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**WELCOME:**

**INVOCATION:**

- L** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**LIGHTING OF 1ST ADVENT CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

- L** We have hope because God is faithful and will keep His promises made to us.
- C** Our hope comes from God.

*The 1<sup>st</sup> candle is lit*

- L** "Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
- C** In him will the Gentiles hope.'
- L** May the God of hope fill you will all joy and peace in believing,
- C** So that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.  
*[Romans 15:12-13]*

**OPENING HYMN:**

*Tune: LHS 348*

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendour comes  
And we shall see His face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

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### **CONFESSION:**

*The Lay Reader introduces our Confession of Sins*

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** He made heaven and earth.

**L** I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**C** Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

### **DECLARATION OF GRACE:**

**L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

**INTROIT:**

*Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

**C** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.  
Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.  
Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,  
who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.  
For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

**KYRIE - LORD, HAVE MERCY:**

**L** Lord have mercy.  
**C** Lord have mercy.  
**L** Christ have mercy.  
**C** Christ have mercy.  
**L** Lord have mercy.  
**C** Lord have mercy.

**GREAT GLORIA:**

**L** Glory to God in the highest  
**C** And on earth peace,  
Among us with whom he is pleased.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
We worship you, we glorify you,  
We give thanks to you for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly king,  
God, the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father:  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of God the Father;  
Have mercy on us.  
For you alone are holy,  
you alone are Lord,  
You alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
Are most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**SALUTATION:**

- I** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

**COLLECT - PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- C** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT:**

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE:***1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:***Luke 19:28–40*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED:

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*Tune: LHS 731*

*Chorus:*

*Come, Lord Jesus, come into this weary world.  
O, how we long for you to come, Lord, come.*

- 1** Wars have come and wars have gone;  
come, Lord, come!  
Still the cry goes up, 'How long?'  
Come, Lord, come!

*Chorus:*

- 2** Hearts are breaking, tears fall down;  
come, Lord, come!  
Come and free us, we are bound.  
Come, Lord, come.

*Chorus:*

- 3** Darkness grows as night wears on;  
come, Lord, come!  
Will we live to see the dawn?  
Come, Lord, come!

*Chorus:*

- 4. Nations rise and nations fall;  
come, Lord, come!  
God is with us through it all.  
Come, Lord, come!**

*Chorus:*

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### **SERMON MEDITATION:**

### **SERMON HYMN:**

*Tune: LHS 161*

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.**
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.**
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.**
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.**
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.**
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.**

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## OFFERTORY:

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

*Response:*

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
Lord of all, Your Son declared that if His disciples ceased praising Him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that You continue to preserve Your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes Your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

- L** O Lord, we often use the cares of this life as excuses for dissipation, drunkenness and distraction from You and Your promises. Guard us from temptations that would harm our faith and cause us to fear Your coming. Preserve us by Your grace, that we may wait with joy to stand before the Son of Man in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

- L** Almighty God, grant us repentant hearts and increase our love for one another, that we may show forth our faith in good works.  
Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

- L** O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they would govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness.  
Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**L** We give thanks to You, O God, that as You establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, so You also provide for all our needs in this body and life. Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of Your mercy, especially those connected with our Parish Ministry who ask for our prayers, and comfort all who mourn until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**L** God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER:**

**C** **Our Father in heaven,  
Holy 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **AARONIC BLESSING:**

- L** The Lord Bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look with favour upon us and give us His peace.
- C** Amen. Amen. Amen.

## **MISSION HYMN:**

*Tune: LHS 171*

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving.  
May His will in us be done.**
  
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ's humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.**
  
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life's end.**

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