

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONGS

"The King Shall Come" Blue Book 260

THE GREETING

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

People: And also, with you.

Pastor: You are the treasured people of God.

People: A people holy to the Lord our God.

Pastor: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

People: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Pastor: One does not live by bread alone,

People: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG

"Light One Candle" Blue Book 240

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you,

Pastor: Let us pray....

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL SONG

"Prepare The Way"

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW 257

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastor: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your

salvation.

People: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

People: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

People: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

People: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

Pastor: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

(A time of silent reflection and self examination.)

Gracious God,

ALL: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness and remission of all our sins.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also, with you.

(You may greet one another in the name of the Lord)

OFFERTORY SONG

“Emmanuel”

Blue Book 126

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. God our Creator,

All: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family and all the world....

People: *(Following each prayer petition)* Hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

Pastor: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Blue Book 247

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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