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### **First Sunday in Advent**

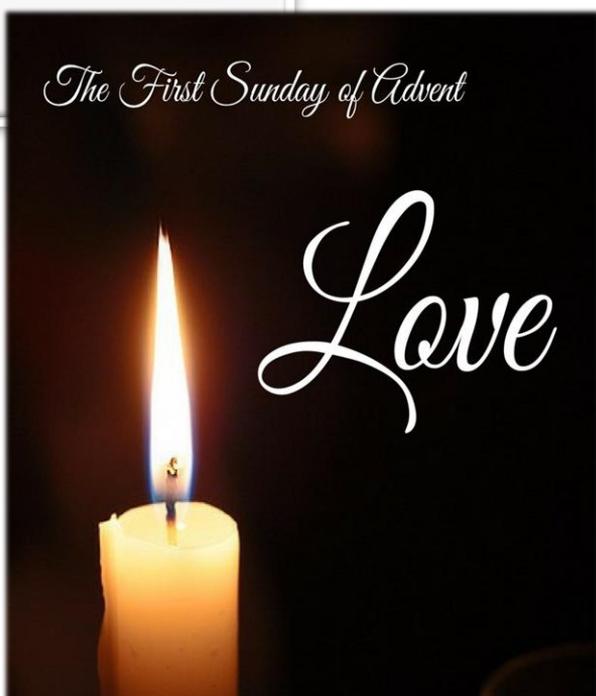
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### **Messianic Anticipation**

#### **As We Gather**

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems

hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus'



coming final restoration. Until that day,  
we wait, we pray, we hope.

# PREPARATION

## Hymn: 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad-vent of our King Our prayers must now em-ploy,  
 2 The ev-er-last-ing Son In-car-nate deigns to be,  
 3 O Zi-on's daugh-ter, rise To meet your low-ly King,  
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a-gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho-ly joy.  
 Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.  
 Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.  
 And His true mem-bers all u-nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning △ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.  
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 Let sin's dark dee  
 The sinful self be pu  
 The new self now put on.

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Opening Sentences *Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.*

**P** The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”

**C We thank You, O Lord!**

**P** The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”

**C We adore You, O Lord!**

**P** The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

**C We praise You, O Lord!**

**P** The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

**C** **We worship You, O Lord!**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*One Advent candle is lit.*

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Hymn: Light the Candle

*Handout*

### Confession and Absolution *Psalm 25:6–7*

**P** Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

*A time of silence is observed.*

**P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

**P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**C** **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

### Hymn: Kyrie for the Four Sundays in Advent *st. 1*

1 For - give us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And  
 mo - ments when we nev - er thought to trust, For

times when we de - spair and for - get That  
 You are where all joy and truth have met.  
 For - give, for - give, for - give us all our  
 sins And help us hope and trust You with - out end.

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**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

**Introit** *Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18;*  
*antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

**C** **Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

**P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

**C** **Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**

**P** who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

**C** **For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,  
that by Your protection

**G** we may be rescued from the  
threatening perils of our sins

**P** and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

**G** for You live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah* *33:14–16*

### The LORD's Eternal Covenant with David

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming,  
declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the  
promise I made to the house of Israel and  
the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and  
at that time I will cause a righteous  
Branch to spring up for David, and he  
shall execute justice and righteousness in  
the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be  
saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely.  
And this is the name by which it will be  
called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm *Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 6*

**P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and  
Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**G** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**P** O my God, in You I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

**C** **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;**  
**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

**P** Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;  
teach me Your paths.

**L** **Lead me in Your truth and teach me,**  
**for You are the God of my salvation;**  
**for You I wait all the day long.**

**P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and  
Your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**C** **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**  
**according to Your steadfast love remember me,**  
**for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

**P** Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

**C** **He leads the humble in what is right,**  
**and teaches the humble His way.**

**P** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

**C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,**  
**for they have been from of old.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Gradual** *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**C** **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;

**C righteous and having salvation.**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**Epistle** *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Verse** *Psalm 24:7*

**P** Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C And be lifted up, O ancient doors,**

**P** that the King of glory may come in.

**C Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 21:25–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

**The Coming of the Son of Man**

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with

power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

**The Lesson of the Fig Tree**

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**Watch Yourselfs**

<sup>34</sup>"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn of the Day: 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.  
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**Sermon: Happy, Healthy  
Heartbeat** *Luke 17:11-19*

**Nicene Creed**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and  
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the  
Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the  
Father.**

**And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian  
and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Offering**

## **Offertory**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

*A brief time of silence may be observed.*

**P** O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that

coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,

**C** hear us, coming Lord.

**P** O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

**C** hear us, coming Lord.

**P** O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, [especially . . .]. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

**C** hear us, coming Lord.

**P** O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places

where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

**G hear us, coming Lord.**

**P** O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,

**G hear us, coming Lord.**

**P** O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. We pray,

**G hear us, coming Lord.**

**P** You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**G Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Benediction 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Numbers 6:24–26

**P** May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessèd hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
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