



+ First Sunday of Advent
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Order for Worship**

*Stir up your power, O Christ, and come!
The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80: 2 encapsulates the hope of Advent.
Isaiah asks that God tear open the heavens and come down into the world,
to show up, save, and restore the world and God's people.
Jesus describes the Son of Humanity coming with signs like stars falling from heaven.
The coming of that day seems dire, one for which we would not necessarily hope.
But when we look at the suffering of the people God loves, we can share in the hope
of God's coming presence and the gift of redemption and restoration that will follow.*

Prelude *Invention No. 4* J.S. Bach

Welcome

Gathering Hymn **Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn** **ELW 242**
v. 3-4

**3 In darkest night Christ's coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.**

**4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.**

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins,
and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Reading – Isaiah 64: 1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for God.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

The psalm is sung by a cantor.

People of the assembly are invited to respond with the verses in bold.

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD| God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.**

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸God will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by God you were called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel – Mark 13: 24-37

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“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 Humanity 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.

²⁸“From 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.

³²“But 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Word

Children's Song

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

v. 1

**1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

Sermon

*In order to focus on the poetic imagery of our hymnody,
the Hymn of the Day will be spoken during the season of Advent.*

Hymn of the Day

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW 657

- 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;
with your might creation bless.
Shine upon your church today,
showing all your gentle way.
Have mercy, Lord.**

- 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;
may your word within us leap.
Give us voices to proclaim
praises to your holy name.
Have mercy, Lord.**

- 3 Gather in your scattered flock;
give us water from the rock.
Bless the unity we share
in our shepherd's loving care.
Have mercy, Lord.**

- 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;
make the heavenly pathway wide.
Raise us up from sin and death
with your Spirit's living breath.
Have mercy, Lord.**

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Prayers of the People

A: God of power and love, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world, as we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all creation.

After each petition

A: Hear us, O God;

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Draw near to us, O God,

and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

C: 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.

Benediction

P: The Creator of the heavens and the earth bless you in your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,

the sustaining Spirit guide your journey, ✠ now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

v. 1-3

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1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Prelude

Maria Mangano, Clarinet
David Rollinson, Euphonium

Welcome

Rebecca Sue

Gathering Hymn

Sue Gaugler, Piano

Joy Givens, Vocals

Lector

Ty Best

Cantor

Joy Givens

Children's Song

Kristen Asplin, Vocals

Sue Gaugler, Piano,

Maria Mangano, Clarinet

Hymn of the Day (Spoken)

Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer

Assisting Minister

Amanda Best

Sending Hymn

Sue Gaugler, Piano

Joy Givens, Vocals

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