



Welcome to Worship!

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Cantata



Glory to God

+ IN THE +

Highest

LUKE 2:14



Prelude

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

(arr. David Thorne)



Welcome

G R E E T I N G S
G R E A T T O S E E Y O U !



Opening Hymn

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is
Sounding*
red hymnal, ELW #246

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding, ELW #246, Verse 1



***Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!”***

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding, ELW #246, Verse 2



***Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.***

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding, ELW #246, Verse 3



***See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;***

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding, ELW #246, Verse 4



***So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.***



Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding, ELW #246, Verse 5



***Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!***



Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.



P: God of might,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.



P: God in our midst,

**C: we confess that we have
sinned. We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth
in us.**



P: A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in
whom we have forgiveness, life
and mercy. By the power of the
Holy Spirit, receive the grace and
forgiveness of God through +
Christ Jesus, whose day draws
near.

C: Amen.



Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the lighting of the
Advent wreath.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



The Second Candle:
Love

Advent Verse

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



The Second Candle:
Love



"Behold! A Savior!"

Choir Cantata

Presented by: Sanctuary Choir

Ben Corwyn, piano

St. Philip Instrumentalists



Joy to the World





*O Come, Emmanuel,
Rejoice!*





Magnificat

Rebecca Near, soloist





He is Our Son

Paul Selander, soloist





Shepherds Run






Behold, A Savior!



Hymn of the Day

*Prepare the Royal
Highway*
ELW #264



Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 1



***Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:***

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Refrain



***Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!***

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 2



***God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!***

Palm branches strew before him!

Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you!

No more shall doubt assail you!

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Refrain



***Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!***

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 3



***Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing:***

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Refrain



***Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!***

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 4



***His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:***

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Refrain



***Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!***



Advent Creed

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using an Advent Creed.

C: We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see. Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!



**We believe in one God, who is
Jesus Christ, God from God,
Light from Light, true God and
true human. He is one with the
Creator; the Word made flesh,
our Messiah: Savior of all
creation!**



**We believe in one God, who is
Holy Spirit, Breath of God
moving among us; Who is one
with the Creator; one with the
Christ; our Comforter and our
Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

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Prayers of Intercession

A: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

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The prayers conclude:

A: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

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Anthem

Ben Corwyn, piano

Offertory

ELW #294, vs. 3

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him –
give my heart.*

Offering Prayer



A: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

A decorative border of winter symbols in a golden-yellow color surrounds the central text. The symbols include snowflakes, diamonds with minus signs, a four-pointed star, plus signs, triangles, and circles, arranged in a circular pattern.

Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

**All are welcome,
for it is the Lord's Table.**




Lamb of God

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
his name is called Emmanuel.*



+ Communion Hymn +

All Earth is Hopeful
ELW #266



All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 1

***All earth is hopeful,
the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open
for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people
who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice
set ev'rybody free.***

All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 2

***People of Israel,
you heard the prophet tell;
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel”;
she conceived him, “God with us,”
our brother whose birth
Restores hope and courage
to children of this earth.***

All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 3

***Mountains and valleys
will have to be prepared;
new highways opened,
new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing,
in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway,
in haste come out in haste!***

All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 4

***We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus
today has come to live
in our world; he is present,
in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us,
and ever sets us free.***





+Communion Hymn+

*Come, Thou Long-
Expected Jesus*

ELW #254

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, ELW #254, Verse 1



***Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.***

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, ELW #254, Verse 2



***Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.***





+ Communion Hymn +

He Came Down

ELW #253



He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 1

***He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.***

He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 2

***He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.***

He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 3

***He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.***

He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 4

***He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.***





+Communion Hymn+

*There's a Voice in the
Wilderness*

ELW #255

There's a Voice in the Wilderness, ELW #255, Verse 1

***There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!***

There's a Voice in the Wilderness, ELW #255, Verse 2

***O Jerusalem, herald good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their king.
Like flow'rs of the field we perish,
like grass our works decay;
the pow'r and the pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.***

There's a Voice in the Wilderness, ELW #255, Verse 3

***But the word of our Savior is faithful,
the arm of our God is strong,
who stands in the midst of the nations
and soon will right the wrong.
Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd,
the lambs so gently hold;
in pastures of peace now lead them,
and bring them to your fold.***





Glory to God

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Highest

LUKE 2:14



Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
+ bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.



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Sending Hymn

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King of Kings



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*King of kings and Lord of lords:
glory (clap), hallelujah.*

*King of kings and Lord of lords:
glory (clap), hallelujah.*

*Jesus, Prince of Peace:
glory (clap), hallelujah.*

*Jesus, Prince of Peace:
glory (clap), hallelujah.*

Repeat



Dismissal

- P: Go in peace.
Prepare the way for
Emmanuel.
- C: Thanks be to God.**



Goodbye

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!



Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

(arr. Craig Phillips)



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