

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.



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"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ~John 3:17

WORDS OF WORSHIP

GOD GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Arr. Ruth Barrett Arno

Miriam Haddon
pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In respect and repentance toward indigenous peoples, we confess promises broken over the years.

P: As worship unites us today, many of us by water and on land stewarded since time immemorial by the Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, and other peoples of the Salish Sea, let us center ourselves for worship.

SILENCE FOR CENTERING

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C: Amen

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

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen**

CANDLE-LIGHTING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 6)*

Thomas Helmore

6. O come, O Day-spring, come and cheer; O Sun of jus-tice, now draw near.
Dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, and death's dark sha-dow put to flight.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Pastor Kent

Isaiah 9:2-4 *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people*

exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The dark of night is longer these days. And perhaps the edges of your lives feel like they are pressing in. But a gift of darkness is that it provides cover for your soul-searching questions. The darkness allows for times of meditation and contemplation; it is a time to share your burdens with the one who promises to lift them with you.

OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

#244

Laurentius, Laurenti/Swedish folk tune

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 - frings 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!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Marty Haugen/Luke 1:46-55

1. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in
2. You have cast the might-y down from their thrones, and up-lift-ed the hum-ble of
3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in
you, you have looked with love on your ser-vant here, and
heart, you have filled the hun-gry with won-drous things, and
you, you have looked with love on your ser-vant here, and
blessed me all my life through. Great and might-y are you, O Ho-ly One,
left the wealth-y no part. Great and might-y are you, O Faith-ful One,
blessed me all my life
strong is your kind-ness ev-er-more. How you fa-vor the
strong is your jus-tice, strong your love, As you prom-ised to
weak and low-ly one, hum-bling the proud of heart. through.
Sar-ah and A-bra-ham, kind-ness for-ev-er-more.

3rd time to Coda

Coda

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal
life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

BIBLE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

[Related Reading: John 11:25-26]

P: Word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Alison Shane

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P: God of compassion, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: In all things, God brings resurrection out of death. We see the life God gives us in the little deaths we die every day, and we live in hope and assurance of the final resurrection to eternal life. In thankfulness for that life, we give. We give joyfully and generously because our God has been so generous with us. To express your thanks through giving, if you are here in the room, you may place your offering in the basket on your table or use your phone to go to pflc.org to give there. If you are participating online, go now to another browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

OFFERING MUSIC

Call to Advent (8:30)

J. Jerome Williams

Cathedral Choir

Debbie Collier, Director

Theme (11:00)

Carl Marie von Weber

Miriam Haddon

GOD NOURISHES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Alleluia! God is with you! **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to our God. **C: We give God thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

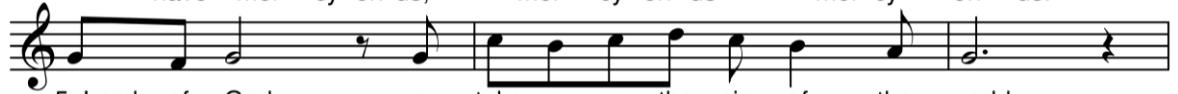
THE DISTRIBUTION



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love;



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us mer - cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us mer - cy on us.
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us mer - cy on us.



5. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

GOD SENDS

BENEDICTION

P: God, the Root of hope, God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth ✕ bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

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James K. Manley



Spir - it, Spir-it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness call-ing and free;



Spir - it, Spir-it of rest-less-ness, stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1. You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

SENDING

P: Strengthened by the promises God made to you in baptism, go and live your calling: Proclaim Christ through word and deed; serve all people and the world God made; strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

C: We are people gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

POSTLUDE

How Marvelous God's Greatness

Gerhard Krapf

PFLC VISION STATEMENT

People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

PFLC GUIDING PRINCIPLE

How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

PFLC CORE VALUES

Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service

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YOUR SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

Worship Leader:

Pastor Kent Shane

Preacher:

Pastor Alison Shane

Children's Sermon:

Paul Davis, Director of Faith Formation

Accompanist:

Miriam Haddon

Streaming Technician:

Jeff Hora

Reading for next week: Isaiah 55:1-11; John 4:13-14