

## **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit,  
the God of Rescue and Good News.

**Amen.**

You could raise up children from stones and the grave O LORD, but instead you stay with us.

Sift our consciences; cleanse our hearts and fill them with expectation!

Make us fruitful O God,  
come to us Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of our Baptism.

Let us confess our Sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Lord of lords,

**Rescue us!**

**We repent of our fixation on scarcity.**

**We repent of our obsessive self-seeking.**

**We repent of our violent gain.**

**Rescue us from all of our Sin.**

**Turns us to our baptismal calling, to sufficiency, fairness, and peace, so that we are prepared for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news friends. God is indeed a God of rescue and transformation, a God who makes us Children of God.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, into whose life, death, and resurrection, we are baptized—I assure you all your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*(Pastor Light first candle)*

A The First candle in our Advent Wreath symbolizes "Hope" It reminds us Jesus is coming.

Romans 15:12-13

Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**O God by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from you abundant graces. In Christ's name. Amen**

**HYMN**      LBW#25      "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"  
                        Verses 1 & 4



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

## **GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God,  
Our Prince of Peace,  
Our Mighty God,  
Our Wonderful Counselor,  
Who is and was and is to come.

**Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 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. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

These are the tender mercies of the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 25**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
    let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;**  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O LORD,  
    and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,**  
**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted**  
**all the day long.**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
    for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;**  
**remember me according to your love and for the sake of**  
**your goodness, O LORD.**

Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
    therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right**  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness  
    to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LBW#34 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel"  
Verses 1 & 5



1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on  
3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's  
4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by your  
5 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save  
ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
and close the path to mis - er - y.



Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities (*local, state, and national government officials may be named*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters (*especially*), for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect.  
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

"Come, Emmanuel, Come"

-Ruth Elaine Schram



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.



Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

A Let us pray.

**Mighty One, God our Savior,  
you have done great things,  
your mercy endures for every generation.  
You uplift the lowly and fill the hungry with good things.  
With these your gifts, welcome us into the marketplace of the  
City of God,  
that your generosity might be known through us,  
in the name of the Promised One, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are as follows:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;  
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,  
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

On the night in which he was handed over,  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
    Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
    Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
    This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
    Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
    Do this in the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

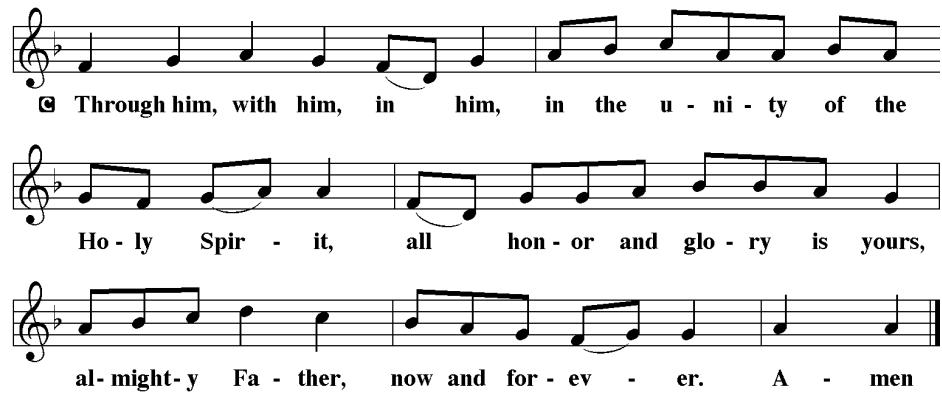
Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in  
power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every  
place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



## LORD'S PRAYER

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

P Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit upon these common elements, bread and wine, that they might be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Body of Christ, given for you.  
The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has  
 been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which  
 you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
 A light to reveal you to the nations and the  
 glory of your people Is - ra - el.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
 Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be for ever. Amen

A Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

## LBW#32 "Fling Wide the Door"

Verses 1 &amp; 4

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
hum - bly plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Our redemption draws near.

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

LBW Setting 3