

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

☿ PEACE

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ,
who came to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire,
and who is coming again to reign in glory.

**Keep awake, therefore, and be ready,
For the Lord is coming at an unexpected hour.
Prepare the way of the Lord.**

☿ CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
that we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

☿ HYMN # 752

“Dona nobis pacem”

CALL TO CONFESSION

You know what time it is:
Now is the time to wake from sleep.
Salvation is near!
Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of night and day,
there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you
and no secret that you will not bring to light.
For our reveling and drunkenness,
forgive us, O God.
For our debauchery and licentiousness,
forgive us, O God.
For our quarreling and jealousy,
forgive us, O God.
**O God, forgive us our sins,
renew us in love,
and teach us to live in a way
that brings honor and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
[continue in silence, personal confession...]

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
**Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

☿ RESPONSE TO FOREGIVENESS

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. Both staves are in treble clef and G-clef. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note Bb4, and then a series of eighth notes: A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. There are four measures of rests (half notes) following the eighth notes. The melody continues with a quarter note D4, a half note E4, and a final half note G4. The second staff is identical to the first, with the same notes and rests. The lyrics 'Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating that the notes are sustained across measures.

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1 - 5

✦ **HYMN # 82**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

✦ **GOSPEL**

Matthew 24:36 - 44

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ **DOXOLOGY # 606**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ **HYMN # 352**

“My Lord! What a Morning”

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

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✦ **PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**



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1st Sunday of Advent

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Director of Music: Tim Ward

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Kim Bradford
Lee Brown, Clerk

2020

Bill Bradford
Robin Helms

2021

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