



# November 27, 2022, 11:00AM

## Prepare the Way of the Lord!

## Rend the Heavens! (Hope)

Thank you for viewing our online bulletin for November 27, 2022. Full texts of the readings and hymns are provided below.

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In times of profound struggle, of turbulence and unrest, a heartfelt plea rises in the prayers of God's people: in the words of the prophet, "O, that you would rend the heavens and come down!"

Throughout the history of the people in relationship with God, God has always been faithful to raise up a deliverer. The clarion call of God's people once more is for God enter into history, to save us from ourselves and from a world that conspires to separate us from God and from one another.

### Prelude

#### **Breath Of Heaven (Mary's Song)**

#### *Mixed Blessings*

##### Verse 1

I have traveled many moonless nights  
Cold and weary with a Babe inside  
And I wonder what I've done  
Holy Father You have come  
And chosen me now to carry Your Son

##### Verse 2

I am waiting in a silent prayer  
I am frightened by the load I bear  
In a world as cold as stone  
Must I walk this path alone  
Be with me now be with me now

##### Chorus 1

Breath of Heaven hold me together  
Be forever near me  
Breath of Heaven  
Breath of Heaven lighten my darkness  
Pour over me Your holiness  
For You are holy  
Breath of Heaven

### Verse 3

Do You wonder as You watch my face  
If a wiser one should have had my place  
But I offer all I am  
For the mercy of Your plan  
Help me be strong help me be help me

## Teach New Communion Liturgy

### Welcome and Gathering

#### Call to Worship

**You Never Let Go**

*Mixed Blessings*

### Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle  
Of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near

### Misc 1

(Pre-Chorus)

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

### Chorus 1

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me

### Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare

And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

## Chorus 2

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me  
You keep on runnin' and You never let go  
Singin'

## Misc 2

(Bridge)

Yes I can see a light  
That is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You  
Still I will praise You  
(REPEAT)

## Litany

Morning star, bright sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and shadow.

**Lord Jesus, come soon, shine your light in a needful world!**

Lord of all nations, in you we find the unity God seeks for all people, for all creation.

**Lord Jesus, come soon, bring reconciliation and peace to a conflicted world!**

Immanuel, God with us, Word and Truth of the One:

**Lord Jesus, come soon, draw aside the veil that we may know the fullness of God!**

Bread of life, water of life, light of the world:

**Lord Jesus, come soon, be born anew in us and make your home in our hearts! Amen**

## Welcome

**Song of Celebration**  
***Christ Be Our light***

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts  
Shine through the darkness Christ be - our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. Refrain

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. Refrain

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. Refrain

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The light and life of God in the coming Messiah be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Creating God, a new season of life has come. You call us to watchfulness. You call us to prepare. You call us to look forward in hope. Walk with us in these Advent days as we await the One you are sending into the world. **Amen.**

## Advent Liturgy

### Reader 1:

The Psalmist says: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who revere him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

My soul waits for the Lord; he is my help and my shield.

My heart is glad in him, for I trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love be upon us, O Lord, even as we hope in you.

### Reader 2:

In the vale of shadows, we light a candle to welcome the dawning of hope in the world. A light glows in the darkness as hope is newly kindled.

## Lighting the Advent Candles

Light 1 candle

## Advent Prayer

God of all, we give you thanks for the gift of hope that raises our eyes to the horizon of new days. Bless us with hopefulness as we await the One who comes as savior of the world. Amen.

## Advent Response

### *He Came Down*

ELW 253 --- Verses: "Hope"

He came down that we may have hope  
He came down that we may have hope  
He came down that we may have hope  
Hallelujah for evermore

## The Readings

### First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>64</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our

iniquities, like the wind, take us away.<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.<sup>8</sup> Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.<sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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### Psalm Antiphon

#### ***Advent Psalm Antiphon***

*Sterneman*

Be still, be still.

Wait patiently for the Lord.

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### Psalm Reading

Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.<sup>2</sup> Stir up your might, and come to save us!

#### ***Antiphon***

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. <sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

#### ***Antiphon***

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

#### ***Antiphon***

<sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.<sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

#### ***Antiphon***

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### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,<sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has

been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

### **Jesus, Come**

Mixed Blessings --- Verses: 1

Chorus:

Jesus Come Jesus Come  
Come to us Jesus Come

Verse:

Oh God, we are Your people  
We wait in hope for You, Lord  
And though we lived in a shadowed land  
You have given us joy

Chorus:

Jesus Come Jesus Come  
Come to us Jesus Come

## The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,<sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.<sup>26</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.<sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.<sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.<sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.<sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.<sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.<sup>32</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.<sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.<sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.<sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,<sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.<sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

## The Message

## Children's Message

## Sermon

## Time of Reflection

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ad libitum

## Prayers and Offerings

### Song of the Day

#### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Mixed Blessings --- Verses: 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears  
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O Israel

O come, O wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh  
In strength and beauty come and stay,  
Teach us your will and guide our way  
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O Israel

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times you gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe  
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O Israel

O come, O branch of Jesse free, your own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell your people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave  
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O Israel

## Profession of Faith

### Advent Creed

We believe in God, Creator of all, whose love is more than mind can measure or time and space contain.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who unveils holiness in humanity and reveals to us the true nature of God; who embodies God's wisdom brought forth in fruits of hope, joy, peace and love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's abiding and guiding presence, shining God's light at the center of ourselves and throughout God's world, calling forth from us lives of thanksgiving and praise, service and sacrifice, compassion and generosity.

We believe in God's Word, spoken in creation, made flesh in Christ Jesus and writ large in Scripture for all to see.

