



Pilgrim
LUTHERAN
Church

Divine Service



December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 2

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Empower us through your Spirit
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

The first two candles are lit.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Songs of Praise

My Lord He is a-comin Soon

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

If you're asleep it's time to wake up
Awake O sleeper arise
If you're in the dark it's time to be lit
Awake O sleeper arise

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Come Lord Jesus come into my heart
Prepare ye the way of the King
He is coming He's coming soon
Prepare the way of the King

John the Baptist now calls to us
Repent and change your ways
The true Messiah is coming soon
He could be here any day

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Messiah

Someone's shouting from the desert
Someone's shouting from the sea
Someone's shouting from the mountain
Someone's shouting from the valley

Messiah
Come and be our King
Messiah
Come and be our King

Someone's shouting from the city
I am young I am cold
Someone's shouting from the country
I am lonely I am old

Messiah
Come and be our King
Messiah
Come and be our King

Someone's shouting I am broken
Someone's shouting make me whole
Someone's shouting come and change me
Someone's shouting save my soul

Messiah
Come and be our King
Messiah
Come and be our King

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Malachi 3

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**77 to give God's people knowledge • of salvation
by the forgiveness • of their sins.**

78 In the tender compassion • of our God
the dawn from on high shall • break upon us,

**79 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the • way of peace.**

**Glory be 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.**

**Refrain: Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free and raises up new hope
for us: a Branch from David's tree.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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Children's Message

Gemma Rodriguez

Gospel Acclamation

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free and raises up new hope for us: a
Branch from David's tree.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler 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 region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Lew Upchurch

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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**

Prayers of Intercession

Following each prayer petition:

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Offering

The Sacrament of the Altar

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.**

O Lamb of God...

Ways to Commune

Intinction – Dipped bread placed into hands or directly in the mouth

Sealed Cups – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together)

Prayer – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest

Communion Song

Christ the Lord

Darkness hangs the world is aching
Yearning for the coming light
In His rising hope awaking
Love has come to steal the night
In our hearts true east we're facing
Toward the coming of our Lord
Morning rising gloom now fleeing
Christ returned His word is true

As we wait with hope for rescue
Love descends and all is well
Prophets tell your God is with us
Heaven's gift Emmanuel
He is here but hid as lowly
In the poor and mystery
Where the bread and wine are offered
He is here our God and King

Parting clouds reveal His wonder
Mighty King in victory
Trembling earth and rolling thunder
Blazing sun and quaking sea
Now He comes our King in glory
Saints rejoice and darkness flees
Rising rays of light His chariot
Christ the Lord has made us free

On us now the Son is shining
Lifting us to His embrace
Shame is cursed no more confounding
Lift your head and know His face
Love incarnate breath indwelling
Now in truth is truth made known
We are His and He forever
Is our God and He alone
We are His and He forever
Is our God and He alone

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

Announcements

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary

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Upcoming Events



Learn more about all upcoming events at pilgrimsm.org/calendar

Pilgrim Giving



Your faithful financial stewardship is as important as ever. We will be creating cards with QR code to access online giving.

Serve at Pilgrim



Interested in serving at Pilgrim? Scan the QR code or go to <https://pilgrims.org/serve-at-divine-service/> to complete an information form. We will contact you when trainings are scheduled for various service opportunities.

Bible App



Scan this QR code to download a Bible app and access scripture, devotionals, and more right from your phone!

Happening this Week

Sunday, December 8

Bible Study, 9:00 am
Divine Service, 10:00 am

Monday, December 9

Alpha Prayers, 9:00 am
Online
Contact Barbara P. to join.

Tuesday, December 10

Wednesday, December 11

Thursday, December 12

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14



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Called by the Holy Spirit,
**we are an intergenerational community of
worship and service**
that invites the people of
Santa Monica and beyond
**to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ
through Word and Sacraments.**

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