

A Service For The Worship Of God

December 10, 2016
2nd Sunday of Advent

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

 **Processional Hymn #9**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

Advent Devotional

Call to Worship

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Voice 1: The psalmist envisions a world where the king rules with righteousness and the poor are treated with justice.

Voice 2: In this new creation, the needy are delivered, the oppressors are crushed and peace abounds.

Voice 1: Around our world, many men, women and children live with the violence of poverty, conflict and persecution. They yearn to know peace and model this peace in their lives.

Voice 2: We long to live in that world, where God's glory is revealed on earth, through justice and peace. Today, on this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace as a prayer of longing.

(The candle of Hope and Peace are lit)

Let us pray together:

Living God, help us to recognize your presence wherever people work for peace, and teach us to be peace-makers. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen

Hymn

Prepare Him Room (Sovereign Grace Music)

O behold, the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin
foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide, you ancient gates
For Christ is born today!

CHORUS

Prepare Him room
Prepare Him room
Let the King of glory enter in

VERSE 2

God with us, the promise has come
to be
This, the one the prophets were
longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear

CHORUS

Prepare Him room
Prepare Him room

Let the King of glory enter in
(2X)

VERSE 3

Oh, our hearts, as busy as
Bethlehem
Hear Him knock, don't say there's no
room in the inn
Through the cradle, cross, and grave
See the love of God displayed

Call To Confession

Leader: Friends, the temptation of sin surrounds every moment of every day. We engage in that temptation more often than we can admit to ourselves, let alone God. In an effort to move through these temptations, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ like in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance Of Pardon

Leader: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Leader: *As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: *And Also With You.*

Leader: *Let us turn and greet one another*

Children's Message

Minute For Mission

Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names!

CHORUS

Prepare Him room
Prepare Him room
Let the King of glory enter in
(2x)
Let the King of glory enter in

Hymn #13

Prepare The Way

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 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.

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

And This Shall Be A Sign

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’ ”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Message

Rev. Jack Cormack

HYMN

We Have A Savior

Verse 1

A child has been given
King of our freedom
Sing for the Light has come
This is Christmas

Verse 2

Come and adore Him
And bring gifts before Him
Joy to the world
Worship the Son
This is Christmas

Chorus

This is Jesus Emmanuel
Here with us tell all the world
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

We are no longer lost
Cause He has come down for us
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

Verse 3

Sing with the angels
And lift up your voices
Join in the song of hope
This is Christmas

This is Jesus Emmanuel
Here with us tell all the world
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

We are no longer lost
Cause He has come down for us
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

Bridge

His love will reign forever
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This is Jesus Emmanuel
Here with us tell all the world
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

We are no longer lost
Cause He has come down for us
We have a Savior
We have a Savior

*Charge and Benediction

*Response

While We Are Waiting, Come

*While we are waiting come, while we are waiting come
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory come; with power and glory come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

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