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First Sunday in Advent



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*At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship)
We grow in the Word (education)
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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Welcome!

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Join us after the service for coffee. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our worship service is open to all. The forgiveness received in the Lord's Supper is proclaimed to all throughout the service. However, the Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is to be received by those who have been instructed about its meaning and the unity it expresses.

*For this reason, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor
before partaking of the Holy Supper.*

So that you can be sure that unity of faith and teaching exists we invite you to participate in a Bible Information Course. This class will prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Please contact Pastor about class times.

COME, LORD JESUS!

The Latin word adventus means “coming.” The last words in Scripture are “Come, Lord Jesus!” Thus, the season of Advent begins with the end in mind. We enter a new Church Year with our eyes fixed on the End—capital “E”—when Jesus Christ will come and destroy this sin-broken world.

If that is what Jesus and his angels are coming to do—destroy the universe with fire (2 Peter 3)—why would we cry out, “Come, Lord Jesus”? Because we know that Jesus has come into our world once before. The Son of God became the Son of Man. From the manger to the cross, Jesus did everything necessary to redeem mankind. As this new Church Year walks us through the entire life of Christ, we see God’s promises of deliverance fulfilled... God’s plan of salvation completed. And so, when Christ comes again, while the universe will be destroyed, we know God’s people will be ushered into a new, glorious, everlasting kingdom.

Advent is necessary to prepare us for Christmas. It enables us to understand the true significance of Christmas. For Advent allows us to see that because of what Christ did when he came the first time, believers need not fear when he comes again. Instead, we yearn for it. Come, Lord Jesus!

COME, LORD JESUS! - AS KING

Why would the Church Year begin with a gospel reading that describes an event near the very end of Jesus' life—his entry into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week? Because the events of Palm Sunday serve as a perfect summary of the entire plan of salvation. The King of all Creation, hides all his power and glory and rides into Jerusalem so that he might also be our priest and sacrifice.

This is a King unlike any other ruler who has ever lived. For he is infinitely greater than all other kings, while simultaneously being infinitely humbler. This King is willing to trade his golden crown for one made of thorns. This King comes not demanding our service but to serve us. You look at how good, how loving is this King, and you ask that question upon which eternity hinges. “Who is this?” As we march through this new Church Year, the answer becomes crystal clear. This King is the Savior of the nations.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4') and treble clef. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the notes. The lyrics are:

The Glo - ry of the Lord's sal - va - tion, Whose birth
stirred heav'n - ly choirs to song, Still shines up - on our gen - er -
a - tion As days grow short and times grow long. Then be pre -
pared, O Chris - ten - dom, To greet the King when he shall come.

M: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come. (*Revelation 1:4*)
C: Amen.

CONFESSiON

M: The kingdom of heaven is near; therefore, let us repent of our sins.
C: Merciful Father, forgive us for becoming too attached to this world. We repent of the many times we have allowed its vain pursuits and short-lived pleasures to lure us away from your Word. Guide our feet on the path of your Truth, and keep our eyes of faith focused on the skies, always prepared for Christ's return.

M: Our heavenly Father is merciful and has sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for your sin. He promises to walk beside you all the length of your days, protecting you from the evil one. Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

C: **who, for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (*Hebrews 12:2*)**

M: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death

C: **—even death on a cross!**

M: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

C: **and gave him the name that is above every name,**

M: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

C: **in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

M: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

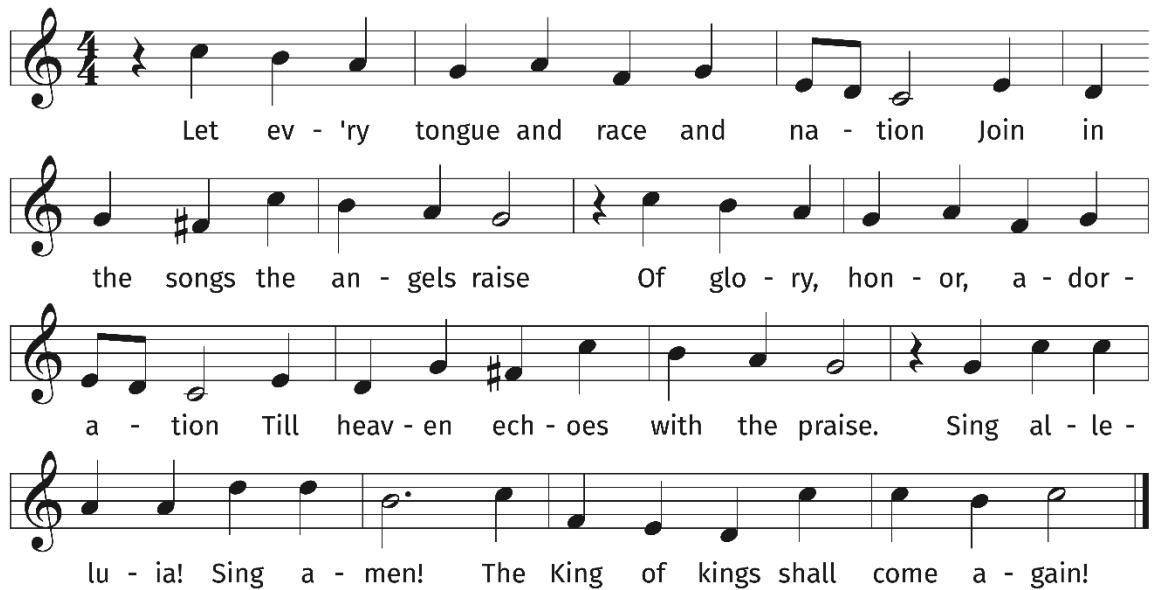
C: **to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:8-11*)**

Praise to the One by God a - noint - ed, The Son
who died to set us free, To Je - sus Christ whom God ap -
point - ed Our Lord and King e - ter - nal - ly. Con - fess his
name, O Chris - ten - dom, Who was and is and is to come!

M: Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people;
C: and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (*Hebrews 9:28*)

M: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
C: and honor and glory and praise! (*Revelation 5:12*)

M: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
C: and he will reign for ever and ever. (*Revelation 11:15*)



Let ev - 'ry tongue and race and na - nation Join in
the songs the an - gels raise Of glo - ry, hon - or, a - dor -
a - tion Till heav - en ech - oes with the praise. Sing al - le -
lu - ia! Sing a - men! The King of kings shall come a - gain!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

In the future, when our King comes again, he will transform this world.

¹This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

PSALM: WELCOME THE KING

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SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Our present life is transformed from worry to joy and hope because of the King who came.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 21:1-11

The King of all Creation comes to us in total humility, willing to do everything necessary to save us from our sin.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Say to Daughter Zion,

‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

SERMON on PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7***Let Your Joy Out!****The service continues on page 162.*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light-en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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