

Second Sunday OF ADVENT

A decorative illustration for the Advent season. It features four lit candles of different colors: purple, purple, white, and purple. The candles are set against a dark blue background with a lighter blue gradient at the bottom. In the foreground, there are green pine branches and a brown pine cone. The candles are lit, with flames and light halos. The white candle is the tallest, and the purple candles are shorter. The pine branches are green and have small brown pine cones. The pine cone is brown and has many small pine needles. The background is a dark blue gradient with a lighter blue gradient at the bottom.

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Experiencing Christ's Love

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Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

Call to Worship

P The coming of Christ brings the love of God's presence into our midst!

C **We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!**

P Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the sinful are redeemed!

C **God comes to us in Christ to walk with us, so we come to praise and worship our Lord and Savior.**

P We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

804 O Worship the King

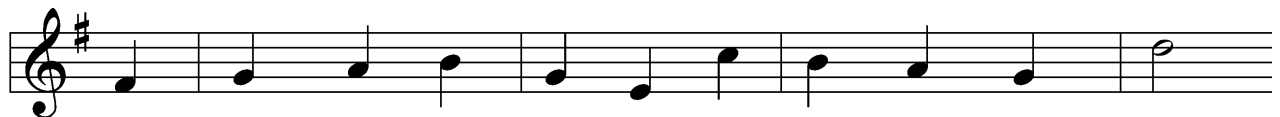
sts. 1, 4–5



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust and fee - ble as frail,



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
Our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727 Text and tune: Public domain

Confession and Absolution

P In the season of Advent, we are called to be people of hope – hopeful for the coming Messiah, the promised One of God. This is a season of waiting, but not passively. We wait and prepare with eager expectations. As we prepare for Christ

to come, let us be truthful with God and acknowledge our own sin. We pause to reflect on our need for God's mercy again today.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Prayer of Confession

P Let us pray,

C **Father God, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, if not physically, certainly spiritually. We have lived for ourselves in many ways. We have skirted opportunities to bear the burdens of others and have turned away from the needs we've seen. We have not loved You fully, nor our neighbors as You have commanded. In Your mercy, forgive our sin, and free us from this attitude of selfishness and indifference. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus. Amen**

Assurance of Faith

P Friends, God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus to deliver His mercy and grace to us. Out of His amazing love, we are fully forgiven and set free to live our lives with joy and thanksgiving. We are indeed forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Please be seated

Hymn of Praise Video: " In Christ Alone" by Mercy Me

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Isaiah 53

Who has believed what they heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

and no beauty that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

and as one from whom men hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 1:26-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I 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 I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

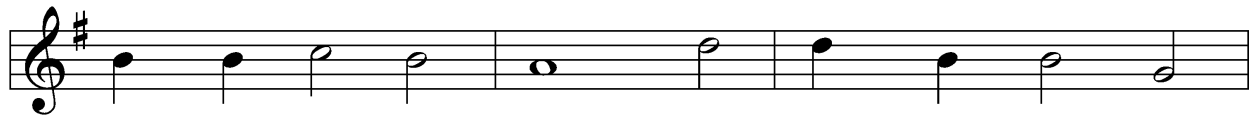
Please be seated

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

sts. 1, 3-4, 7



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt. Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829 Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON: QUESTIONING GOD LUKE 1:26-38

Please Stand

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

sts. 1, 3, 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870 Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Congregation

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Please remain standing

Words of the Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please be seated

Video During Communion: "God of All My Days" by Casting Crowns

Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

All Receive the Sacrament together

(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)

Thank the Lord



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-

es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Benediction

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

Text (sts. 1-2): attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79 Text and tune: Public domain

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated and please wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

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