

## Facebook Live Worship Outline

Advent 1- 29 November 2020

### GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN    EVLW #257    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*    v1,3,4,5,8

1 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 you, O Israel.*

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

5 O come, O 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*

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

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

### GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

C: **Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.**

P: Be alert! Keep awake!

C: **The time is drawing near.**

**All: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. God of power unexpected,  
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down;  
to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall  
until all nations tremble at your presence!  
But you, you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you  
come like the sound of sheer silence:  
    thin,     quiet.  
Instead you are born among us as an infant.  
Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness.  
So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are your people and there  
is no other God besides you.

C: **Amen**

#### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Advent 1 - Hope

P: Light one candle for hope.  
Because the world is broken and the wait is long,  
but hope just won't let go.  
Hope holds space for all our longings  
lingers on the edge of harsh reality  
like the dawn gently awakening the sky.  
"Keep awake," she whispers,  
"for the world is being made new."  
So we light one candle, because it only takes one:  
Christ with us.

**ADVENT SONG**

**ELW #715   *Christ Be Our Light***

***v1***

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Refrain Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

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## WORD

### FIRST READING

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah chapters 40-55 have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict and famine. This lament calls God to account - to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past. Reading from the prophet Isaiah, the 64<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering. This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark:*

***Glory to you, O Lord***

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Mark 13:24-37

P: The Gospel of the Lord  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

EV LW #246

*Hark, A Thrilling Voice is  
Sounding*

- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!  
"Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness,  
all you children of the day!"
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
from earth's bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See the Lamb, so long expected,  
come with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next he comes in glory  
and the world is wrapped in fear,

he will shield us with his mercy  
and with words of love draw near.

- 5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son  
with the everlasting Spirit  
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P: On this first Sunday of the church year, let us pray that God comes quickly to this weary world; we respond to each petition with words from the psalms, "Come to help us."  
*(Pause)*

Immortal, invisible God only wise, we pray for the church, both our congregation and assemblies around the globe. Give us your life. Show us your presence. Grant us your wisdom. Shepherd for another year of grace our pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who minister in the church.

*A brief silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to help us.**

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, protect the animals, whether wild or farmed or tame. Restore devastated habitats and polluted waters. Calm the storms that devastate the coasts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it.

*A brief silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to help us.**

Mighty Fortress, protect all people who are poor or oppressed. Grant that the leaders of nations respond with justice and relief to those who suffer. We pray especially for the people of Honduras and Ethiopia.

*A brief silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to help us.**

Beautiful Savior, abide with us during December. Give your beauty to our holiday preparations in this challenging season and your grace to the many who have little to celebrate this year.

*A brief silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to help us.**

Mothering God, visit with your power any who are homeless or unemployed, and all who are hungry. Protect children from all manner of abuse. Comfort those who live with chronic pain, anxieties, and addictions. In this season of Advent we pray for: Ferolyn, Jordan, Pat, Carol, Beryl, Barb, Elethia, Pat and for all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts. *(Pause)* Shape us to become your arms of mercy.

*A brief silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to help us.**

Healer of our every ill, save all peoples from the coronavirus. Sustain medical workers, and provide for hospitals and clinics. Heal the sick, accompany the dying, and comfort the mourners.

*A brief silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to help us.**

Rock of ages, we wait for you, we stand on you. Receive now our private prayers.

*A longer period of silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to help us.**

Lord of all hopefulness, we give thanks for all the faithful: for Andrew, the first disciple to follow Jesus; for those who died while waiting for justice and peace; for all who have died of COVID-19; and for those we name here before you. . . . At the end, bring us with them into your shining presence.

*A brief silence.*

Stir up your strength, O God.  
**Come to save us.**

Eternal Father, strong to save, receive our prayers for the sake of your Son Jesus, who came, who comes, and who will come, to bring us life.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

## MEAL

*We now enter that portion of our service that is the Eucharist or Holy Communion. I invite you to have your wine and bread ready and let's begin with prayer.*

P: Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God is with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Come, Emmanuel into our longing hearts.

C: **We lift them up to You.**

P: As we gather at this table.

C: **In anticipation and hope.**

P: God of hopeful expectation,  
who enters into our stories,  
who births new life into creation,  
who invites us into a rich and restoring relationship.  
We come before you with humble hearts  
To greet you in our midst.

You were there when creation burst into being, with endless possibilities.  
You were there when the Israelites tasted liberty, and you opened their eyes to new freedom.

You were there, with Mary, when she became a powerful vessel and witness, to birth love into the world.

You were there with Jesus when he prayed in the garden, when he confronted death and brought resurrection life to your people.

And you are with us now, as we gather at your table;  
Your meal and gift of love for all who come hungry and thirsty today.  
We come, like those first disciples,  
gathered around the table to hear Jesus' words of promise and hope.

On the night that he last ate with his disciples,  
Jesus took bread, 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.

When the meal had finished, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new promise of life and love, poured out for all of you,  
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his life, his death and his resurrection,  
We offer these fruits of creation, bread and wine,  
And ourselves in grateful service.

Thank you for your Spirit who works in and among us,  
in times of hope-filled anticipation.  
Who strengthens and sustains us,  
and who, challenges and prods us.  
Who gives us life and continues to surprise us with extravagant grace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
All honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: And now as our Saviour Jesus has taught us we are bold to pray:.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

P: Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here. Come, eat and drink.  
These are the gifts of God for the Children of God.

*After all have communed, the presiding minister may say a table blessing.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his  
grace.

**C Amen**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **CHARGE**

P: Beware  
Keep alert  
Keep awake  
God is doing awesome things we do not expect  
And Christ is coming near with great power and glory,  
and with tenderness.

#### **Blessing**

P: The creator of the stars bless you Advent waiting,  
the long expected Saviour fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✝ now and forever. Amen

#### **SENDING SONG**

**EvLW #244**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
their cross and suffrings bore,  
shall live and reign forever  
when sorrow is no more.

Around the throne of glory  
the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him  
their diadems of gold.

- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Readings for the Week:**

Monday Psalm 79

Tuesday Micah 4:6-13

Wednesday Luke 21:34-38

Thursday Hosea 6:1-6

Friday Acts 11:19-26

Saturday Mark 11:27-33

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent - 6 December 2020: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;  
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8