

Worship Guide
Sunday, December 6, 2020
10:00 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS

Sandra McCracken, 2014 Drink Your Tea (ASCAP), Admin by Music Services. CCLI #101544

For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.

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Truly our hope is in You,

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O Lord of life, our only hope,

Your radiance shines

On all who look to You in the dark.

Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

Oh Joy above, all other loves,

In You we find more than enough.

We come as we are, O heal and restore,

Come light our hearts.

ADVENT LITANY

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,
we trust in the Lord's goodness.

We rely on his mercy.

We find shelter in his steadfast love.

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,
we walk in the Lord's way.

We follow his example of love.

We keep our covenant promises.

In this Advent season of waiting,
Lord, forget our sins.

Remember your love.

Remember each one of us.

Remember your people everywhere.

In this Advent season of waiting,

Lord, we wait for your salvation.

We wait for your leading.

We wait for your coming.

—based on Psalm 25:1-10

Sing: We are waiting, we are waiting;

We are waiting for You.

We are waiting, we are waiting;

We are waiting, Lord, for You.

ADVENT WREATH

One: Advent means coming. We light this candle
as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**ALL: We are preparing for the full coming of God's
kingdom. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways
of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin.
Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful
in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have
begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is
certain, whose day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sing: We are waiting, we are waiting;

We are waiting for You.

We are waiting, we are waiting;

We are waiting, Lord, for You.

CONFESSION

“Prepare the way of the Lord.” (*Is. 40:3*)

Let us confess our sins to God:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as 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!

**When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.**

From 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 him.
You 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.

**We 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.**

There 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.

**Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.**

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember our iniquity forever.

**Restore us, we pray,
through the coming of our Lord Jesus,
in whom we place our hope and trust. Amen.**

—based on *Isaiah 64:1-9*

FORGIVENESS

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

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Out of the depths I cry to You,
in darkest places I will call;
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways,
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze;
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You;
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone,
Take courage in His power to save;
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You;
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
Till my soul is satisfied.*

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You;
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
For Your love is my delight.*

Now He has come to make a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You;
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
Till my soul is satisfied.*

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You;
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
For Your love is my delight.*

I wait, my soul waits for the Lord,
my hope is in His word.
More than the watchman waits for dawn,
My soul waits for the Lord.

Doxology

**ALL: Glory 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.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE

GRACE

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Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever,
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit.

Your grace that reaches far and wide,
To every tribe and nation,
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation.

*By grace I am redeemed,
By grace I am restored,
And now I freely walk into
The arms of Christ, my Lord.*

Your grace that I cannot explain,
Not by my earthly wisdom;
The prince of life, without a stain,
Was traded for this sinner.

*By grace I am redeemed,
By grace I am restored,
And now I freely walk into
The arms of Christ, my Lord.*

Let praise rise up and overflow,
My song resound forever;
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior.

*By grace I am redeemed,
By grace I am restored,
And now I freely walk into
The arms of Christ, my Lord.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Summary of Scriptural Teaching

Our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine as the sacrament of his blood.

ALL: Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is then sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, or our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits.

ALL: By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.

—from Belgic Confession, Art. 35

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

Gracious God, with joy we praise you,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who came among us as the Word made flesh
to show us your glory, full of grace and truth. Therefore we join
our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**ALL: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

**ALL: 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 today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

RESPONSE OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

Praise the Lord, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth

and wisdom and strength

and honor and glory and praise!

—Psalm 103:1-4; Revelation 5:12

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

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We will feast in the house of Zion,

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together;

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together;
We will feast and weep no more.*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid;
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together;
We will feast and weep no more.*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful one;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

*We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together;
We will feast and weep no more.*