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First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017

A Service for Holy Communion Based on ELW Setting 10

Prelude *Wachet Auf* – setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession with the assurance of God's mercy and grace.

(silence for reflection)

P: To you O God,

C: **We lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of +Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are forgiven and anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

(Verse 1 only)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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P: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

C: How long, O Lord, how long?

P: For those waiting for answered prayer:

C: Grant your steadfast patience.

P: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

C: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

P: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

C: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

P: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

P: This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14).

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Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

(please be seated)

THE WORD

First Reading

Psalm 80:1-7; 14-19

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ²before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! ³Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. ⁴O Lord GOD of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Vss. 14-19 ¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted. ¹⁶They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

¹⁷But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. ¹⁸Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Musical Meditation

(8am) *In the Bleak Midwinter* – words; Christina Rossetti; music: Mary E. Caldwell

(11am) *The Yearning* – words; Susan Bentall Boersma; music: Craig Courtney

(Please no applause following the choir anthem. Stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia! Lord and Savior

S205a



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to

be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon "Advent Mystery Box"

Kids' Word (11am) - *Kids approx. ages 4-8 can go and hear the Word through story, crafts & games. Please meet in back of sanctuary. Children return after sermon.*

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan

(Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day)

Hymn of the Day Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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Rite of Holy Baptism (11am)

Apostles' Creed (8am)

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 the People

P: Lord in your mercy.

C: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated following Sharing of Peace)

Community Time-*During this time we would like to welcome and introduce guests at SLC.*

The Meal

Communion Distribution~All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are really present and received under the form of bread and wine. At SLC, we commune by "Intinction." As you are ushered forward, please kneel at the altar rails, extend your hand to receive the bread (or ask for a gluten free wafer), and then dip it either into the wine or grape juice. White grape juice is available as a substitute and is offered in the second chalice. You are also invited to remain at the altar rail for a brief time of prayer and meditation if you wish, but do not wait for a group blessing. Adults who do not receive the supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

The Offering (please sign and pass along the registration pad, returning it to the person who signed it first)

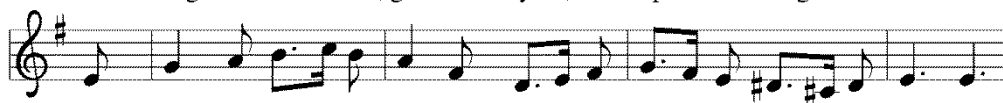
Offertory *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* — arr. Edwin T. Childs

(Please stand as you are able for the Offertory Response)

Offertory Response **What Child Is This (vs. 3 only)**



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar-y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar-y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray:

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God (sung by all)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



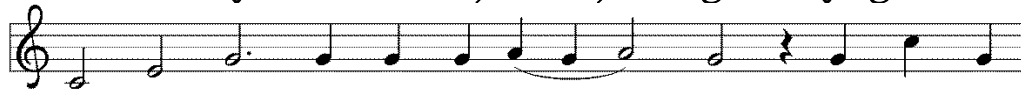
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

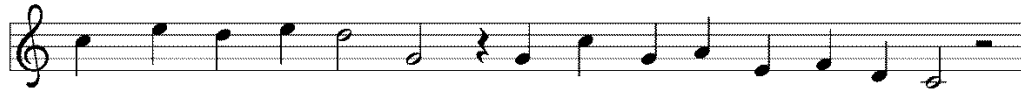
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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Communion Hymn Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



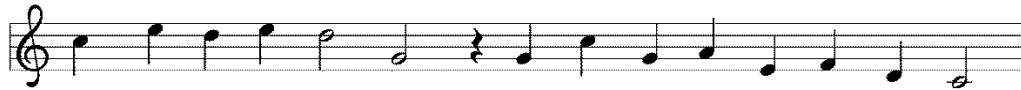
1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



