



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, November 30th

PRELUDE

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

arr. Hayes

Piano

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “The Advent of Our God and King”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: “Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,

C: You who lead Joseph like a flock.

P: Awaken Your might;

C: Come and save us.”

P: As we enter a new Advent season, we light the 4 candles of the Advent wreath as we approach Christmas. These candles are associated with the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we add a candle each week as a sign of our growing anticipation. Today we light the first candle, the candle of HOPE as it relates to our anticipation and preparation. We light the candle of HOPE today, as we prepare for and anticipate the King.

C: “And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.” (Psalm 39:7)

P: “Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (*Romans 5:5*)

C: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23)

P: “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” (*Romans 12:12*). “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (*Romans 15:13*)

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

- P: As we begin the Advent season—a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior and a time of pondering God’s great love for us given in His Son—we also prepare ourselves to come before Him in humility and with honesty. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Restore us, God Almighty,

C: that we may be saved.

P: The hope that we have in Christ is the strongest hope of all. It gives us confidence to come together in a shared confession of sins, with the firm knowledge that we will be forgiven of those sins. We confess together:

C: We have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are unworthy of Your grace. Savior of the nations, come. Make our hearts Your home. Abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

P: Christ came to earth to save you. He died for your sins. “For in this hope we are saved.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

C: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

P: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

C: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

P: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,

C: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

P: A voice says, “Cry!” and I said, “What shall I cry?”

C: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

P: The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it;

C: Surely the people are grass.

P: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 [ESV]

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:11-17 [ESV]

P: Alleluia! Life up your heads, O gates!

C: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *from the Gospel of John*

R: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.

C: All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

R: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

R: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

C: He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

R: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

C: Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

R: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

SERMON HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”

SERMON “ANTICIPATION: PREPARING FOR THE KING”

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

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“Lo How a Rose”

arr. Muskrat

arr. JB Taylor

Piano

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