

Worship Leader Edition
Third Sunday of Advent - Light

December 10, 2023

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}*

+OPENING HYMN

“What Feast of Love”

ELW #487

Verse 1

What feast of love is offered here,
What covenant 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!

This, this is Christ the king,
The sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

Verse 3

What wine of love is offered here,
What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
The sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

Verse 2

What light of truth is offered here,
What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
What wondrous word is given?

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Patrick Lair)

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)*

“Glory to God”

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L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Patrick Lair*)

L: God of the promised Messiah, as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH {*Lectern*} (*David Skinner*)

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L: I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into **light**, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them.

CANDLE LIGHTING (*Light the Third Candle*) {*Lectern*} (*David Skinner*)

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L: Thank you for always being a **light** in the dark places of the world and the dark places of our lives. Our hope is in God, for you are the light of the world and you call us to be lights for others. May your light and love blaze in us and in all the world.

C: Amen

SONG

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

ELW #242/Screen

Verse 3

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In darkest night his coming shall be,
When all the world is despairing,
As morning light so quiet and free,
So warm and gentle and caring.

Then shall the mute break forth in song,
The lame shall leap in wonder,
The weak be raised above the strong,
And weapons be broken asunder.

WORD

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Pam Jackson*)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

ELW #254

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Patrick Lair*)

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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*} (*Patrick Lair*)

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After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Patrick Lair*)

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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.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Patrick Lair*)

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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE {*Front Center*} (*Patrick Lair*)

L: You may be seated. 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 there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

"Advent Hymn"
St. Luke's Choir

Don Besig

SENDING

+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

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

ELW #510

Verse 1

Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty we revere you;
Word made flesh we long to hear you.

Verse 2

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, your love outpouring.

Verse 3

Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above

God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Patrick Lair*)

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

C: In the name of Christ. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today Given by
Judy Sandeen
In memory of her brother, Jon Groth