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## 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

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. Mark Hayes**

#### *Prelude*

*TBD*

### Teach New Communion Liturgy

### Welcome and Gathering

#### Call to Worship

#### *People Look East*

*ELW 248 --- Verses: 1,2*

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 flow'r may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Rose, is on the way

### 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*

ELW 715 --- Verses: All

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**

### **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***

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.

### Psalm Antiphon

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

*Sterneman*

Be still, be still.  
Wait patiently for the Lord.

### 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***

## **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**

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

*Antiphon --- 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 thee O Israel.

## **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

***Time of Reflection***  
*ad libitum*

### Prayers and Offerings

#### Song of the Day

#### ***Prepare the Royal Highway***

*ELW 264*

##### Verse 1

Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:

##### Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

##### Verse 2

God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

##### Verse 3

Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king!

Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing: Refrain

#### Verse 4

His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: Refrain

### 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

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

Behnke --- Verses: All

### 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

##### *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW 461

###### Verse 1

All who hunger gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

###### Verse 2

All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

###### Verse 3

All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

#### Communion Song

## **All Earth is Hopeful**

ELW 266 --- Verses: v. 1 eng, 1 sp, 2, 4

### Verse 1

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

### Verse 1

Toda la tierra espera al Salvador  
y el surco abierto, la obra del Señor;  
es el mundo que lucha por la libertad,  
reclama justicia y busca la verdad.

### Verse 2

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";  
she conceived him, "God with us,"  
our brother, whose birth  
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

### Verse 4

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

## **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**

***The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve***

ELW 551 --- Verses: All

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

## **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**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. Mark Hayes**

### ***Postlude***

*TBD*

