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Advent Week 1 | At Home Bulletin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

And he who was seated on the throne said,
"Behold, I am making all things new."

Come, King Jesus, come!

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 104:24-35

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

All Creatures of Our God and King

All Creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rising sun with golden beam,
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Chorus:

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice, (*chorus*)

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light, (*chorus*)

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care. (*chorus*)

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one, (*chorus*)

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Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

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.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Majestic God, you created the Heavens and the Earth.
You gave us noses to smell, tongues to taste, eyes to see,
ears to hear, fingers to touch, and minds to comprehend
the glorious splendor of your creation.

**Forgive us Lord for ignoring, diminishing,
and staining this beautiful world you made.
You deserve all honor, glory and praise,
but we are quick to lift up ourselves.**

All that we do should be a response of worship to you.

**Our worship is so often tepid, weak, and ugly.
Have mercy on us.
Teach us anew to live in honor of you
and worship you with our whole lives.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:4-6

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

Who is Jesus Christ?

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers
or authorities.**

What has Christ done?

**All things were created through him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the Church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.
In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Why should we follow Christ?

**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his
nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand
of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing night,
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *(refrain)*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:13-25

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

SERMON

“A Restored Creation”

~ Pastor Ian Hard

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking
Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the
physical presence of the body of Christ.*

HYMN OF SENDING

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Chorus:

I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son, forever reigns,
And scatters night away. *(Chorus)*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
Can reach the healthful shore.
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more. *(Chorus)*

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed.
Where shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest. *(Chorus)*

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BENEDICTION*