

November 27th, 2022

10:30 am

## The First Sunday in Advent

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Welcome

Opening Hymn **“Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”** *Robert Robinson, John Wyeth*

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither, by Thy help, I've come  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter  
bind my wandering heart to Thee  
prone to wander, Lord I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it;  
seal it for Thy courts above

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The candle of Hope is lit**

**Instructed Silence**

*All Pray: Almighty God, we place our trust and hope in You. We pray that You will send Your Son, Jesus Christ, into our lives to guide and protect us through difficult times. Amen.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen***

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

*People Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.*

*Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:*

*People Who made heaven and earth.*

*Celebrant I was glad when they said to me*

*People Let us go to the house of the Lord.*

*Celebrant Praise the Lord.*

*People The name of the Lord be praised.*

*All Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.*

*Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*

*People Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.*

*Celebrant Glory to the Father.*

*People Glory to the Son.*

*Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.*

*People Forever Three in One.*

*Celebrant Be glorified at home.*

*People Be glorified in church.*

*Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.*

*People Be glorified in the United States.*

*Celebrant Be glorified on earth.*

*People Be glorified in heaven.*

*Celebrant Glory to the Father.*

*People Glory to the Son.*

*Celebrant* Glory to the Spirit.

*People* ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant* *Alleluia!*

*People* ***Amen.***

### **The Collect**

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**

### **The First Lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 2, Beginning to read at verse 1**

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to God***

### **Psalm 122**

*Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

1 I was glad when they said unto me, \*  
***"Let us go to the house of the LORD."***

2 Now our feet are standing \*  
***within your gates, O Jerusalem.***

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
*that is at unity in itself;*

4 For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD, \*  
*as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.*

5 For there is the throne of judgment, \*  
*even the throne of the house of David.*

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
*they shall prosper that love you.*

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
*and plenteousness within your palaces.*

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, \*  
*I will wish you prosperity.*

9 Indeed, because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
*I will seek to do you good.*

*Psalmist* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

**The Second Lesson is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 13  
Beginning to read at verse 8**

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

### Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn De Shazo

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart. (2x)***

*Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to **St. Matthew** Chapter **24** beginning to read at verse **29**

<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. <sup>32</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>36</sup> “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.*

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant* Come, long-expected Jesus. Receive our prayer as part of our service to the Lord who enlists us in His own work for Love. Come, long-expected Jesus.

*Psalmist* Heavenly Father, we come with thanksgiving for the lives You have given us, redeemed, and sustained through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Spirit to guide us as we pray in this Advent season.

*Psalmist* With love we pray.  
*People* ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist* Father, we pray for Your holy Church; that we all may be one in Christ. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You; that Your Name may be glorified by everyone. We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; Clark, our Bishop; **Chuck and Owen, our priests**, that they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments. Give them strength to do Your will in all that they undertake and that they may be blessed in all their works.

*Psalmist* With love we pray.  
*People* ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up **Trinity Anglican Church, Lafayette, Louisiana**. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*Psalmist* With love we pray.  
*People* ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist* Come into our hearts, repair the brokenness of sin, heal the wounds of mind and spirit, comfort the sick and grieving, warm the cold-hearted, fill the lonely and empty.

*Psalmist* With love we pray.  
*People* ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist* Come into our homes, make them places of grace, places of forgiveness, places of safety, places of joy, and places of peace.

*Psalmist* With love we pray.

*People*            ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist*        Come to all those who protect us; our Armed Forces and first responders and fill them with a sense of Your ever abiding presence.

*Psalmist*        With love we pray.  
*People*            ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist*        Come to those at the center of our government and fill them with wisdom, justice and truth as they lead our great nation.

*Psalmist*        With love we pray.  
*People*            ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist*        We pray for the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*Psalmist*        With love we pray.  
*People*            ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Psalmist*        We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings You so freely give. We beseech You to move Your people to support and complete Your glorious City on the Hill. May we be a beacon that shines from the top of this hill not only throughout New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*Psalmist*        With love we pray.  
*People*            ***Come, Emmanuel, come.***

*Celebrant*        Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a faith responsive to the Father's Gift. Excite in us the hope of Your coming. Excite in us Your love for the world. In the name of our Coming King, Jesus. ***Amen.***

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant*        Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All* **Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

*All* **Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

## The Peace

**Offertory Hymn “The Light Came Down”** *Josh Garrels*

There is a light, bright star shining - In the dark night, old tales come true  
All of our fears, hopes and prayers - He has heard and answered us

*Chorus:* The light came down - Cast the darkness away  
He appeared a helpless child - The light of God came down

There is a light a new day dawning - Old things pass, all things made new  
Prophets have spoken all He would accomplish  
When the light of God would dwell with men

*Chorus 2:* The light came down - Cast the darkness away  
He appeared a helpless child - The light of God came to save us

To the world that He made us - O' Lord and savior - Alleluia

### Doxology

*All sing Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People He is.*

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People He is.*

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People He is.*

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Celebrant* We are His people.

*People We are redeemed.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad You created Your family; for a burdened people You raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets. In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

***“Sanctus” Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*People remain standing*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People* ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

*Celebrant* Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You

accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People      Amen. Jesus is Lord.*

*Celebrant    This is the feast of victory!*

*People      The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!*

### **The Communion**

*Celebrant    As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:*

*All    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.*

*Celebrant    We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.*

*People      Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.*

*Celebrant    The cup of blessing which we bless,*

*People      is a sharing in the blood of Christ.*

*Celebrant    Draw near with faith and receive.*

*People      Christ is the host and we are His guests.*

*Celebrant    Christ is alive for ever.*

*People      We are because He is.*

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

**“O Come To The Altar”**      *Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock*

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling

*Chorus: O come to the altar, The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling (*chorusx2*)

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung.*

### **Communion Songs**

**“Come To Save Us”** *Leslie Jordan, David Leonard*

You have come to save us - You have come to save us  
You have come to save us Lord

You have made a way here - You have made the way clear  
You have come to save us Lord

*Chorus: Jesus, You're the One who saves us - You're the One who saves us  
King of all the other kings on earth*

You are light and fire - You are our desire  
You have come to save us Lord

You're the hope among us - You're the peace that binds us  
You have come to save us Lord - You have come to save us Lord

*Bridge: King of all kings and Lord of all lords - Light of the world, You shine*

**“Come Thou long expected Jesus”** *Charles Wesley, Rowland H. Pritchard*

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

### **Communion Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Again I Say Rejoice)”**

*John M. Neale, Thomas Helmore, Matt Maher*

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

*Chorus:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come Thou Wisdom from on high, Who orderest all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go

*Chorus 2:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel  
Shall come to Thee, O Israel

*Bridge:* Rejoice, again I say rejoice  
For unto us is born the Savior of the world  
Take heart oh weary soul take heart  
For help is on its way, and holy is His Name

*(bridge, chorus, bridge)*

*Ending:* Holy is His Name, holy is His Name

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.*

### **The Blessing (Birthday and Anniversary Prayers)**

**Closing Hymn “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”** *John Brownlie*

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

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings  
Hail Christ the Lord Thy people pray come quickly King of kings.

*Celebrant* Words of dismissal.

*All* ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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