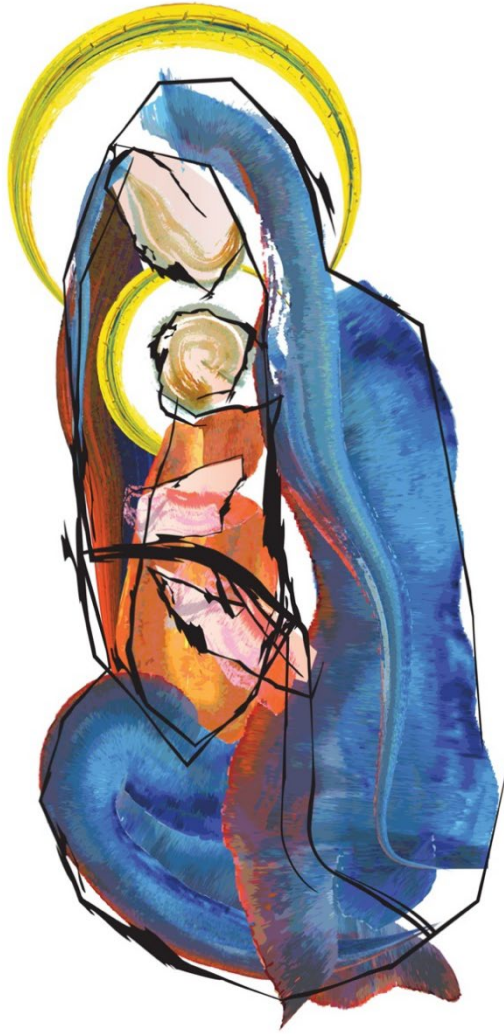


Advent Season 2022



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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" (Arr. Hayes)

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"



- 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 you and to one another.

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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 *(Prayer written by Henri Nouwen)*

L: Lord Jesus Christ, master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations Christmas.
We who have so much to do,
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things,
look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways,
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy,
seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

C: Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Acclamation

"Emmanuel"

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

Matthew 24:36-44

Children's Church

The Message

Song of the Day

ELW #254 *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*



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: Lord Jesus Christ, in the hushed anticipation of your coming, kindle in us the desire to remain awake, so that we might be ready for your coming and eager to pray for your arrival.

A brief silence.

- L: Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, we yearn for the day when nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and all people will hammer their spears into tools for tilling the soil and harvesting food for feeding their communities. But we pray not only for an end to swords and spears, but also bullets, bombs, and missiles, of steel on flesh, of power against bodies crushed by hatred, domination, and senseless violence. As we offer our prayers, may we be among those who are blessed to live as your peacemakers.

We pray for the families of the five victims and those injured in the shooting at the LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs last Saturday.

We pray for the families of the six victims, the family of shooter, and those injured in the shooting at a Wal-Mart in Chesapeake, VA the past Tuesday night.

We pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, as well as other countries that are dealing with political unrest and conflict; for Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Israel-Palestine, Haiti and Myanmar.

- L: Come Lord Jesus,

C: hear our prayer.

- L: Lord Jesus Christ, 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, that you 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.

- L: We especially pray for:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ▪ Dale Blish | ▪ Gary Homesley |
| ▪ Darrin Carr | ▪ Donnell Horton |
| ▪ Helen Cheyney | ▪ Amy Hull |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Kim Johnson |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Ashley King |
| ▪ Vincent Frisina Sr. | ▪ Waylon Kuklantz |
| ▪ Tom Hawk | ▪ Gene Lajuenesse |
| ▪ Tracy Heberlig | ▪ Bobbi Larson |
| ▪ Jim Hintz | ▪ Kevin Middleton |
| ▪ Carol Hollingsworth | ▪ Joe Moeller |

- Jacob Mosher
- Melissa Nobles-Titchenell
- Jane Ogilvie
- Terry Park
- Reagan Poli
- Joyce Quigley
- Eddie Ridge
- Diane Round
- Jack Schulte
- Eric Sossoman
- Ron Stemple
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Laverne Waskielis
- Herbert Watson
- Joan Welsh
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson
- Chuck Wolfe

L: In silence, let us make our own specific prayers for those on our hearts and minds today.

(Silence)

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- George Cooper, uncle of Jennie Henderson, died November 5
- Hilda Mertz, mother of Diane Jowers, died November 11
- WBTV Helicopter pilot and meteorologist who perished in the crash of the helicopter on November 22

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: Come Lord Jesus,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Come among us, Lord Jesus Christ and hear our prayers. By your Holy Spirit, gather them and join them with the prayers of all your people as we wait with patience for your return and prepare our hearts for your arrival.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

Offertory Song

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain
Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Table Prayer

- L: God of mercy and grace,
C: **you open your hand in blessing and your abundance flows unending. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

"Come and See"

- L: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room. He took the bread and blessed it as he said, "Here's my body broken for you." He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed his head and prayed. And then he said, "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sin away."

Congregational Response



1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
 2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the



Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
 Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,



bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
 bow - ing down be - fore



Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,



Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

C: 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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

"Lamb of God"

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ

sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

take a - way the sin of the world.
 I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
 Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
 mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Last time to coda ♪
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. *2nd*
 3 The

Coda ♪
 Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Song

"What Child Is This" (Arr. Brickman)

Annette Nolan

The Blessing

L: 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

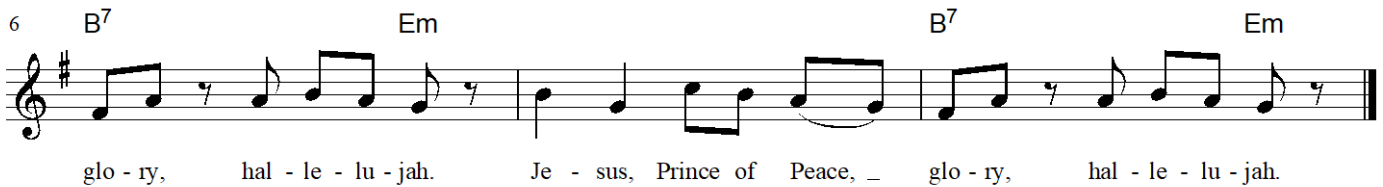
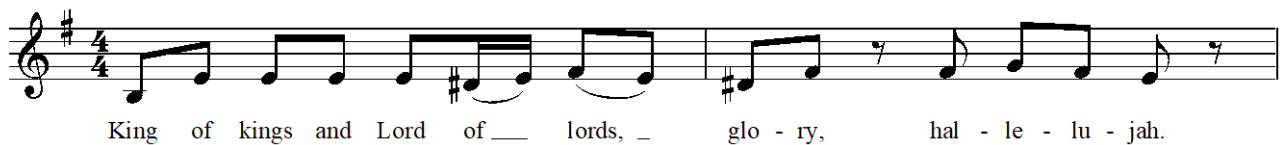
Benediction *(A Holy Land Blessing, Father Potter of Peckham)*

L: May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.
May the man of Galilee bring you strength.
May the Christ of Calvary bring your courage.
May Risen Jesus bring you hope.
May the ascended Christ bring you a foretaste of his glory.

C: Amen

Sending Song

"King of Kings"



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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.