



# First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

*Welcome to worship at All Saints! We are glad you are joining us.*

*We will be sharing in the meal of Holy Communion this morning. Please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available in order to participate in the meal from home, knowing that these elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and shed for you. All are welcome at the Lord's table!*

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**Prelude:** *In Preparation*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

P: At every beginning there is a yearning  
for the one who is coming.

O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

P: We gather together to expect the unexpected  
and imagine the unimaginable.

O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

P: We wait for the day  
when God will recycle tanks into tractors  
and transform minefields into soccer fields.

O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

P: We stay awake by telling stories  
that offer a glimmer of a future  
and agitate dormant hope within us.

O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

P: Jesus, we welcome your presence now  
with the lighting of this candle,  
whose flame brings warmth to winter  
and fills this place with the glow of hope.

**C: Amen**

**Gathering Hymn:** *The King Shall Come*

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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 fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
when Christ, victorious, rose  
and left the lonesome place of death,  
despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that 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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Sung Psalm:** Psalm 25

Sung to the tune of  
*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,  
And teach my feet your path, I pray;  
For my salvation comes from you,  
I trust in you throughout the day.

Remember your compassion, Lord,  
Your steadfast love of ancient days,  
And in that love remember me,  
Remember not my youthful ways.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
He teaches sinners in his way;  
He guides the humble toward the right,  
Instructs the lowly day by day.

The pathways of the Lord are love  
And faithfulness to all his own  
Who keep his covenant and all  
The testimonies he made known.

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 21:25-36

### **Sermon**

**Song of the Day:** *Even So Come*

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
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### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

### Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offering:** *Christ, Be Our Light*

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come.

*Refrain*

## Offertory Prayer

Creator God,  
you made the whole world,  
even the farthest stars,  
and you draw near to feed us.  
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.  
Strengthen us with this food  
that we may live in expectation  
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all  
time and in all places offer thanks...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



## Lord's Prayer

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.

## **Holy Communion:** *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us,  
have mercy.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us,  
have mercy.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace.

*Waiting Here for You*

*Offered by New Song*

If faith can move the mountains  
Let the mountains move  
We come with expectation  
Waiting here for You  
Waiting here for You

You're the Lord of all creation  
And still You know my heart  
The Author of salvation  
You've loved us from the start

Waiting here for You with our hands  
Lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore  
Singing alleluia

You are ev'rything You've promised  
Your faithfulness is true  
We're desp'rate for Your presence  
All we need is You

Waiting here for You with our hands  
Lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore  
Singing alleluia  
We will wait for You Lord  
In step with You Lord  
we sing alleluia

Bridge Singing alleluia alleluia (2X)

Waiting here for You with our hands  
Lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore  
singing alleluia

## **Post Communion Blessing and Prayer**

### **Benediction**

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience  
their cross and suff'rings bore,  
shall live and reign forever  
when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him  
their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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