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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Join us after the service for coffee.

### ***A REAL CHRISTMAS REQUIRES REMEMBERING WHY CHRIST CAME***

It is easy to get so caught up in the imagery—a tiny newborn baby, lying in the straw filled manger under a star-filled sky—that we forget the why. Why did the Son of God come into our world and take on human flesh? So that he might die as the sacrifice for our sins. One Christmas carol puts it this way. “Neither crib nor cross refuses, all he suffers for your good to redeem you by his blood.”

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year. We begin at the end, watching Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he would be killed before the end of the week. The events of Palm Sunday serve as a microcosm for all Jesus’ work, proving the Son of God was willing to humble himself and endure anything for our salvation. That is precisely why Christ came. And a real Christmas requires remembering why Christ came.

Stand

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

**C: We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.**

M: We hear his call to watch.

**C: We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

♪ O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord ♪ CW 208

**1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.**

**2 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
the heights of the hills are also his.**

**3 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**4 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.**

Be seated

## FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 33:14–16

<sup>14</sup>“ ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord,  
‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>15</sup>“ ‘In those days and at that time  
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
This is the name by which it will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES*

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## SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9–13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup>May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

LUKE 19:28–40

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup>They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup>“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

<sup>40</sup>“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

***HYMN: O BRIDE OF CHRIST, REJOICE***

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**SERMON**

**LUKE 19:28–40**

*Stand*

**Ref** You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we acclaim you.  
To you, O Father holy, all creation offers praise.  
(Last time) all creation offers praise, all creation offers praise.

**1** With the angels in heaven,  
we praise you, we praise you!  
With the cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise you, we praise you!  
With apostles and prophets,  
we praise you, we praise you!  
With the martyrs and your holy Church,  
we sing in endless praise! (Refrain)

**2** Creator of all things,  
we praise you, we praise you!  
O Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
we praise you, we praise you!  
O Spirit, most holy,  
we praise you, we praise you!  
To the Trinity most blessed,  
we sing in endless praise! (Refrain)

**3** O Christ, King of glory,  
we praise you, we praise you!  
You became a man to set us free;  
we praise you, we praise you!  
You have risen to free us;  
we praise you, we praise you!  
And with all your saints in glory,  
we sing in endless praise! (Refrain)

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## Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

Musical notation for the hymn 'Lord, Have Mercy'. The first line shows the melody for the first two phrases: 'Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.' The second line shows the melody for the chorus: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an - swer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **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.**



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

***HYMN: THE KING OF GLORY COMES***

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