



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

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O Come Emmanuel, arr. J. Martin

LIGHTING THE ADVENT HOPE CANDLE

Chuck & Kathy Kamp

Leader: As we gather today and light this candle of hope, we are reminded that Emmanuel, God-with-us, is coming into our world, and the time is drawing near.
People: The Lord is our hope and our trust.
Leader: We praise you, O God, for you are our strong refuge.
People: Our mouths are filled with your praise and with your glory all day long.
Leader: On you, O God, we wait and hope continually, and praise you yet more and more.
People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, Hyfrydol

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 every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

How many times, Lord Jesus, have you come to us unwelcomed? How often have you visited yet we have been too busy to notice, spoken yet we have been too full of ourselves. Change all our insensitive habits and help us to do better during this Advent. Make us so sensitive to your immediate comings in the ups and downs of each ordinary day that we shall be well prepared to welcome your Final Coming as a consummation of love and joy. For your love's sake (silent confession continues...) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace.
People: Therefore, let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ!
Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19

After all sing the response once, the cantor will sing the verses of the Psalm. The congregation will then sing the response where indicated with "(R)".

Response

Res-tore us a - gain, O Lord God of
hosts, and show us the light of your face and your
grace and we shall be saved.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forthbefore Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved. (R)

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. (R)

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. (R)

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERMON

The Yearning

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 772

Live into Hope, Truro

1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!
2. Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.
3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to
have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope an joy and peace.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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