

*November 28, 2020 ~ 5:00 p.m.*  
*First Sunday in Advent*



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OF  
*Advent*

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**Welcome Visitors and Guests!** Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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## AS WE GATHER

When a dignitary like a president, prime minister, or monarch comes to town, people know it! Often, just for that one VIP, there is a police escort, support vehicles, and multiple limousines. Crowds stand behind barriers, bodyguards surround the dignitary, and everything is orchestrated to bring the leader swiftly and safely to his or her destination. But not so on Palm Sunday. Jesus rides a humble donkey. He plods down the road at a slow pace. The crowds interact with Jesus, throwing their cloaks along His way and waving palm branches. Jesus has no security detail—just His disciples. Jesus is a different kind of dignitary. Even though the crowds may not fully realize it, He is the King of kings and Lord of lords who comes in humility. This King chooses to come humbly and lay down His life for those who line His way and for all people—including you.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

### **The Candle of Hope.**

### **A time of anticipation and longing for Jesus' coming.**

Pastor: Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. *(James 5:7-8 New International Version (NIV))*

People: **“We light the first candle of Advent, the Candle of Hope, to remind us of the hope that the people of Israel had for the coming of the Messiah.”**

*(The first candle is lit)*

Pastor: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (*Isaiah 7:14 New International Version (NIV)*)

Pastor: The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.'" (*Jeremiah 33:14-16 New International Version (NIV)*)

Pastor: God of hope, as we begin Advent, we are often tempted to get carried away with gift buying, parties, and decorating. But this year is different. We are preparing amid the uncertainty of a pandemic and political unrest. Help us to remember daily that You are the reason for our preparations and the hope and comfort in these troubled times.

**People: Center our hearts on You, the Hope of the world. Jesus, in Your Holy name we pray. Amen.**

## HYMN

### **"Savior of the Nations Come"**

(v 1, 2, 3, 6, 8)

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Savior of the nations, come,  
Show yourself the virgin's son.  
Marvel, heaven, wonder, earth,  
That our God chose such a birth.

No man's pow'r of the mind or blood  
But the Spirit of our God  
Made the Word of God be flesh,  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child,  
Virgin pure and undefiled.  
In her virtues it was known  
God had made her heart his throne.

Father's equal, you will win  
Vict'ries for us over sin.  
Might eternal, make us whole;  
Heal our ills of flesh and soul.

Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS GIVEN LW Page 136

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

By Your own great power, O Lord, we pray that You come to us to protect us by Your might from all evil, and deliver and save us from our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 64:1–9 (Rend the heavens and come down)*

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

<sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

<sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

<sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?

<sup>6</sup>All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

<sup>7</sup>No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

<sup>8</sup>Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you;

**People: righteous and having salvation.**

**All: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
From the house of the Lord we bless you.***

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 (Thanksgiving)**

<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup>For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup>Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup>He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:   *Mark 11:1–10*   (*The triumphal entry*)**

Pastor:   The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

**People:   Glory to You, O Lord.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” <sup>10</sup> “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Pastor:   This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:   Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN**

***“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”***

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Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of men and angels  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

**SERMON: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor to You Redeemer King,"** *Mark 11:1-10*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us come before our Lord in prayer, asking Him to hear our prayer and grant us hope.

**Pastor:** Lord of hope, during this season of Advent, prepare our hearts to be ready to receive Your Son as He comes in His incarnation and birth, but also in His body and blood. Make us ever ready for His final coming on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

**Pastor:** Lord of hope, You have called Your Church to bear witness to Christ's redeeming work. Grant that we boldly proclaim the Good News of the One who brings joy to the world through His life, death, and resurrection, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

**Pastor:** Lord of hope, You have instructed us to pray for workers in Your harvest field. Raise up faithful and loving teachers of Your Word so that Christ may be proclaimed near and far. Make us Your instruments to encourage and equip individuals for work in Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**



Pastor: Lord of hope, we ask that You stretch forth Your almighty arm to protect the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Support them, granting them courage and loyalty. Strengthen them to serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

Pastor: Lord of hope, (Special petitions). Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

Pastor: Lord of hope, thank You for calling us to be Your people through Holy Baptism. Make us ready to receive Your Supper as we remember the One who is truly present in this Meal as He comes to us in Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the One in whose name we come, Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## 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 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.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN

### ***“Prepare the Royal Highway”***

**(v 1, 2, 4)**

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Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of the 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!**

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)**

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)**

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