



**Combined Service
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Come, Long Expected Jesus

arr. Meredith Andrews

WELCOME

* Advent Wreath Lighting

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined!

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders;

People: and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the season of waiting for Christ to come;

People: Today we light the Candle of Hope; our hope is in Jesus, the Promised One from God!

ALL: We light this candle in Hope. Let us worship God!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING RESPONSE

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

Verse 1, See Insert

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

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 alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.” But we say, “Our lives are too messy.” You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.” But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.” You say, “Bring your grief. There’s room for you here.” But we say, “It’s too much to bring with me.” God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there’s room for every story.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

NATHAN JESS

Verse 1 and Chorus

Verse 1

Come Lord Jesus quickly come
Come and heal I pray
In the shelter of Your love
Let me see Your face

Chorus

Ever faithful always good
Lover of my soul
Come unto the children lost
Make Your people whole

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:1-17

Jim and Janet Stahl

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Every Name in the Book”

WE RESPOND

INTERACTIVE SERMON RESPONSE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory

People, Look East

arr. K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

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SOON AND VERY SOON

From *Glory to God*, See Insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Starlight

Bobby Strand

Contemporary Ensemble