

St. Andrew Worship

2nd Day of Advent

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December 4, 2022
Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

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A Word of Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

Minute for Mission

CASA Gift Cards

Dee St. Clair

Lighting the Advent Candle

Gwen Yeo and Erik Ottem

*Hymn 314

“Christ Be Our Light” v. 5

Leader: We wait for the coming of Christ, the life in abundance

All: Come Giver of Life (Light First Candle)

Choir: Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

All sing: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.** (Light Second Candle)

Reader: The bread of life given for all people a sharing in the body of Christ.

All: Come Giver of Life

Reader: The desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly. Rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Christ, shine in your world today

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the center, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time.

*Hymn 106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain:

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.*

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.

Refrain:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, You are faithful to all generations—from the beginning of time, you have called all kinds of characters to be your people. When we forget that their story is our story, forgive us. When we admire them from afar while insisting that kind of faith isn’t practical for us, forgive us. We confess that your justice is too hard for us to do, and we prefer to create our own. Forgive us yet again and plant your word of justice deep in our hearts and lives. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and freed to love and serve. Alleluia! **Amen.**

Special Music

Prayers of the People

“Come and Fill”

*Hymn 129

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.*

*It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.*

*To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.*

*This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.*

*Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.*

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

*God of all peace and joy, send your Spirit to this place to bless this our reading of your word that it may
be a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path. Amen.*

First Lesson:

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Second Lesson:

Mathew 3:1-11

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Responsive*)

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in joy,

And we give with joy.

Joy for all you have given us;

Joy because of your sacred promises.

Receive these generous offerings,

And use them to spread your joy in our world. Amen.Communion

· Invitation

· Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.....

Sanctus

Don Adkins

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and might. Hea-ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

· Words of Institution

· Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Hymn 507

*“Come to the Table of Peace” (v 2-5)*As bread is
served sing,

Vs 2-3:

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.***This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.******Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.******This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.***As cup is
served sing,

Vs. 4-5:

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.***This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.******Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.******This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.***

*Hymn 96

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

*On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!*

*Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for
God within, and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.*

*We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.*

*Stretch forth your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.*

Benediction