

# ADVENT I WORSHIP

## November 27, 2022

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: Signs of Endings All Around Us

- 1. Signs of endings all around us,  
darkness, death, and winter days,  
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,  
numbing mouths that long to praise.  
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!  
Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Give us hope and faith and gladness.  
Show us what there yet can be.**
- 2. Can it be that from our endings,  
new beginnings you create?  
Life from death, and from our endings,  
realms of wholeness generate?  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them  
into hopes for life anew;  
Fading light and dying season  
sing their Glorias to you.**
- 3. Speak, O God, your Word among us.  
Barren lives your presence fill.  
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,  
terrors calm, forebodings still.  
Let your promised realm of justice  
blossom now throughout the earth;  
your dominion bring now near us;  
we await the saving birth.**

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The Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

*Officiant* Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A substantial silence for reflection is kept.*

*Officiant* Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ,

have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Officiant* You will come in glory with salvation for all your people: Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Lord, have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* The almighty and merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, renewal of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Officiant* In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.  
*People* **Make straight in the desert a pathway for our God.**  
*Reader* People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of the coming Lord.

*We watch the lighting of the first Advent candle.*

*Priest* Let us pray.  
*People* **Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG: "O come, O come, Emmanuel," verses 1 & 2

Hymnal #56

- 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- 2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Our King and Savior now draws near; come let us adore God.

Song of Faith: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,\*

**“Let us go to the house of God.”**

Now our feet are standing \*

**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city \*

**that is at unity with itself;**

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Holy One,\*

**the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of God.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,\*

**the thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*

**“May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls \*

**and quietness within your towers.**

For my kindred and companions' sake,\*

**I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the Holy One our God,\*

**I will seek to do you good.”**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 2:1, 3b-4

*Reader* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples.

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Luke 1:68-72, 78-79

**Blessed are You, O God of Israel;**

**you have come to your people and set them free.**

**You have raised up for us a mighty savior,**

**born of the house of your servant David.**

**Through your holy prophets you promised of old**

**that you would save us from our enemies,**

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

**You promised to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.**

**In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the gospel of Matthew.

The disciples asked Jesus, "What will be the sign of your coming, and how will we know when it is the end of this age?" Jesus said, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray even those whom I have chosen. Take note - I am warning you! So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness!" - do not go out to the wilderness! If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms!" - do not believe that either! For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather. But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Two people will be working in the fields; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* As we pray together, you may unmute yourself if you choose, and you may pray using any version of this prayer that is in your heart. If you prefer to pray in silence, you can also turn off the sound on your computer as you pray. Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer 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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Officiant* We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer 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.**

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**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Send prayer requests to to*

*[prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).*

*Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

*Officiant* Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: .... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

*The people may offer additional names.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

*The people may offer additional names.*

**Officiant** Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

**Officiant**

Let us pray. O Lord, you have set before us the great hope that your kingdom shall come on earth, and have taught us to pray for its coming: Give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning, and to work for the perfect day when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may read one of the following Collects as well:*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting One, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

**Celebrant** In the tender mercy of our God,  
the Dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People** **And also with you!**

*We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.*

Announcements

The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant*      May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the shadows from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Source, Word, and Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Officiant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God!**