

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 2 & 5, 2021

The Season Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. The Church looks for the coming of her Savior in this threefold advent: his coming in the flesh; his return in judgment; his daily coming in Word and Sacrament. The Church encompasses all these facets of the season in the single word that defines Advent worship: "Come!" Throughout the prayers, verses, and lessons that single word is our invitation, our anticipation, our sure and certain hope. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Sunday The judgment is coming; prepare the way for the Lord's salvation. The Lord is coming: Repent!

Gathering Rite Advent 2021

Music chosen for the seasons of the church year has the capacity to set the tone for a particular celebration. This year during the first two Sundays of Advent we will use O Lord, How Shall I Meet You as our Gathering Rite to set a tone of expectant preparation for Christ's coming.

Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Your word, LORD, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.

**C: Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.**

Psalm 119:89,105

(sung) **O Lord, how shall I meet you,
How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
My Hope, my heart's Delight.
O Jesus, let your Word be
A lamp to light my way,
To show me how to please you,
To guide me ev'ry day.**

M: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

**C: Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

M: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

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Glorify God

as we

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Welcome! We thank
God that you have
joined us at worship
today.

Restrooms are
located in the
basement. Hearing
loop headphones and
Large Print Hymnals
are available from an
usher.

If your children need
to leave worship,
please take them to the
basement. A TV
broadcasts the service
in the basement.

Today we gather
together in the
presence of God. He is
present among us in a
special way through his
Word and Sacrament.
We humbly
acknowledge our sin
and rejoice in the good
news of forgiveness
through the life and
death of Christ. This is
the focus of our
worship.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice**

Psalm 51:1-2,7-8

(sung) **Sin' debt, the fearful burden,
Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by his grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
A heritage in heav'n.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☐ and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

(sung) **He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to his foes,
Alight of consolations,
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth your beams most cheering,
And guide us safely home.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

Grades 3-4

(8:00)

First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

In the midst of God's spectacular judgment on the wicked peoples of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot and his daughters experience the Lord's gracious deliverance from destruction. Let us not hesitate to leave behind the

things of this world for the promise of eternal deliverance. Let us not look back on what might have been, but ahead to the promised salvation of the Christ.

3 “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, **4** and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years. (NIV)

O Antiphons of Advent

The Great O Antiphons of Advent have been cherished for centuries by Christian worshipers. Each one consists of a title given to Christ in the Old Testament and a petition asking him to come and fulfill the Scriptural promise or prophecy.

M: Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed of the nations and their Savior,
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

C: (sung) **Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the most High, mightily order all things;
come and teach us the way of prudence.

C: (sung) **Oh, come, our wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: O Lord of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai; come in your glory and redeem us.

C: (sung) **Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times gave holy law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: O root of Jesse, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will give praise; come quickly to deliver us.

C: (sung) **Oh, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem.**
From every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save:
Bring them in victory through the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

M: O Key of David, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open; come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness.

C: (sung) **Oh, come, O Key of David, come,**
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

M: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting, come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

C: (sung) **Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high,**
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows out to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

M: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone for uniting all people, come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

C: (sung) **Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind**
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease
And be yourself the king of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Lord's Apostle Paul lovingly instructs the divisive Corinthians on the importance of faithful messengers. Paul understands his role (and the role of his fellow "servants") as one in which he proclaims a message that God has given as a preparation for that time "when the Lord comes." Anticipating the coming judgment, the faithful preacher will prepare people with God's message so that they can receive "praise from God."

4 This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 3 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. 4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Stand

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

"When the time had fully come," the great forerunner, the promised messenger of preparation, John the Baptizer appeared. As Malachi predicted, John was a faithful preacher of repentance by which the people of God were truly prepared in head and heart.

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— 2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

5 Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

6 And all people will see God's salvation.'" [Isaiah 40:3-5] (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry CW 16



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on
vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, st. 1-3, alt.; composite, st. 4-5.
Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

Sermon

The Lord Is Coming: Repent!

Luke 3:1-6

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

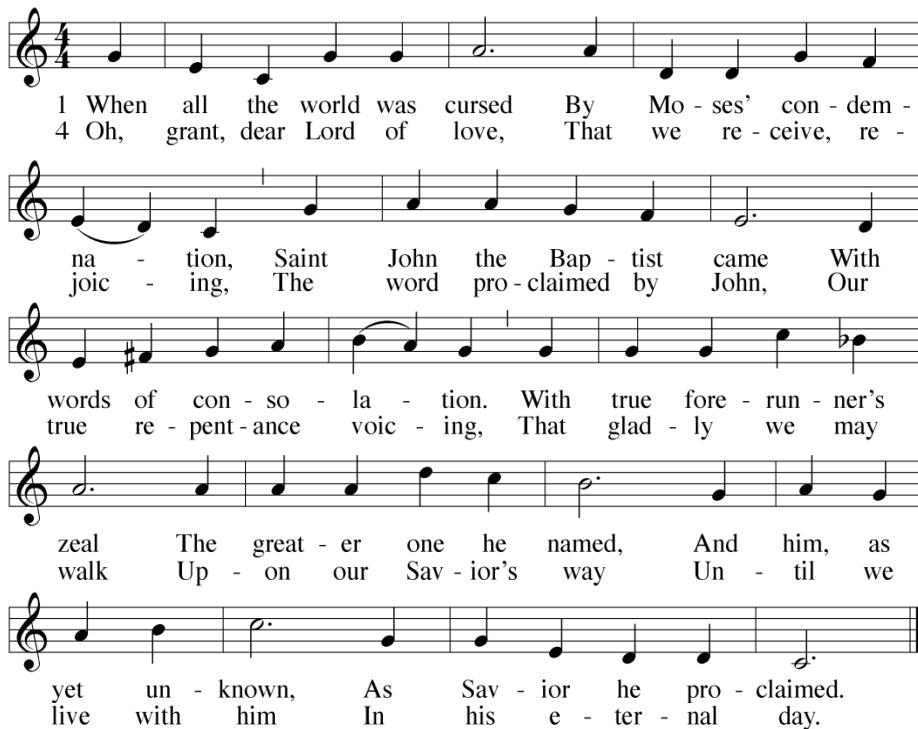
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Closing Hymn

When All the World Was Cursed CW 20:1,4



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem -
4 Oh, grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re -
na - tion, Saint John the Bap - tist came With
joic - ing, The word pro - claimed by John, Our
words of con - so - la - tion. With true fore - run - ner's
true re - pent - ance voic - ing, That glad - ly we may
zeal The great - er one he named, And him, as
walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way Un - til we
yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
live with him In his e - ter - nal day.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711, abr.; tr. Paul E. Kretzmann, 1883–1965, alt.

Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.