

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024  
Order of Worship

Prelude- 'God Rest Ye Merry'

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Leader: O Come, O come, Emmanuel.

All: Come be the one who tends the wounds of our world.

Leader: O Come, O come, Emmanuel.

All: Come be the one who leads us into the future with love.

Leader: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

All: Come be the one who makes all creation sing. Amen.

Opening Hymn – "Messiah"

1. Someone's shouting from the desert. Someone's shouting from the sea.  
Someone's shouting from the mountain. Someone's shouting from the valley.  
Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.
2. Someone's shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold.  
Someone's shouting from the country. I am lonely, I am old.  
Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.
3. Someone's shouting I am broken. Someone's shouting make me whole.  
Someone's shouting come and change me. Someone's shouting save my soul.  
Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.

Prayer of the Day

**Come, Lord Jesus and dwell among us. Surprise us with your presence. Open us to the thin places where we experience your realness. Tend the deep hearted tender places of our lives. We need you. Our world needs you. Please come, mend us with mercy. Amen.**

'The Annunciation'

'The Magnificat'

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.  
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore.  
How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.
2. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,  
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.  
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice strong your love,  
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.
3. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you.  
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

'Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord'

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not

pass away. <sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW #250 ‘Blessed Be the God of Israel’

Offering Music- ‘Sing We Now of Christmas’

Prayers of the People (response to “Lord in your Mercy” is “Hear our prayer.”)

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer (sung):

Our Father up in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav’n. Give us today our daily bread, dear Father, we do ask of you.

Jesus our king is born! Jesus is born! Glory be to God on high!

Forgive us all our trespasses as we also forgive, and save us from the time of trial.

Deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

Jesus our king is born! Jesus is born! Glory be to God on high!

Distribution

Communion Hymn – ‘Advent Lamb of God’

v1. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v2. Lord of Light, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v3. Morning Star, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v4. God with Us, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v5. Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

v6. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn- ELW #295 vs. 1-3 ‘Of the Father’s Love Begotten’

Communion Blessing

Announcements

Children’s Message

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ELW #248 vs. 1 & 4 ‘People, Look East’

Dismissal

Postlude

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