



Jackson, Tennessee
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT MEDITATION: Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ..."

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

The Jon Roberts Family

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And, also, with you!

Behold the days are coming, declares the LORD, Jeremiah 33:14

When I fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel!

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,

And he shall execute justice and righteousness!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 14:5b, 8-9

Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. ... On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE: "The Advent of Our King" (printed on page 4)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God,
According to your steadfast love;
 According to your abundant mercy
Blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin!
 For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.
 Against you, you only, have I sinned
And done what is evil in your sight,
 So that you may be justified in your words.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive us for every failure; help us to follow You in every way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Matthew 1:21-22

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ...

The Advent of Our King

Zech. 9 : 9

Instantis adventum Dei

Charles Coffin, 1736


Tr., John Chandler, 1837, alt.

St. Thomas

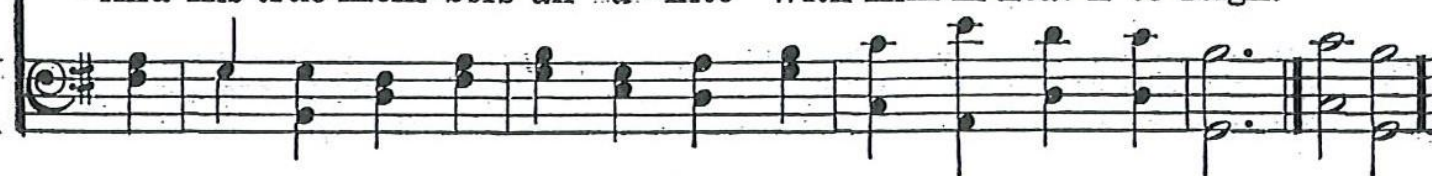
Aaron Williams, 1770



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be;
 3 O Zi - on's Daugh-ter, rise To meet thy low - ly King,
 4 As Judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain

And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him - self a serv-ant's form puts on To set His serv-ants free.
 Nor let thy faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.



5 Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The old man all be put away,
 The new man all put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
 Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever One,
 Through all eternity.

† GLORIA PATRI (with hands lifted)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 194: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 1:3-11

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise be to you, O Christ!

† HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 193: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 1:1-9; Isaiah 6:1-13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Isaiah's Christmas Story, Part I:
The Longing and the Hope

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 He suffered and was buried;
 and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
 and He shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the living and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together
 is worshiped and glorified;
 who spoke by the prophets;
 and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
 we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
 and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen. **catholic=universal*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts,
 As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom,
 And the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY (with hands lifted)

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

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

† SANCTUS

Sung in unison

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full__of your Glo - ry. Ho

9
 san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

17
 in__ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION****WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Song, No. 221: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" v. 1-2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, No. 221: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" v. 3-4

PRAYER OF BLESSING**GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD**

- † **HYMN OF PRAISE:** "The Song of Simeon" (Tune: St. Columba, "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place")

Lord bid your servant go in peace, your word is now fulfilled.
 These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.
 This is the Savior of the world, the Gentile's promised light,
 God's glory dwelling in our midst, the Joy of Israel.

- † **BENEDICTION:** Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
 The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

- † **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

- † **POSTLUDE**

† Congregation stands, if able | * Seating for latecomers at this time

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We light the Bethlehem candle.

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed.
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for His bed.
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ that little child.

He came down to earth from Heaven,
 Who is God and Lord of all.
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall.
 With the poor and mean and lowly,
 Lived on earth our Savior Holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him
 Through His own redeeming love,
 For that child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in Heaven above;
 And He leads His children on
 To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable,
 With the oxen standing by,
 We shall see Him; but in Heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high,
 When, like stars, His children crowned
 All in white, shall wait around.