

Celebration!

Advent 1

November 29, 2020

Announcements and Parish Concerns

Come, Lord Jesus, Hope of the World.
Come, Lord Jesus, enter into our hearts today.

Days of Elijah

**These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of your servant Moses, righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice In the desert crying, prepare ye the way of the Lord.**



Chorus **Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
so lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

**And these are the days of Ezekiel - the dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of your servant David - rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in your vineyard - declaring the Word of the Lord**

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear**

Chorus **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O Come blest Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by your advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Bridge **Be exalted O God and let your glory reign! repeat
Let it reign! Let it reign! Let it reign! repeat**

Build Up

Chorus: **Build up, prepare the way - remove the obstructions from my people's way
Build up, prepare the way - God is near, God is here today**

**¹Break the chains of injustice
Let the oppressed go free
Share our homes with the homeless
and our bread with the hungry (Chorus)**

**²God sees all our destruction
How we get in love's way
Still God comes and meets us
with a steady, healing embrace (Chorus)**

Bridge: **Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will break into song (Chorus)**

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Advent Candlelighting:

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

The First Advent candle is lighted

A Dialog for Our Worship Today

We come with great expectation to await the coming Messiah.
All creation waits with great longing for the Son of God.
As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord."
We are here to prepare a place in our hearts for his coming.

Prayer

Let us pray together: **O God of John the Baptist, through such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 13: 24-37

Sermon: Pastor Daniel Clayborne

Waiting Here For You

**If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move
We come with expectation, waiting here for you – waiting here for you**

**You're the Lord of all creation, and still you know my heart
The Author of Salvation, you've loved us from the start**

Chorus **Waiting here for You with our hands lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore, singing Alleluia**

**You are everything You've promised, Your faithfulness is true
And we're desperate for Your presence, all we need is You**

Chorus **Singing Alleluia; singing Alleluia**

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us join together to affirm our faith: **I believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within me. I believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the son of a carpenter, who was born to Mary through a miracle of God. I believe Jesus is true God and true man at the same time. I believe Jesus lived, died, and was resurrected to pay the price for my sin, and I will live together with him for all eternity. I believe God lives with me through the Holy Spirit. I believe the Holy Spirit calls me to the true faith, sustains me in times of great despair and leads me to the true knowledge of Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and Life. I believe the Holy Spirit has given me gifts to use within the body of Christ, and these gifts bring completeness as I worship and serve in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

Confession

The prophets and John the Baptist call us to turn away from sin, to amend our lives and hold fast to the promises of God. As we prepare for Christ's coming, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Faithful God, we confess to you that we have not trusted your signs of hope in our midst. We have looked for bigger signs and easier answers. We have given up too quickly; we have grown impatient in our waiting. Forgive us for turning away from you and from one another. Forgive us for failing to trust that you are with us. Come to us now and grant us your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, God is faithful and will not hold our sins against us. God's grace is larger than our forgetfulness and deeper than our despair. God forgives us all our sins and grants us newness of life. Even now God's grace is springing up within us like a tender plant. Behold: Now is the day of salvation. **Amen.**

We Share God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "The Peace of the Lord be with you"

Holy Communion

We declare Jesus is the Messiah and we come to his table of grace. **Jesus is the true gift of love from God.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary form)

**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.**

Come to the Lord's Table

All who seek the presence of Jesus Christ at God's table of grace are welcome to receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion.

Following Communion: Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen**

Let us pray... **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace. **Amen**

Even So Come

All of creation all of the earth - make straight a highway a path for the Lord - Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint - let ev'ry nation shout of your fame - Jesus is coming soon

Chorus1 **Like a bride waiting for her groom we'll be a church ready for you
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come - even so come Lord Jesus come**

There will be justice all will be new - your name forever faithful and true - Jesus is coming soon

(Bridge) **So we wait we wait for you - God we wait you're coming soon (2x)**

Chorus2 **Like a bride waiting for her groom we'll be a church ready for you
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for you - ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come - even so come Lord Jesus come**

(Bridge) **God we wait we wait for you - God we wait you're coming soon (repeat)**

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We Go Out To Serve

Go in Peace, prepare the way the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**