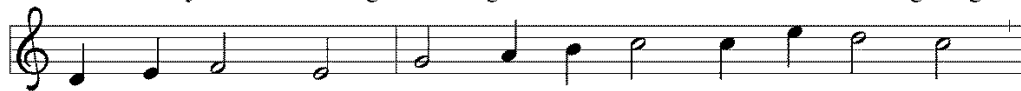
Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



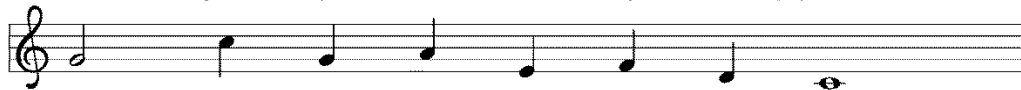
thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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When all have returned to their seats please stand as you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

The musical score for 'The Benediction' consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is marked *mf* and is divided into two parts: 'Presider:' and 'Assembly:'. The lyrics for this staff are 'Let us bless the Lord. And give God thanks.' The second staff is marked 'Presider:' and contains the lyrics 'May the Lord al-might-y bless our days and our deeds with'. The third staff is marked 'In tempo' and contains the lyrics 'peace. A - - men.'. The third staff also includes performance markings: 'All:' above the first measure, 'rit.' above the second measure, and '*f*' above the third measure.

Sending Hymn

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Dismissal

L: We are grace filled

C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Antioch* — G.F. Handel; arr. Gerald Peterson

Thank you for sharing your gifts of music: Skyler Callantine &
Sanctuary Choir

Worship Leaders for December 3

Minister of Music: Lynn Rupp

Choir Accompanist: Jenny Grenfell

Liturgist: (8am) Sandy Gessner-Crabtree (11am) Corey Burchill

Usher: Bob Brien

Communion Assistants: (8am) Lisa & Jeff Ottenbacher
(11am) Debbie White, Therese Alden

December Altar Care: Deb Buck, Ann Daly, Adams Family

Readers: (8am) Steve Slaton, (11am) Julie Gillies

Acolytes: (8am) Katie Havers & Annabelle Havers
(11am) Ingrid Burchill & Sally Corder

Prayer and Care: John & Jolene Thayer celebrating the birth of their daughter Juniper Anne, Celebrating Baptism of Taylen DeRego & Dori Pitts dealing with heart problems,

Recovering from Surgery: Barb Smithson from shoulder surgery, Jim Finnegan from bypass surgery, Julie Harpel from a broken leg.

Facing Cancer: Ron Maddux, Elizabeth Domahidy, Jack Harpel, Priscilla White-Lineker, Kathy Schaeffer, Carol Wales and Jen Nelson. Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.

Deployed & Military Support & their families: Christopher Thurman, Eric Fromm, Megan Shultz, Jared Cain & Aaron Gray.

Continued Prayer: Arlene Phillips, Tom Taft, Gerry Crawford, Renie Nicholson, Avery & Oliver Rasely, Peggy Grigg, John Jeffries, Jacob Rasely, Peter Carr, Caroline Gierke, Jean Sherbesman, Regina Cloninger, Laura Gessner, Nancy Matronic, Jadon Sansgaard, Randy Fossum, Matt Ryan, Don Leonardy, Josh Wills, Virginia Olson, Skai Shippet, Vicki Murray and Bob McGinty.

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the year of the Reformation, here is something you may not know about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Luther composed more than 40 hymns in his lifetime, and in 1529 wrote and composed the tune for what became known as “The Battle Hymn of Reformation” – today called “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

Next Week’s Worship Leaders (Dec. 10th)

Liturgists: (8am) Unavailable (11am) Unavailable

Communion Assistants: 8am – Gloria Crawford, Tom Starks
11am – Barb & Bob Paul

Readers: (8am) Marilyn Hawks (11am) Mary Tanner

Acolytes: (8am) Kekoa Lyons, Henry Waller (11am) Cadence Robideaux,
Cora Robideaux

Next Week’s Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, & Mark 1:1-8

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:

Why was this story told? 2. Where do you see God at work?