, 4-5)* ..... Selection 225

## GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Psalm 34

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

EPISTLE READING. Rom. 12:12, Phil. 4:6, Col. 4:2, 1 Thess. 5:16-18, Eph. 6:16-20

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†GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 26:36-46

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 ..... Matthew 26:40-41

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

*"Our Lack of Prayer & Jesus' Intercession"* ..... Pastor Josh Anderson  
II. Advent 2022: Prayer

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* ..... Selection 162

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**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 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

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*..... Selection 208

†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.

## 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.

Q. 178. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit.

-Westminster Larger Catechism

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