

Third Sunday in Advent  
December 13, 2020

Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn – *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* - # 348

The King shall come when morning dawns,  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fright and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
And left the lone-some place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution (*Spoken by Pastor*)

Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

(*Collect spoken by Pastor*)

**All: Amen**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

Epistle Reading – 2 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**All: Alleulia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading – John 1:6-8, 19-28

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

The Nicene Creed (*Spoken together*)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**

**And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn – *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* - #348

Oh, brighter than the glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray;  
Come quickly, King of Kings! Amen.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface (*spoken by Pastor*)

Sanctus

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full  
of Thy glory.**

Pastor: Hosanna,

**People: Hosanna,**

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Blessed is he,

**People: blessed is he,**

**All: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Hosanna,  
**People: Hosanna,**  
**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken together*)

**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 Words of Institution (*spoken by Pastor*)

Agnus Dei

Pastor: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**All: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution (*Please follow the instructions of the elders and Pastor*)

Communion Hymn – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - # 357

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to the Thee, O Israel!**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

**Refrain**

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's  
height  
In ancient times didst give the Law in cloud and majesty and awe.

**Refrain**

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the  
grave.

**Refrain**

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

**Refrain**

Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace

**People: according to Thy word,**

Pastor: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

**People: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**

Pastor: a light to lighten the Gentiles

**People: and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**People: and His mercy endureth forever.**

Post-Communion Collect (*spoken by Pastor*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: and with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord,

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

**All: Amen**

*You are invited to stay and visit with one another for a few moments, but please remember to keep appropriate social distancing.*

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