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Worship Gathering
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017

Gathering as the Body

Announcements / Call to Worship / Silence

Opening Song of Response

Hope, we will find our hope,
We will find our hope
We will find our hope in you

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 proclamation.
May the light sent from God through the prophets
lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

**SUNG: O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus; Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Blessing of the Children

Listening for the Word

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Scripture Reading *Isaiah 40:1-11*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13*

You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.**

I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.

**Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.

**Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

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Scripture Reading *2 Peter 3:8-15a*

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Gospel Reading *Mark 1:1-8*

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, in your presence we find hope.

I submit my _____ to your comfort and deliverance.

We wait for you together this Advent.

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.

The Lord is patient with us, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. If we will turn back to God, he has promised to bring us to the promised land, forgetting our guilt, and forgiving our sins.

Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Welcoming One Another in Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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
 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: Hope

Hope, we will find our hope, we will find our hope
 We will find our hope in you

Peace, we will find our peace, we will find our peace
We will find our peace in you

Song: Open Up

You heard the cry of our hearts, and You came down
Freely You gave us Your love, showing us how

Make me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me shine light and
May Your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark

All that we do without love, it means nothing
Grant us the courage to give, as You're calling

Hope for the hopeless, Your love is
Strength in our weakness, Your love is
May we love as You love

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: wait and work for the coming of the day of God.
In the wild places prepare a straight path for the Lord.
Lead lives of holiness and godliness, strive to be found at peace,
and speak freely of the Lord's comfort and promise.

And may God our shepherd gather you in loving arms;
May Christ Jesus reconcile justice and peace within you;
And may the Holy Spirit baptize you into the life of God.

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.

