

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 6, 2020  
Welcome

Silent Meditation

Call to worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Invocation

The Law of Christ

Col 3:5ff

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying,

**Congregation: Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices**

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this; therefore let us confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Most Holy and Righteous God we humbly confess that sin continually invades our hearts and is made manifest in thoughts, words and behavior. We are so easily controlled by the idols of our hearts and the allurements of the world. Our defenses are weak and our resolve shabby. Lord we are sinners and we are guilty of serving ourselves more than seeking your glory in all things.**

**We confess our only hope is in our union with Christ, for in him we are forgiven. We rejoice that you have given us his obedience and have declared us legally righteous in your sight, and fully accepted. We thank you for your great salvation in Him. Please renew us, so that we will better reflect our position with Christ in all that we do, for your glory and our good. These things we ask through our living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Col 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.**

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

**Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ**

All: **Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. ( Ps 92:1 )

Congregation: **For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!** (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism Q 21-22

p870-871

Song: The Son of God Came Down

The Son of God came down and laid aside His crown  
Born without great renown, this Sovereign One  
All holiness and might, all glory shining bright  
Have come to earth this night in Mary's son  
O come, let us adore

Chorus:

O Christ the Lord, our hope and Savior  
Son of God yet made like us  
O Christ the Lord, our King adored  
Born a child, our Lord Jesus

Messiah born so small, asleep in cattle stall  
Come to redeem our fall, nailed to a tree  
This tiny, helpless child through death would reconcile  
The holy God and vile, His grace so free  
O come, let us adore

Chorus:

Children's song (Tune: Jesus in the morning)

Jesus, Jesus  
Born in Bethlehem  
Placed in a manger  
Jesus, Jesus  
Jesus is God's dear Son

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Isa 9:1-7

Psalter: Ps 24 The Earth with All That Dwell Therein  
( Tune Azmon nt 164)

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NT Responsive Reading: Matt 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

**When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.**

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

**"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."**

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

**And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."**

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

**When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

**And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.**

Sermon: "the King of Glory"

Ps 24

Lord's Supper

Bread: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Cup: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb Who was slain,  
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign;  
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,  
You will gather the nations before You.  
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb  
Who was cru - ci - fied;  
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign  
at your Fa - ther's side.

Chours:

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb  
Who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r"  
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign

As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lord's"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,  
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;  
For the Father has told us, for these you have died,  
For the nations who gather before You.  
And ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb  
Who was cru – ci – fied;  
Who rose from the grave and was raised up to reign,  
At His Fathers side.

(Chorus)

Offering:

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song:           **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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