



Welcome  
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## Order of Worship

*First Sunday in Advent*

### Welcome

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

- P** Give unto the Lord glory and strength;  
**C** **Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**  
**P** Christ has appeared unto us;  
**C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy Spirit;**  
**P** as it was in the beginning,  
**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Opening Song: 903 "This is the Day the Lord Has Made"** Text: Public Domain. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001715

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| 1 | This is the day the Lord has made;<br>He calls the hours His own.<br>Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad<br>And praise surround the throne. | 2 | Today He rose and left the dead,<br>And Satan's empire fell;<br>Today the saints His triumphs spread<br>And all His wonders tell. |
| 3 | Hosanna to the anointed King,<br>To David's holy Son!<br>Help us, O Lord; descend and bring<br>Salvation from Your throne.                    | 4 | Blessèd is He who comes to us<br>With messages of grace;<br>He, in the Lord's name, comes to us<br>To save our fallen race.       |
| 5 | Hosanna in the highest strains<br>The Church on earth can raise.<br>The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,<br>Shall give Him nobler praise. |   |                                                                                                                                   |

## Confession and Absolution

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(Please be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 33: 14-16

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## Epistle Reading, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### The Holy Gospel, Luke 21:25-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**C** Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to You, O Christ!

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: 905 “Come Thou Almighty King”** Text: Public Domain. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001715

1 Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
On us descend

3 Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## 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.**

## Peace of the Lord

(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

## Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond:

**P** Lord in your mercy

**C** Hear our prayer

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** 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.

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

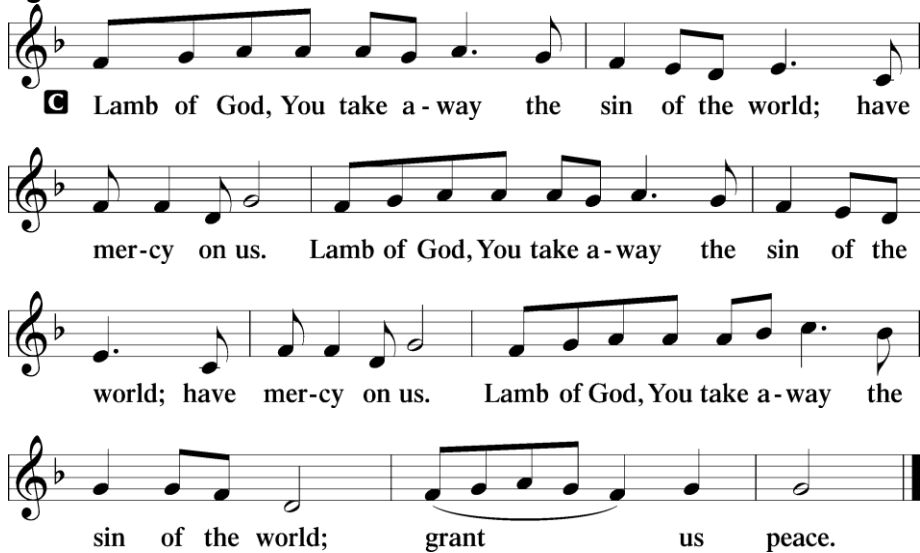
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## The Word of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Agnus Dei



© Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

**“Mighty to Save”** CCLI Song # 4591782 Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan © 2006 Hillsong Music Publishing CCLI License # 2235066

1. Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

2. So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

### Chorus

### (Chorus)

**Savior. He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave**

### Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole  
world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

### Chorus

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1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give Thanks to the Holy One,  
Give Thanks because he's given Jesus Christ His Son

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give Thanks to the Holy One,  
Give Thanks because he's given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us,

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us, Give Thanks

**(Instrumental Interlude)**

Repeat above end with --- Give Thanks, Give Thanks, Give Thanks

*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C** **Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

**Closing Song: "The Lion and the Lamb"** Text: © 1949, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust, admin. EMI  
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1. He's coming on the clouds

Kings and kingdoms will bow down

And every chain will break

As broken hearts declare His praise

For who can stop the Lord Almighty? **(chorus)**

**Chorus**

**Our God is the Lion**

**The Lion of Judah**

**He's roaring with power**

**And fighting our battles**

**And every knee will bow before Him**

**Our God is the Lamb**

**The Lamb that was slain**

**For the sins of the world**

**His blood breaks the chains**

**And every knee will bow before the Lion**

**and the Lamb**

**Every knee will bow before the Lion and**

**the Lamb**

2. So open up the gates

Make way before the King of kings

The God who comes to save

Is here to set the captives free

For who can stop the Lord Almighty

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

Who can stop the Lord Almighty

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Who can stop the Lord

**Chorus**

*(Please be seated)*

**Announcements**