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AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, December 11th

PRELUDE

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

arr. Paul Manz

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

CALL to WORSHIP *from Genesis 3:13-15*

P: Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

C: In Advent Joy we gather and worship trustingly, assured that Christ is coming to set His people free.

P: The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

C: In Advent Joy we gather and worship trustingly, assured that Christ is coming to set His people free.

P: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

C: In Advent Joy we gather and worship trustingly, assured that Christ is coming to set His people free.

OPENING HYMN “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart.

C: The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

P: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

C: The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

P: He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love;

C: He will exult over you with loud singing.

P: I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

C: We worship You, O Lord!

P: Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of these candles 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.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Moment of silent confession]

P: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. In times of sadness and great sorrow, we have lost joy and wandered from You. Our wonderings have at times turned into doubts that drew us away from You.

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!

RESPONSE “Kyrie for the Four Sundays in Advent”

**Forgive us, Lord, for times when joy was lost,
And moments when we never thought to laugh,
For times when we obsess and despair
And all forget Your steadfast love and care.
Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins
And help us live in joy that never ends.**

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.

RESPONSE “Joy to the World”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-56 [ESV]

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *based on John 1 & 3:16*

R: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

C: All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

R: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

R: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

C: He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

R: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

C: Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

R: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

SERMON HYMN “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

SERMON “OUT OF MOURNING COMES JOY”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“A Cradle Carol”

arr. Dan Forrest

Amber Hedy, soloist

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

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“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

arr. Wilbur Held

Organ

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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NUNC DIMITTIS

POSTLUDE

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

arr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Organ



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