We believe that the Kingdom of God is at hand and we embrace our calling as the Body of Christ in the world today, welcoming all into fellowship with us and serving in the name of the One who makes all things new, Jesus Christ our savior and lord.

Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### Special Music

#### ***Hope in Front of Me***

##### *Mixed Blessings*

I've been running through rain  
That I thought would never end  
Trying to make it on faith  
In a struggle against the wind  
I've seen the dark and the broken places  
But I know in my soul  
No matter how bad it gets  
I'll be alright

There's hope in front of me  
There's a light, I still see it  
There's a hand still holding me  
Even when I don't believe it  
I might be down but I'm not dead  
There's better days still up ahead  
Even after all I've seen  
There's hope in front of me, yeah  
Oh, Oh

There's a place at the end  
Of the storm you finally find  
Where the hurt and the tears  
And the pain all fall behind  
You open up your eyes and  
Up ahead, there's a big sun shining  
Right then and there you realize  
You'll be alright

There's hope in front of me  
There's a light, I still see it  
There's a hand still holding me  
Even when I don't believe it  
I might be down but I'm not dead  
There's better days still up ahead  
Even after all I've seen  
There's hope in front of me, yeah  
Oh, Oh  
Oh, Oh

There's a hope still burning  
I can feel it rising through the night  
And my world's still turning

I can feel your love here by my side

Oh

Oh

Oh

You're my hope

You're the light, I still see it

Your hands are holding me

Even when I don't believe it

Oh Oh

I've got to believe

I've got to believe

Whoa Whoa

I still have hope

You are my hope

Oh, Oh

## Offering Prayer

God of life, in this Advent season of preparation:

**We live in hope for your coming reign.**

**We live in joy for your blessings in our lives.**

**We live in peace for the sake of peace in our time.**

**We live in love for you are love.**

Receive our gifts in honor of your Christ:

**Use them to bring hope, joy, peace and love into the lives of people, everywhere, and throughout the beauty of your creation. Amen**

## Communion Liturgy

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### *An Advent Communion*

*Sterneman*

The grace of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in praise to God.

**We joyfully lift up our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God,

**For it is right to give thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

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**Holy, Holy, Holy**

## **An Advent Communion**

*Sterneman*

Holy, holy, holy One,  
God of love and radiant light.  
Blessed are You who comes from God,  
through heaven and earth your glory we sing  
Holy are You, hosanna,  
Blessed One, hosanna.

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **Holy Communion**

### **Invitation**

#### **Communion Song**

#### ***Change My Heart Oh God***

*Mixed Blessings --- Verses: All*

Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.

You are the potter;  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me;  
this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God;

make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;

may I be like you.

### Communion Song

#### **Who am I**

#### *Mixed Blessings*

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth

Would care to know my name

Would care to feel my hurt

Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star

Would choose to light the way

For my ever wandering heart

Not because of who I am

But because of what You've done

Not because of what I've done

But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading

Here today and gone tomorrow

A wave tossed in the ocean

A vapor in the wind

Still You hear me when I'm calling

Lord, You catch me when I'm falling

And You've told me who I am

I am Yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin

Would look on me with love

and watch me rise again

Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea

Would call out through the rain

And calm the storm in me

Not because of who I am

But because of what You've done

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I am a flower quickly fading

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A vapor in the wind

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Lord, You catch me when I'm falling

And You've told me who I am

I am Yours (Repeat Chorus)

I am Yours Whom shall I fear, Whom shall I fear 'cause I am Yours  
I am Yours

## Communion Prayer

Light of life and all creation, you have fed us with the bread of life and the wine of a new covenant, a foretaste of the feast to come.

**Prepare us to receive the gift of your Christ who is coming into the world.**

Prepare us to walk in his light and to generously share the blessings we receive in him,

**That the world may know you through the way and truth and life of your Christ. Amen**

## Sending Forth

### Announcements

### Blessing

#### Sending Song

***Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Mixed Blessings --- Verses: All

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 ev'ry nation  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

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

### Mission and Peace

We go forth together.

## Sharing God's Love.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us sing together

## Mission Response

### ***Prepare the Way of the Lord***

GAT 400 --- Verses: Refrain

Prepare the way of the Lord  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
And all the people will see  
The salvation of our God

## Postlude

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#### ***Traveling Mercies***

Mixed Blessings --- Verses: Refrain

With every daybreak out on the traveler's way  
Follow the high road, look for me there

Take bread for the journey and strength for the fight  
Comfort to sleep through the night  
Wisdom to choose at the fork in the road  
And a heart that knows the way home

Take bread for the journey and strength for the fight  
Comfort to sleep through the night  
Wisdom to choose at the fork in the road  
And a heart that knows the way home

And for the faithful, and for the weary  
And for the hopeful, here is my prayer

Go in peace, live in grace  
Trust in the arms that will hold you  
Go in peace, live in grace,  
Trust God's love

Go in peace, live in grace  
Trust in the arms that will hold you  
Go in peace, live in grace,  
Trust God's love

Love, O may this love be in our hearts forever

Take bread for the journey and strength for the fight

(Go in peace, live in grace)

Comfort to sleep through the night

(Trust in the arms that will hold you)

Wisdom to choose at the fork in the road

(Go in peace, live in grace)

And a heart that knows the way home

(Trust God's love)

Take bread for the journey and strength for the fight

(Go in peace, live in grace)

Comfort to sleep through the night

(Trust in the arms that will hold you)

Wisdom to choose at the fork in the road

(Go in peace, live in grace)

And a heart that knows the way home

(Trust God's love)

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Comfort to sleep through the night

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And a heart... that knows... the way home

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