



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

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Sunday, December 1, 2024 • First Sunday of Advent

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print**.

Gathering

INVOCATION

En el nombre de Dios, Creador, Redentor y Sabiduría Santa. Amén.

In the name of God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

*The assembly stands.
All may make the sign of
the cross, the sign that is
marked at baptism, as the
presiding minister begins.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF ADVENT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and with your cap - tive
2. O come, you Splen - dor, ve - ry bright, as joy that nev - er
3. O come, you Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your
4. O come, you Wis - dom from on high, from depths that hide with -
5. O come, De - sire of Na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one



chil - dren dwell. Give com - fort to all ex - iles
yields to night. O come and turn all hearts to
pres - ence here. O dawn in ev - ery bro - ken
in a sigh, to tem - per knowl - edge with our
heart and mind; make en - vy, strife, and quar - rels



here, and to the ach - ing heart bid cheer.
peace, that greed and war at last shall cease.
soul as vi - sion that can see the whole.
care, to ren - der ev - ery act a prayer.
cease; fill all the world with heav - en's peace.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come with - in as Love to dwell.
shall come with - in as Truth to dwell.
shall come with - in as Light to dwell.
shall come with - in as Hope to dwell.
shall come with - in as Peace to dwell.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The Latin hymn may date to the ninth century or earlier. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), a noted hymnologist who rendered many early Christian hymns into English, created an English version from seven great antiphons saluting the Messiah with many symbolic names. This version has been extensively recast in order to emphasize the hymn's mystical imagery. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890), musical editor of The Hymnal Noted, 1854, provided this tune for Neale's translation of the Latin hymn. The plainsong source is a 15th-century Franciscan processional.

KYRIE

CANTOR, THEN ALL

Sov - ereign have mer - cy, Christ have
mer - cy. Sov - ereign have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Word

READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the thirty-third chapter.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

The Advent wreath reminds us that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.

The assembly is seated.

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

CANTOR, THEN ALL

Refrain


To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spir-it
to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.

CANTOR Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths, guide me. You are my Savior.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR Good and upright our gracious God, showing the way, guiding the humble to justice.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR Steadfast and kind your ways, O God; all who revere your covenant know your friendship.

ALL **Refrain**

READING

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, the third chapter.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.


Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CANTOR, THEN ALL

Refrain


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CANTOR Show us, Lord, your love; show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

ALL **Refrain**

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo veintiuno.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)

[Jesus said:] "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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

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

"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, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 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."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in 1758. He wrote primarily positive and uplifting hymns, usually expressing his own strong faith. The author of some 6,500 hymns, he was 10 times more prolific than Isaac Watts, who was also one of the greatest hymnwriters of the English language. John Wesley attributed the tune HELMSLEY to Thomas Olivers in Wesley's 1765 Sacred Melodies with his brother's text of "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending." However, Olivers is said to have heard the tune whistled on the street somewhere.

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1. Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2. Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3. Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 See the day of God ap - pear!
 Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

*The lay assistant
offers the prayers.*

A brief silence.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering, especially Jean, Amy, Myrna and Jerry, Sandy, Betty, Don, Gaynelle, Gene and Pam, Jonathan, and Del and Suzanne. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions
may be offered.*

For what else do the people of God pray?

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died (especially). Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

*The presiding minister
concludes the prayers.*

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (*Y también contigo.*)

The assembly is seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

God Almighty, We Are Waiting



1. God Al - might - y, we are wait - ing for a sav - ior
2. God In - car - nate, we are wait - ing for the feast day



to ap - pear. Meet us in our des - ert jour - ney;
of your birth. Look - ing back and look - ing for - ward



give a sign that you are near: burn - ing bush - es,
to the Christ's re - turn to earth. Help us to pro -



part - ed wa - ters, food a - plen - ty in the wild.
claim the gos - pel, till the world is rec - on - ciled.



As we look for signs and won - ders, help us see you in a child.
Help each one of us, your peo - ple, to re - ceive you like a child.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 assembly stands.

