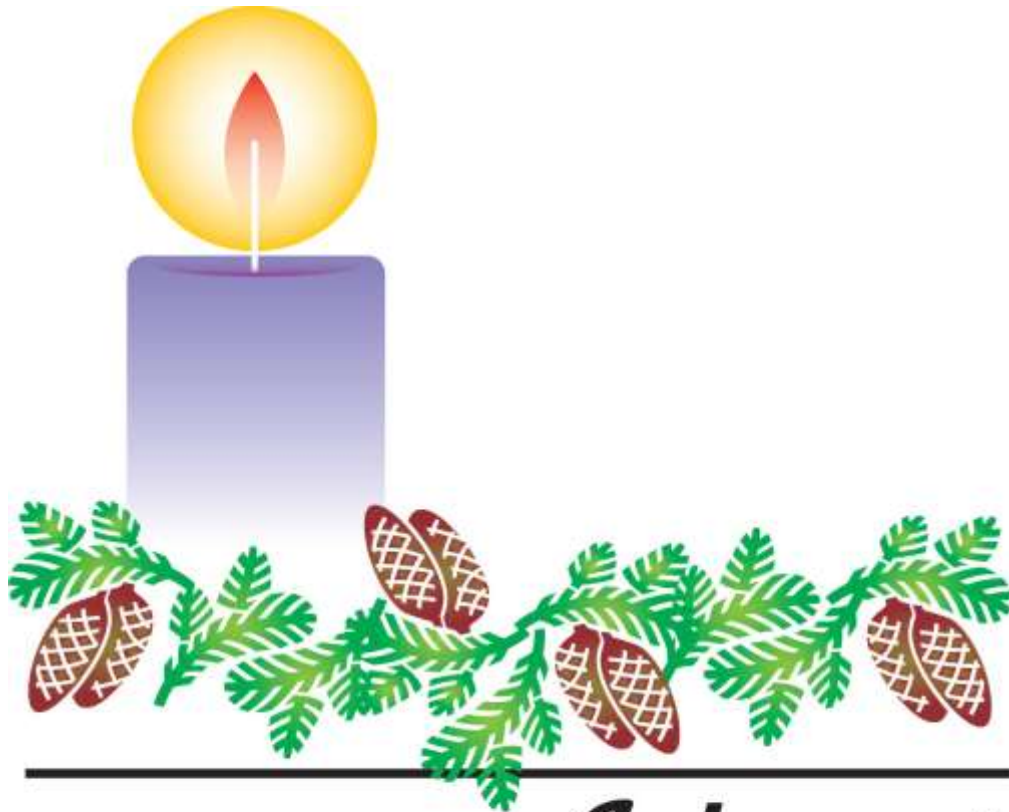


# First Sunday of Advent

Livestream Sunday, November 29, 2020



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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

Angela Kromm

### Confession & Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

**P** *Blessed be God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** *Loving and forgiving God,*

**C** **we confess that we are held captive by sin.**

**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.**

**We have not welcomed the stranger;**

**we have not loved our neighbor;**

**we have not been Christ to one another.**

**Restore us, O God.**

**Wake us up and turn us from our sin.**

**Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

**P** *People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, ☩ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

*The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit as verse 1 of "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" is sung.*



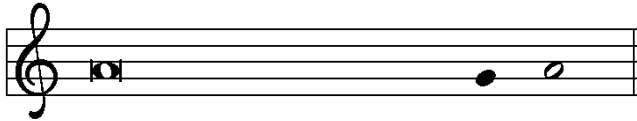
1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish shad - ow.  
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish shad - ow.  
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish shad - ow.  
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish shad - ow.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

**P** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.*

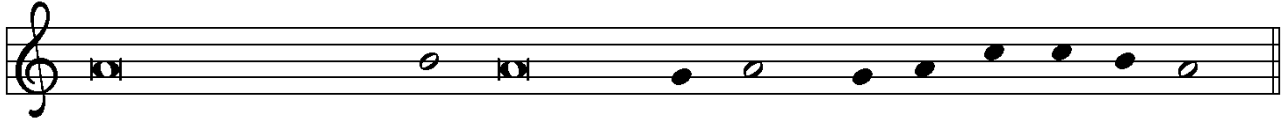
**C** **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



