



December 18, 2022 | Advent Week 4

A Home Bulletin

Jesus our peace is coming.

Jesus our Lord and Savior is coming. Praise be to God

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear this all peoples!

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together!**

Truly no man can ransom another
or give to God the price of his life

Even the wise die and leave their wealth to others

Man in his pomp will not remain

**But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol
for he will receive me.**

Let us praise God who delivers the humble from death!

From Psalm 49

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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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 bringin; 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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

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Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Psalms 51

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

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

I Samuel 31:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“All Bad Things Must Come to an End”

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after
the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glori 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.*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: All Bad Things Must Come to an End