

+ GATHERING AROUND THE WORD +

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **PEACE**

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of the messenger who announces peace;

who brings good news, who announces salvation.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will fulfill the promise I made to my people.

Sing aloud, O people, and shout for joy!

The Lord our God is in our midst.

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.

When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear.

But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

our redemption is drawing near!

Heaven and earth may pass away,

but the Word of God will stand unshaken.

✦ **HYMN #82**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, Do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins
and worries of this life,

but watch and pray for the grace of God,

who will save you in your time of trial.

With confidence in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin, as though there were no justice.
We live in fear, as though there were no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,

for you are the God of our salvation.

[continue in silence, personal confession...]

HYMN RESPONSE

Verse 1 of Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here

until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

✦ **HYMN RESPONSE**

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

✦ **HYMN #104**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

+ PROCLAIMING THE WORD +

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

INTERLUDE

✦ GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

+ RESPONDING TO THE WORD +

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Hymn #481

Apostles' Creed
"I Believe in God the Father"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✦ HYMN RESPONSE

Verse 1 of #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

✦ HYMN #106

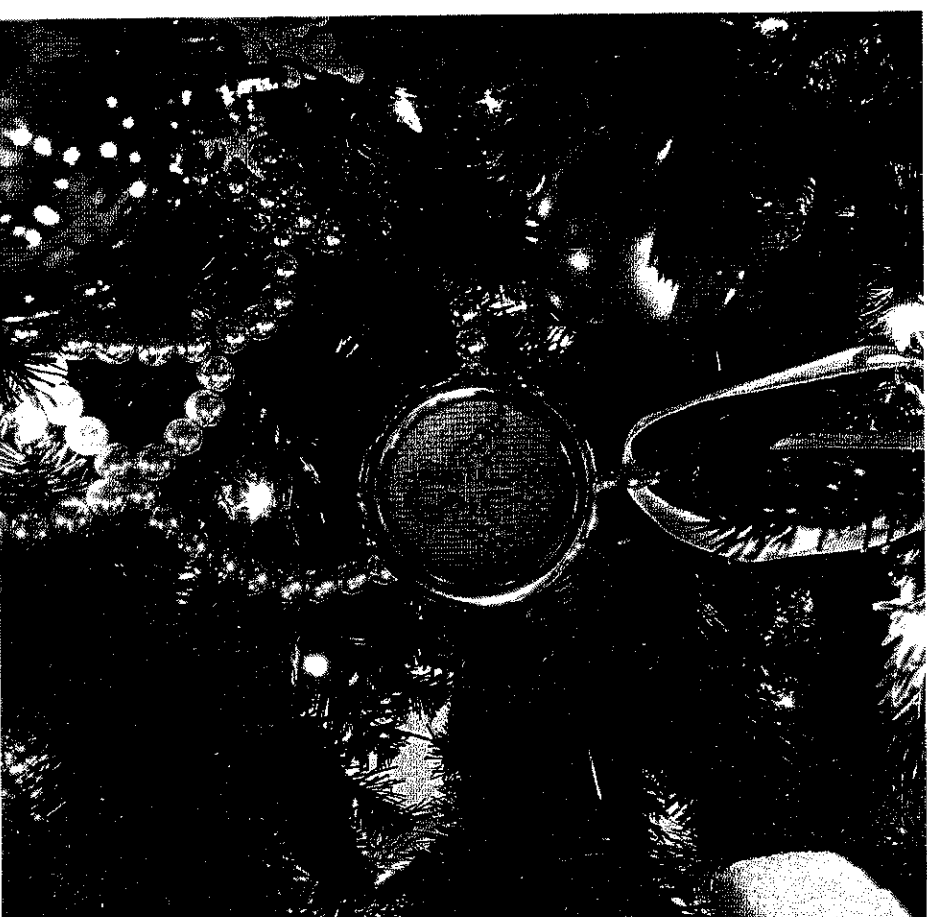
"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

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✦ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



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