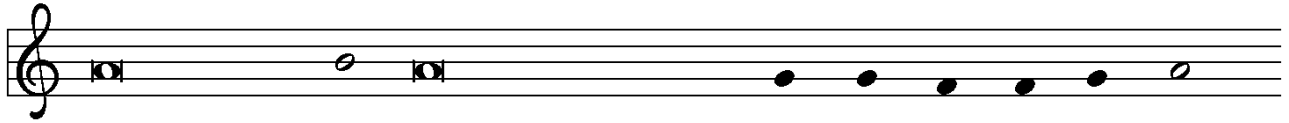
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



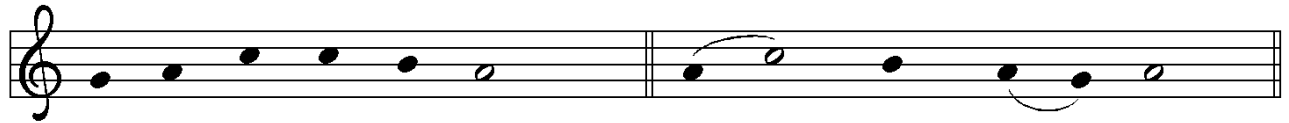
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** *Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.*

**C** **By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Reading**

Daniel 6:6-27

**A** *A reading from Daniel. <sup>6</sup>So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup>All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. <sup>8</sup>Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." <sup>9</sup>Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.*

<sup>10</sup>Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup>The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. <sup>12</sup>Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." <sup>13</sup>Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day."

<sup>14</sup>When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. <sup>15</sup>Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

<sup>16</sup>Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" <sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup>Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your

*God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" <sup>21</sup>Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." <sup>23</sup>Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. <sup>24</sup>The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions — they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.*

*<sup>25</sup>Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: "May you have abundant prosperity! <sup>26</sup>I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:*

*For he is the living God,  
enduring forever.*

*His kingdom shall never be destroyed,  
and his dominion has no end.*

*<sup>27</sup>He delivers and rescues,  
he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;  
for he has saved Daniel  
from the power of the lions."*

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

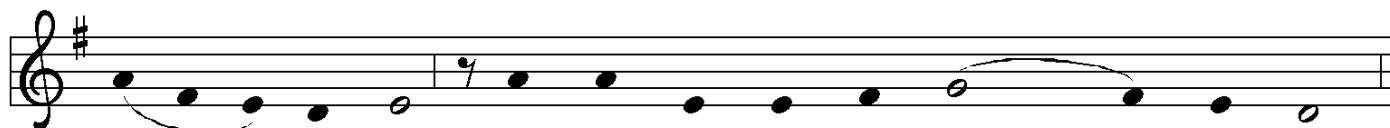
The Rev. Greg Fetzer

## Hymn of the Day

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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- A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*  
**C** **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 and the Son, 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.****

- A** *God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

- A** *Hear us, O God,*  
**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** *Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

## Offering & Anthem

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**A** *Let us pray. Generous God,*

**C** **you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season.**

**Bless all that we offer,  
that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.  
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

**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.**

**P** *Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.*

**C Amen.**

**P** *Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:*

**C** **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.**

**P** *Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here. Come, eat and drink.*

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. Gracious and abundant God,*

**C** **you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.**

**In this bread and cup you give us life forever.**

**In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs,**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*We welcome all baptized Christians who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine to commune with us **Sunday, from 11:15 – 12:15 in the church parking lot.***

*Please drive to the parking lot and follow the direction of the attendants.*

**P** *The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✚ now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

### People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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**A** *Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### ***Daily Bible Readings***

Nov 30 – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Dec 1 - Daniel 9:1-6; Dec 2 -2 Timothy 4:16-18;  
Dec 3 – Psalm 7:1-5; Dec 4 - Joel 1:1-12; Dec 5- Joel 1:13-14; 2:1-2, 15-16

### ***Bible Text for Next Sunday***

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

### ***Pray for Those That Need God's Healing***

*Val, Ann, Sherman, Trudy, Bonnie, Joan, Lind, Don, Betty, Silvia,  
Elsie-Marie, Harry, Jean, Betty, Debbie, Lois, David, Amanda, Larry,  
Fran, and Sarah*

### ***Pray for Our Service Men and Women***

*Josh, Michael, Nick, Derek, Christopher,  
Andrew, Jason, Matt, and Christopher*

### ***Prayer of Comfort***

*We pray the blessed hope of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
comfort the friends and family of Tom, close friend of Betsy Foster.*

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