



December 24, 2023

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Today we continue the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation for Christmas. We will celebrate the four Sundays of Advent by lighting the candles on our advent wreath.*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Gathering Hymn

### “People, Look East”

### ELW #248 vs 1,3&4

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| <p>1 People, look east. The time is near<br/>of the crowning of the year.<br/>Make your house fair as you are able,<br/>trim the hearth and set the table.<br/>People, look east, and sing today—<br/>Love, the Guest, is on the way.</p> <p>4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth<br/>him who brings new life to earth.<br/>Set ev'ry peak and valley humming<br/>with the word, the Lord is coming.<br/>People, look east, and sing today—<br/>Love, the Lord, is on the way.</p> | <p>3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,<br/>one more light the bowl shall brim,<br/>shining beyond the frosty weather,<br/>bright as sun and moon together.<br/>People, look east, and sing today—<br/>Love, the Star, is on the way.</p> |
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## Confession

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*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 possessions. 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.**

## Forgiveness

P: Beloved in Christ, God has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✠ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of

God's loving promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C: Amen.**

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

P: We continue into our fourth week of waiting for the promised Savior. We wait for God's joy to envelop all of creation. We trust that God prepares with us, to bring joy into our lives through God's mercy and love. We sing with the choirs of angels as we see what God is doing in our world, knowing that tomorrow will be the dawn of a new day where our God is dwelling among us in Jesus Christ. Let us wait for our salvation with the light of God. We pray together:

**C: As we light the fourth Advent candle, we give you thanks, O God, for the joy that we sense on the horizon. Bring us into that joy with your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. We wait as Salvation is drawing near.**

### "Emmanuel"

#### Refrain

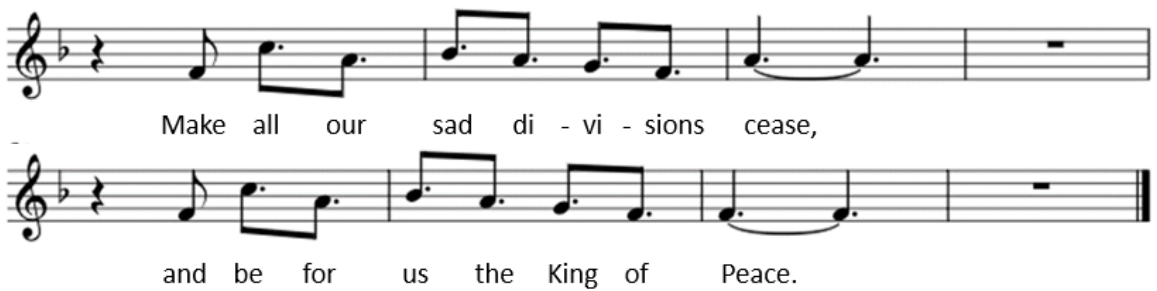
Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear.  
Heav - en and Earth re - joice! Sal - vat - ion is draw - ing  
near. Sal - vat - ion is draw - ing near.

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on three staves. The first staff is in 6/8 time and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second and third staves are in 3/4 time and contain the melody for the second and third lines of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

#### Verse 4

O come, De - sire of na - tions, blind  
in one the hearts of hu - man kind;

The musical notation for Verse 4 is written on two staves. The first staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff is in 3/4 time and contains the melody for the second line of the verse. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



*Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem

“The King Shall Come” – Thomson

Tom Maidl

## Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

### **Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55**

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,**  
<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

**Reading: Romans 16:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Love Has Come”**

**ELW #292 vs 1**

1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter one.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

ELW #275

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship,

worship Christ, the newborn king.

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations,  
you have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 4 All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4

## Apostles' Creed

**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 to the dead.**

**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.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Sharing God's Peace

## Offertory

### Offertory Song

### “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

ELW #286 vs 3

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord  
And to us all your grace accord;  
True faith and love to us impart,  
That we may hold you in our heart.

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### Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, by your merciful hand, abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given “for you and for all people.” For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.*

P: The Lord be with you,

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts,

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

### The Lord’s Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Communion Hymns

ELW #289, #296

# Communion Blessing and Prayer

## Benediction

### Sending Hymn

### “Joy to the World”

ELW #267 vs 1,2&4

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

### Dismissal

P: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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