

Prelude: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus – arr. Callahan

Welcome

Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew, (please be sure to date the top of the page.)

Please stand

Call to Worship & Advent Wreath Lighting

In a world of shadows,

we seek illumination.

As we wait in night,

we look for sunrise.

Surrounded by fear,

we hold fast to God's promise.

We wait with hope for Christ's return

for the dawn of peace and justice.

We light the first candle on our wreath to remind us to live in hope as we wait for Christ's return.

Gathering Hymn: W&P #2, A Story For All People

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Canticle of Expectation: ELW #257, O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs 1&2

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

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. *Refrain*

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Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need – arr. Edwards – Hand Bell Choir

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #723, Canticle of the Turning, vs. 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the World be about to turn?

refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

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Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Response: ELW #723, Canticle of the Turning, vs. 4

Though the nations rage from...age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

refrain

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Prayer before Sermon (sung): Another World is Not Only Possible, vs. 1

Another world is not only possible,
another world is not only possible,
another world is not only possible.
She is on her way, she is on her way.

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Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day: ELW #254, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Please kneel as you are able

Prayers of Intercession:

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

ELW #262, Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. Today we especially pray for ... Pete Whiteman, Karen Wendland, Millie Hoffa, Tom Ippolito, Tina Lusby-Anderson, Julia Adams, Sue Ericsson, George Siver, Raelynn Priddy, Jim Alderman, George Kristof, Max Neff, Butch Franciscus, Karla Roth, Gail Hilton, Linda Adams, Brett Van Handel, Lydia Fresca, Bob McCorkle, Rae Coughlin, Allison Parkinson, Kent Snell, Louise Williams, Hedy Tranchitella, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, all those affected by addiction ... and those we name before you now...(brief pause). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation (*or place of ministry*) cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love (*especially*). Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

ELW #262, Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Here other intercession may be added

God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servant's as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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Please stand

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Offering

Offertory: 8:00 am: O Come, O Come Emmanuel – arr. Keesecker
10:30 am: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers – arr. Ferguson, Adult Choir

Please stand

Offertory Response: ELW #248, People Look East

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.

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Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer

Let us pray together:

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will, and Joseph's trust in your promise.
**Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Invitation To Communion

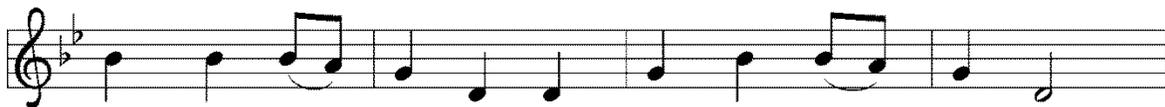
Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

We feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Communion: ELW #247, Come Now O Prince

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Ososǒ, Ososǒ



O - so - sǒ o - so - sǒ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sǒ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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Ushers will direct you to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available.

Distribution

Communion Hymns: ELW #263, Savior of the Nations Come

Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Benediction

May God, the Father who gathers us in love,
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.

May God, the Son, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, the Spirit who fills us with good things,
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.

The blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW #242, Awake, Awake and Great The New Morn

Please be seated

Announcements

Dismissal

Now go in peace, to Know, to Live, and to Share God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**