

Season of Advent



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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

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ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER for the Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

In those days a fiery preacher from the desert came to tell the people:
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near!”
He is the one the prophet Isaiah spoke about when he said:
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

We light the second Advent candle in preparation for the coming of
the Messiah,
in anticipation of the fullness of God’s justice and righteousness,
and remembering the call of John the Baptist
 to make paths straight,
 repent of our sin,
 and live holy lives devoted to God.

Light the candle and then the first candle

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Please stand

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Come, Thou Long Awaited Jesus”
153 Green Hymnal**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887);
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1 Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts along;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Celebrant Blessed are you, † holy and living One.
People *You come to your people and set them free.*

People: *Amen.*

“Gloria” Blue Hymnal, S280.

Composer, Robert Powell, 1932, © The Church Pension Fund.

*Glory to god in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:*

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Celebrant God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

The people sit.

THE READINGS

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east

at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Song of Zechariah (Canticle 16, page 92, BCP-Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GRADUAL HYMN “The King of Glory,” Green Hymnal, #159, vs 1-2

Written by, Willard Janusch, 1930-2018, © 1966, 1985 Willard F. Jabusch

Refrain

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1 Who is the king of glory, what shall we call him?

He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

2 In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

All standing, the Celebrant or Deacon reads the Gospel

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

***THE SERMON
NICENE CREED***

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation*

*he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the
meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body.
Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the
world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your steadfast love
in our common life of praise and service.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of
society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for
the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the
work of Providence.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Deliverer, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way.
Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect
their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to You; when we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget You, do not forget us.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: For those who asked our prayers (*prayers from the Book of Intentions are shared*)

Reader: Dear people of God, what else, or who else, should we pray for? (*The People offer their concerns and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence, the reader ends with...*) Let every heart prepare You room.

People: *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Celebrant: O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ,

and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus.

People: *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant or Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

People: *God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.*

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, † forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us share with one another the Peace of Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Doxology

Thomas Ken

"Genevan Psalter"

1. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low,
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,” S130, Blue Hymnal.
Composer, Franz Peter Schubert, 1797-1828 © 1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
The Celebrant continues***

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,

who was, and is, and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Saint Aidan and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread.

Celebrant and People

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome to this Table.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All lovers and seekers of God are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the bread, raise your palms, crossed and upward. If you prefer instead to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

The Bread is given with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION MUSIC

Dr. Mark Pretzel

POST COMMUNION HYMN “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life,” #403 Green Hymnal

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as conquers death.

2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

3 Come my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant and People:

*God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us
in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free
from all sin.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People *Amen.*

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Love Came Down at Christmas,” #84 Blue Hymnal

Words: Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894. Music: Gartan, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II*, 1902. Harmony: David Evans, 1874-1948

**1 Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.**

**2 Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?**

**3 Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant or Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!*

Postlude

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