

Worship Leader Edition  
Second Sunday of Advent – Kindness

December 3, 2023

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}*

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

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L: Holy God, Open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit

**C: upon us, within us, among us.**

L: For our apathy in the presence of oppression,

**C: Forgive us.**

L: If we have contributed to the broken heartedness of anyone,

**C: Forgive us.**

L: When we are deaf to your good news,

**C: Have mercy and open our ears.**

L: When our mouths remain too tightly closed,

**C: Loosen our lips with songs of praise.**

L: Hear our prayer, O God, and forgive our sins.

**C: Hold us in your mercy, now and forever.**

**A: In Jesus. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”  
*Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6*

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**Verse 1**

Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin’s son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth:  
God has chosen such a birth.

**Verse 3**

Wondrous birth – oh, wondrous child –  
From his throne, a virgin mild!  
Very God, and Mary’s son,  
Eager now his race to run!

**Verse 2**

Not by human flesh and blood,  
But the mystic Breath of God,  
Was the word of God made flesh,  
Fruit of woman, blossom fresh

**Verse 6**

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
Virgin’s son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
Praise we sing eternally!

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

L: Jesus, the brightest star of the morning, gives us his promise: “Look! I am coming quickly.”  
The Spirit and the church say “Come!” Let everyone who hears answer, “Come!”

**C: Amen! Even so come, Lord Jesus!**

*(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)*

+KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE (*cantor and congregation*) "This Is the Feast"

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L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world.

Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming.

**C: Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH {*Lectern*} (*Angela Hansen*)

*Screen*

L: I will recount the kindness of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

CANDLE LIGHTING (first candle is lit) {*Lectern*} (*Angela Hansen*)

*Screen*

L: Gracious God, We are grateful for the kindness and generosity You show us every day. We ask that You help us to see those around us in the same way that You do. Shape our hearts to be like Yours, and guide our hands by Your spirit in showing kindness and generosity to others today.

**C: Amen**

SONG:

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

ELW #242

*Verse 2*

**Verse 2**

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a singing,  
His humble song is quiet and near,  
Yet fills the earth with its ringing;

Music to heal the broken soul  
And hymns of loving-kindness,  
The thunder of his anthems roll  
To shatter all hatred and blindness.

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## WORD

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FIRST READING (*Lori Murray*)

Jeremiah 30:8-10

On that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will break the yoke from off his neck, and I will burst his bonds, and strangers shall no more make a servant of him. But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. But as for you, have no fear, my servant Jacob, says the LORD, and do not be dismayed, O Israel; for I am going to save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and no one shall make him afraid.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-33

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will

conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Prepare Ye"  
*St. Luke's Choir*

*Marc Robinson*

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center} (Beth Angerhofer)*

*Screen*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+THE PRAYERS *{Front Center} (Beth Angerhofer)*

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Beth Angerhofer)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome those around us with a greeting. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

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## MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(Rob)*

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L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and those hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(brief intro)*

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

+THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Rob)*

*Screen*

**C: 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

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L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back, and there is a QR code in the bulletin to give electronically. For those on-line please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

CHOIR HYMN

“Unexpected and Mysterious”  
*St. Luke’s Choir*

*Jeannette Lindholm; Calvin Hampton*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

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

**C: Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use our gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION

L: The hour has arrived for us to stop sleeping and wake up. Let us throw off the trappings of darkness and walk in the Light, blessing all creation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

+SENDING HYMN

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”  
*Verses 1, 4 & 5*

**ELW #737**

**Verse 1**

He comes to us as one unknown,  
A breath unseen unheard;  
As though within a heart of stone,  
Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,  
A pulse of being stirred,  
A pulse of being stirred.

For ev’ry child of earth,  
For ev’ry child of earth.

**Verse 5**

He comes in truth when faith is grown;  
Believed, obeyed, adored;  
The Christ in all the scriptures shown,  
As yet unseen but not unknown,  
Our Savior and our Lord,  
Our Savior and our Lord.

**Verse 4**

He comes in live as once he came  
By flesh and blood and birth;  
To bear within our mortal frame  
A death, a saving name,

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: Go to love and serve the Lord with Kindness!

**C: In the name of Christ. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by  
Adam and Michelle Roberts  
In celebration of Leni’s 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.*