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ADVENT 1

## WE COME TOGETHER

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

## 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*

### DAYS OF ELIJAH

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**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**

### 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***

### MESSIAH

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**Someone's shouting from the desert. Someone's shouting from the sea.  
Someone's shouting from the mountain. Someone's shouting from the valley. *Chorus***

*CHORUS* **Messiah, Come and be our King. Messiah, come come and be our King.**

**Someone's shouting from the city. I am young and I am cold.  
Someone's shouting from the country. I am lonely I am old. *Chorus***

**Someone's shouting I am broken. Someone's shouting make me whole.  
Someone's shouting come and change me. Someone's shouting save my soul. *Chorus***

## WE COME TOGETHER

Rejoice, for the day of the Lord is at hand!

**Praise be to God who has heard our cries and sends our Messiah!**

Soon a child shall be born to a virgin and he shall be called Jesus.

**The Son of the Almighty God! The Prince of Peace!**

And all the world will join us in singing praise to our Messiah.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

Let us pray together: **O God, through your giving of the Word become flesh in Christ, you have spoken to us of unlimited accepting love. Help us to have the courage to prepare and trust in the promise of Jesus' coming and share the news with everyone we meet. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

### WORD AND INSPIRATION: Pastor Rachel Hacker | Jeremiah 33:14-16

#### EVEN SO COME

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**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**

*CHORUS 1*      **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)**

*CHORUS 2*      **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***

## AFFIRMATION OF 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. He is the Word made flesh, who came to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and to proclaim Jesus, the hope of the world.**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### SHARING 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, shaking hands or embracing and 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

Let us pray in the words that Jesus has taught us:

**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 come and receive God's forgiveness in Holy Communion. Please move front and center where the bread and wine will be given. Please take the bread and move to the server with the cup. As the server offers the cup, please dip (intinct) the edge of the wafer into the wine and place it in your mouth as the server says "the blood of Christ, shed for you". As the bread and wine are given you may wish to say "Amen". Once you have received communion, you may prayerfully return to your seat.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

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

## WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE

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.**

#### PREPARE YE THE WAY

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**<sup>1</sup> The Word of the Lord came one evening  
Concerning his bride's great sin  
So he sent down his Word to renew her  
To prepare for the Bridegroom again *chorus***

**<sup>2</sup> Repent of seeking vain glories  
Thru the gifts in the Lord's name you give  
Repent of all the first stones cast to kill  
While your own self-righteousness lives *chorus***

*CHORUS* **Prepare ye the way of the Lord  
Prepare ye the way of the kingdom  
Prepare ye the way  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord**

**<sup>3</sup> The Word said repent and turn from your striving  
Repent and turn from your hatred  
Repent of the doctrines of men that divide  
And tear like your wedding gown rends *chorus***

**<sup>4</sup> Walk in his love as newborn children  
Walk in his love let the wedding gown mend  
Walk in his love in humility  
Come with pure hearts  
And cast down your cares to the wind *chorus***

**<sup>5</sup> The Word of the Lord came one evening  
Concerning his bride's great sin  
He assured me we will be forgiven  
And then let the marriage begin *chorus***

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Go in Peace, serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**