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**Call to Worship**  
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**[Psalm 122 - Let Us](#)**

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

With each passing day of this Advent season, more and more light breaks into our hearts and our lives. Let us sing together as we light a candle now for: hope

I want to walk as a child of the Light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to be light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine Hope in my heart Lord Jesus.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Surrounded by the inbreaking of Advent light, called to worship as we watch and wait to receive the Christ child, let us confess our sin and seek forgiveness from our God of grace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our Creator, you took on flesh and came to live among your people as Immanuel, God with us. Through Jesus, you taught us how to love and live in peace with our neighbors, yet sometimes we cause more sorrow than joy. When we choose to passively dismiss the needs of those crying out for mercy, have mercy on us and teach us your ways. When we choose to actively ignore the vulnerable who long for release from injustice let your justice shine a light on our selfish ways so we might see more clearly to stand with the oppressed. Forgive us, renew us and do not give up on us, O God of our salvation.

In this long night of our souls, the Advent of the Christ Child is drawing ever closer. God who made you and claimed you now frees you from shame and guilt. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us worship now with hope-filled hearts.

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Comfort, Comfort Now My People LBW**

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Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace! So says our God.  
Comfort, those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.  
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over, God will reign in peace forever.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way. Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy

reign. For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

### **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God of hope and love, as Advent peace becomes Christmas joy and Christmas joy leads us to Epiphany light keep us watching for you. God be with us in our waiting just as you were with Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wisemen. Awaken our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus Christ who is and was and ever will be Immanuel, God with us. Amen.

### **Children's Message**

Centering Song [Little Lord Jesus Song - Christmas song for Kids](#)

### **Welcome the Word**

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the Son come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given.

### **Scripture Reading**

**John 14:25-31**

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Canticle of the Turning ELW 723**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

(refrain) My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be, your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show our might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast; God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (refrain)

## **Apostles' Creed**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, **receive our prayer**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response**

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

**Offering Prayer**

God of our days and nights, **receive these gifts we return to your loving care. They are a sign of our trust in you and your great faithfulness to us. Use them for the needs of the world. You set a sacred table before us and we receive your goodness. We give you thanks that in this meal you once again become Immanuel, God with us. Amen.**

**Words of Consecration**

Jesus Christ, the name above all names, was first called Immanuel as he laid in the manger. In his life he became known to the world as the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Jesus is called Prince of Peace and Prince of Life, the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend to all who believe in him. On the night before Jesus became the Lamb of God, he gathered for a meal with his disciples. He took bread...Jesus, the True Vine, the Resurrection and the Life, the Bright Morning Star comes to us in this meal. Lord, send your Holy Spirit upon this sacred food. Make Jesus' presence known to us in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup. Jesus, Light of the World, as we await your return teach us to pray...

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer (sung)**

**What hope and love was offered here, what holy gifts from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life, what precious joy was given?  
This, this was bread and cup, a sacred peace from heaven!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God was given!**

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

May you be blessed with hope in your heart, joy in your smile, peace  
in your spirit and love in your life in the name of the Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit

### **Sending Hymn It Came upon the Midnight Clear LBW 54**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious  
king."

The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.  
Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings  
unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.  
And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending  
low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:  
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!

### **Dismissal**

Hold on to hope, find joy, live in love and go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God!**