Author Ann Bell Worley writes: "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" was my first hymn. It started with the first line in my head during the season of Advent. I remember writing down that first line and keeping a notebook by my bedside that evening, tossing and turning, and writing a line at a time. In the morning, I had a full hymn." She continues: "My undergraduate degree is in music, and I grew up in a liturgical tradition. Both of those factors highly influenced my experience in and contributions to the Baptist churches I served. I loved teaching the significance of the Christian year in a denomination that traditionally didn't follow it, because it had tremendous impact on people who were intentionally living their faith and hadn't been exposed to Christian seasons outside of Christmas and Easter. The season of Advent holds special importance to me as the anticipation of a new beginning, so I suppose it's no accident my first hymn would be an Advent hymn!"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is he,
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died; Christ is ris -
en; Christ will come a - gain.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of two staves. The first staff contains the notes for 'Christ has died; Christ is ris -' and the second staff contains the notes for 'en; Christ will come a - gain.' The lyrics are placed below the notes.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Great Amen

A - men, A - men,
A - - - - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

All are welcome at this meal.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table where all are welcome.

The assembly stands.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Alberto Viñas Taulé wrote this text for the season of Advent, utilizing images of promise from the Hebrew Scriptures and those of fulfillment through Christ's birth from the New Testament. Taulé, a Roman Catholic priest, has served a small parish in Barcelona, Spain, and worked for the national offices on liturgical issues related to music. He composed this tune for his own text, and it was named TAULE in U.S. hymnals to honor him.

All Earth Is Hopeful



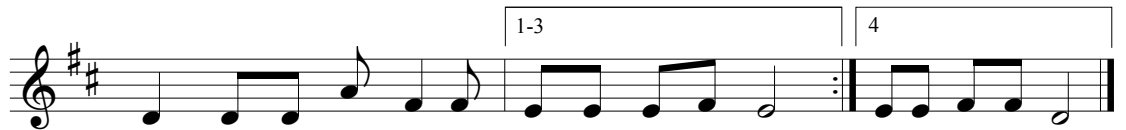
1. All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!
2. God's ho-ly peo-ple, you heard the proph-et tell:
3. Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be made plain;
4. We first saw Je-sus a ba-by in a crib.



Fur-rows lie o-pen for God's cre-a-tive task: this, the
"A vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el": she con-
o-pen new high-ways, new high-ways for our God, who is
This same Lord Je-sus to-day has come to live in our



la-bor of peo-ple who strug-gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth-er, whose birth re-
now com-ing clo-ser, so come all and see, and
world; he is pres-ent, in neigh-bors we see our



God's truth and jus-tice set ev-ery-bod-y free.
stores hope and cour-age to chil-dren of this earth.
o-pen the door-ways as wide as wide can be.
Je-sus is with us, and ev-er sets us free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

Dios todopoderoso, Creador, † Redentor, y Sabadurío Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

Almighty God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 248

This text was written at the request of the editors of The Oxford Book of Carols (1928) to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated—BESANÇON. Author Eleanor Farjeon imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation. Farjeon, a musician, poet, and writer from a literary and musical family, is best known for "Morning Has Broken."

People, Look East



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more
4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
nour - ish, that in course the flow - er may flour - ish.
weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day—



Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

ALL ARE WELCOME



IN THIS PLACE

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



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KING'S KINDNESS AND JUST COMPASSION

King's Kindness Food Pantry continues to serve our hungry neighbors on Thursday afternoons. Shelf-stable foods and personal hygiene products are always needed. Leave them in the barrel in front of the office doors or in the shelves in the office hallway.

For **Just Compassion**, we continue to collect men's belts (any size) and new, packaged underwear. In addition, we collect quarters for their laundry days. Thank you for your generosity.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Advent worship every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. English; 5 p.m. español. Virgen de Guadalupe celebración, 15 de diciembre, 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship 5 p.m. English; 7 p.m. español

Christmas Day worship 10:30 a.m. English only

PRAYER REQUESTS

We continue to pray for one another. When you have a prayer request, there are several ways you can communicate that with us. Please call the church office (503-639-2789), send an email to ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com, call Pastor Dorothy's cell phone (503-849-6383), or visit tigardlutherans.com and click on the Contact Us tab.

GIVING

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco, by visiting our website tigardlutherans.com and clicking on the **Donate** tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.



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God's work. Our hands.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

Por lo tanto, recibíos los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creando que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.

