

FOR OUR 9:30 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Service)

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

By deepening our understanding of where we are between the first and second advents of our Christ, excite us to endless alleluias, O Holy Spirit of God, that we may be moved to thanksgiving, to prayer and praise, and to joyous living in our anticipation of the end-time event; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

TLH 68

The Advent of Our King

- 1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

- 3** O Zion's Daughter, rise
To meet thy lowly King,
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4** As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5** Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The old man all be put away,
The new man now put on.
- 6** All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One
Through all eternity.

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 64:1–9

Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our

righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 11:1–10

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. And if anyone says to you,

‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.” So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?” And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT (*In Unison*)

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM – O Come, Divine Messiah – 16c

SERMON

**“Waiting for Jesus
without Guilt”**

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 395 vv 1,5,7-8

O God, Thou Faithful God

1 O God, Thou faithful God,
Thou Fountain ever flowing,

Who good and perfect gifts
In mercy art bestowing,
Give us a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unhurt by sin!

5 And let me with all men,
As far as in me lieth,
In peace and friendship live.
And if Thy gift supplieth
Great wealth and honor fair,
Then this refuse me not,
That naught be mingled there
Of goods unjustly got.

7 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
Do Thou my soul receive
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting-place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

8 And on that solemn Day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch o'er my grave Thy hand,
Thyself my slumbers breaking.
Then let me hear Thy voice,
Change Thou this earthly frame,
And bid me aye rejoice
With those who love Thy name.

THE NICENE CREED *(In Unison)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER *(Pastor)*

THE PRAYERS

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS *(Pastor)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

A: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

**THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Amen!

**THE DISTRIBUTION
THE GENERAL DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(In Unison)***

We give You thanks merciful Father that You have kept Your Word and have fed us, Your unworthy servants, with the precious body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ. We pray that by His grace we may walk worthy of our holy calling and learn to adorn the teaching of God our Savior by our words and deeds, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 66

Hark the Glad sound! The Savior Comes

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray
And on the eye-balls of the blind
To pour celestial day.
- 4 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
T'enrich the humble poor.
- 5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

BENEDICTION

ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

(Doxology Omitted for Advent Season)

SILENT PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade

Organist: Bruce Sininger

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