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TABLE

Worship Gathering
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

Gathering as the Body

Announcements

Call to Worship

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Silence

Opening Prayers

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of expectation.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness

to show us the way to salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

**SUNG: O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Song: Come Light Our Hearts

For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait

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Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You

O Lord of life, our only hope

Your radiance shines on all who look

To You in the dark, Emmanuel come

Come light our hearts

Oh joy above all other loves

In You we find more than enough

We come as we are, O heal and restore

Come light our hearts

Blessing of the Children

————— *Listening for the Word* —————

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Scripture Reading *Isaiah 64:1-9*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Awaken your might;
come and save us.

**Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

How long, Lord God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.**

You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.

**Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

**Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.**

**Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

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Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

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Gospel Reading *Mark 13:24-37*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayers of the People

Lord, while we are waiting for your coming this Christmas,

I ask you'd meet me/us in my/our _____.

Teach me to trust your presence right here.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Welcoming One Another in Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Communing at the Table

Prayers Around the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless-ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

...Because you are one with us, O Christ,
 make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, And
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And
 hal - low - ed be thy name, thy king - dom
 for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for -
 come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
 give thy those who on earth as it is in
 heav'n. And lead us not in to temp - ta - tion
 us. And lead us not in to temp - ta - tion
 but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For thine is the king - dom, and the
 pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and
 ev - er. A - men.

...Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Come with open hands to receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and feed on Christ's presence, with thanksgiving.

If you are not a baptized Christian, come with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. (And let us know if you're interested in being baptized.)

Song: Wait For the Lord

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Song: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Christ has no body now but yours

No hands, no feet on earth but yours

Yours are the eyes with which He sees

Yours are the feet with which He walks

Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world

Yours are the hands

Song: We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together bring shalom

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sentness

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending & Blessing

Go now, strengthened by the testimony of Christ.
Keep alert and wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Continue to do right and remember God in your ways.

And may God enrich you in speech and knowledge of every kind;
May Christ Jesus strengthen you to the end;
And may the Holy Spirit guide you in faithful living until he comes.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

