

# Be Born in Us



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## Pastoral Welcome

### Prelude

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Annette Nolan

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

L: Into our world as into Mary's womb . . .

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Into the forgotten places as into the stable . . .

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope.

Into the lives of the powerful, bringing caution.

Into the lives of the weary, bringing rest.

Into the lives of the complacent, bringing restlessness.

And into our lives . . . every moment . . . making our hearts Your Bethlehem.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus and be born in us.**

### Gathering Song

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

Carol Riddell



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

### Advent Announcement

L: This is the good news: Christ is coming and blessed are those who wait on the Lord.

**C: Therefore, come quickly, Lord. Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

L: Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are not at peace with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart:**

**Discord in our families.**

**Deliberate ignorance of the suffering of others.**

**Violence in our world.**

**Our own conflicted hearts.**

**In your mercy, come to us, open our hearts, and reconnect us to one another and to you.**

L: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace. Forgiveness that is stronger than our sins and love that heals every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: God has set you free from all your sins, so now go and prepare God's way with love. Amen.

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of Illumination

L: God, we have come to this place today . . . some of us standing firm in our faith and some of us faltering; some of us filled with optimism and some of us with cynicism; some of us feeling hopeful and some of us hopeless; and many of us find ourselves at some place in between. But we are here. We are entering the time of Advent, a season of waiting and watching for You to be born again in the most ordinary parts of our world and in the most surprising places of our lives. May we make the space in our lives where your love might be born anew and may we welcome You with open arms into the cradle of this world.

**C: Amen.**

### The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

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The Holy Scripture

Luke 21:25-36

The Message

Song of the Day

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Carol Riddell



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## Prayers of the Faithful

L: God, our beginning and our end, we confess to you that we live in a world that needs your mercy now more than ever. As we celebrate joyfully in anticipation of your coming Son, we recognize that joy does not come as easily to everyone. So, with the joyful and the heavy-hearted, we lift our prayers to you.

*A brief silence.*

L: God, our steadfast hope, so much of faith is waiting, like a mother waiting for the birth of her child; like a father waiting for the return of his son; like a farmer waiting for the first sign of spring; and like a child waiting for Christmas morning. Continue to be with us in our waiting and strengthen us in our faith; when our faith grows fearful, give us courage; and when our faith falters, surround us with a community to be our support.

L: Come Lord Jesus,

**C:** hear our prayer.

L: God, our source of compassion, we pray for family and friends who are undergoing tests, facing surgeries, and dealing with illness. As we speak their names, we bring them to you in the confidence that you love them and know their every need and that your healing power will bring comfort and restoration. Bless all that is being done for their recovery and answer our prayers as you see best.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Val Allred        | ▪ Pastor Raymond Peters |
| ▪ Lemont Bell       | ▪ Joyce Quigley         |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Calvin Roberson       |
| ▪ Michael Funke     | ▪ Shannon Roberson      |
| ▪ Amy Hill          | ▪ Richard Schulz        |
| ▪ Donnell Horton    | ▪ Lisa Marie Shepherd   |
| ▪ John Kivett       | ▪ L.D. Shockley         |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz   | ▪ Leni Taite            |
| ▪ Susan Lewis       | ▪ David Townsend        |
| ▪ Ray Matthews      | ▪ Laura Tucker          |
| ▪ Vickie McCombs    | ▪ Herbert Watson        |
| ▪ Trey O'Quinn      | ▪ Velia Watson          |
| ▪ Leo Peeler        | ▪ Renate Wilson         |

L: We pray for Mohamed & Esther Abdel-Hameed's family in Egypt.

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

*Time for the community to pray.*

L: We give thanks for the birth of Alex DeGrace, son of Madeline & Stephen and grandson of Leonard and Tanya DeGrace, born on November 17.

We give thanks for the birth of Beau Walker Lewis, son of Brian and Lindsey Lewis and grandson of John and Susan Lewis, born on November 18.

L: Come Lord Jesus

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: God, our healer, we pray for all healthcare professionals and relief workers. We give thanks for them and for the care and healing they provide. Strengthen and encourage them as they continue to serve and work on behalf of the health of our communities.

L: Come Lord Jesus

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: God, you came into this world as a fragile child – crying in the night for your mother’s comfort, hungering for the nourishment of milk, and needing the swaddling of warmth. We pin our hopes on you, the Word made flesh, as we offer our prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus and be born in us. Amen.**

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## SHARING THE MEAL

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### The Words of Institution

Carol Riddell

*This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me*

*And I . . . I'm desperate for you  
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me  
And I . . . I'm desperate for you  
And I . . . I'm lost without you*

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*This is the living Lord  
This is the living Lord  
Your very blood given for me  
And I . . . I'm desperate for you  
And I . . . I'm lost without you  
This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe*

### **The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)**

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.

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

C: Amen.

# SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

## Advent Blessing

- L: God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and suffering ones, the angels in heaven, and the child in the womb,
- C: **Pour out your blessing upon us, your good word for our hearts, that we might rest and rise in the kindness of your company. Amen.**

## Sending Song

*"People Look East"* (vv. 1, 3 & 4)

Carol Riddell



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## Dismissal

- L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God**