



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

*Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,
People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!*

*Celebrant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the
second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two
commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.*

Matthew 22:37-40

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*At this time, we mark the Sundays in Advent with the lighting of a new candle. You may
light candles in an Advent wreath at your home at this time as well.*



Light one can-dle for peace; peace that the whole world needs.

Light one can-dle for peace; peace that the Sav - ior will bring.

*Leader: Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of
peace.*

*People of God: return!
You are called to be God's own.
From the mountains announce the good news.
God comes in justice and peace,
to all who follow his ways.
You are God's children.
Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ
today and for ever.
Amen.*

*People: Lord, make us one and may the peace of Christ rule in our
hearts today and for ever. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

HARK A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

Verse 1

Hark a thrilling voice is sounding
Christ is nigh it seems to say
Cast away the dreams of darkness
O ye children of the day

Verse 2

Waken'd by the solemn warning
Let the burdened soul arise
Christ her Sun all ill dispelling
Shines upon the morning skies

Refrain

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

Verse 3

Lo the Lamb so long expected
Comes with pardon down from Heav'n
Let us haste with tears of sorrow
One and all to be forgiven

Verse 4

That when next he comes with glory
And the world is wrapp'd in fear
With his mercy He may shield us
And with words of love draw near

Verse 5

Honour glory might and blessing
To the Father and the Son
With the everlasting Spirit
While eternal ages run

Text: Edward Caswall
Tune: Paul Calvin, 2014

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ISAIAH 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MARK 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Calvin

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://ofitheredeemer.org/give/>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed from each section row-by-row and Communion servers will shift from section to section. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and return to your seat before consuming.

Distribution of Reserved Sacrament

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please [sign up for our weekly email](#) for information about times and locations of distribution.

Prayer Ministry

In respect for the safe gathering guidelines, we are not offering in-person prayer ministry during Eucharist. [Please follow this link to our website](#) to view a list of prayer ministers offering prayer by phone or Zoom. You may also contact Deacon Dawn (dawn@oftheredeemer.org) or another member of our clergy to share personal prayer concerns. Prayer ministry is always private and confidential.

If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with the following prayer:

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Unison



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, Ere the worlds be-gan to be,
2. O ye heights of heav'n, a-dore Him; An-gel hosts, His prais-es sing;
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa-ther, And, O Ho-ly Ghost, to Thee,



He is Al-pha and O-me-ga, He the Source, the End-ing He
Pow'rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore Him And ex-tol our God and King;
Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing, And un-wear-ied prais-es be:



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu-ture
Let no tongue on earth be si-lent; Ev-ery voice in
Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min-ion And e-ter-nal



years shall see, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
con-cert ring, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.
vic-to-ry, Ev-er-more and ev-er-more. A-men.

TEXT: Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century;
translated by John M. Neale and Henry W. Baker
MUSIC: Plainsong, 13th century; arranged by C. Winfred Douglas

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

A digital copy of today's bulletin with links is available at:
<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/gathered-worship/>

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, Dec. 24, 4:30pm

This year's service will be celebrated from homes beginning with a prerecorded liturgy of the word in pageant form, followed by musical worship via ZOOM and reception of reserved sacrament.

Christmas Eve Offering

This fall, on recommendation from our race and justice task force, the vestry approved support for a student at [Hope Academy](#). Hope Academy is a private Christ-centered, classical academy founded as an opportunity-equalizer for Minneapolis youth.

One of Hope Academy's five core distinctives is to be affordable to all, therefore partners like our church, cover 90% of the costs for every student to attend. By supporting a student at Hope Academy, Church of the Redeemer helps afford a Minneapolis youth the opportunity to gather for worship, and experience curriculum that is informed by God's word and filled with hope.

An annual sponsorship of \$7,800 supports one student for the entire year. During the service on Christmas Eve we will be taking a special offering designated for our Hope Academy student. We encourage you to prayerfully consider giving in support of our partnership with Hope Academy through this year's Christmas Eve offering.

CELEBRATING ADVENT WITH GENEROSITY

This Advent season, Church of the Redeemer will be gathering donations for Union Gospel Mission (UGM), which serves men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in the Twin Cities. We invite you to join in responding to God's generosity toward us, his beloved children, by giving to our brothers and sisters in vulnerable situations.

To learn more about the many ways UGM serves our community in the name of Christ, visit their website at www.ugmtc.org.

Below is a suggestion for gathering items to donate each week of Advent. Due to Covid, Union Gospel Mission is receiving new goods only at this time. **Items of greatest need are marked with an asterisk.** There will be a collection box for donations at our Sunday evening services throughout Advent. Donations can also be dropped off in December at the homes of:

Krista Mahoney (krista.j.milligan@gmail.com, 715-220-5615) Lauderdale
Liz Stewart (liz@oftheredeemer.org, 651-278-6978) Falcon Heights
Sonia Keillor (sonia@oftheredeemer.org, 651-300-2861) Brooklyn Park

Please contact to arrange a socially-distanced drop-off time.

- **Week 1: Hygiene items:** *men's razors & shaving cream, travel-size shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush with cover, etc.
- **Week 2: Outerwear:** men's, women's, and children's *boots, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.
- **Week 3: Linens:** towels, twin bed sheet sets
- **Week 4: Clothing:** men's *underwear and *pants (especially large sizes), winter clothing and shoes for men, women, and children (up to age 10)

YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

REFUGEE LIFE MINISTRY

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate.

MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

Join us in worship via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

<https://ofthedeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/>

PRAYER FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN – FRIDAYS, 12–12:30 P.M.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Fridays to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <https://ofthedeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/> to participate.



KidConnect - Gathered

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather every week at Calvary on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:15 for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Videos of story presentations or lessons are sent out to families each week for children unable to join in person.
K-3rd - Sonia Keillor and Steffie Williams
4th-5th - Sara Bramsen and Liz Stewart

KidConnect - Zoom

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to join [Miss Anna](#) and [Miss Julie](#) from 9:00-9:30 on Sunday mornings during Advent. We'll gather around the advent candles with our friends for stories, songs and lots of movement.

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
November 29, 2020	\$125,641	\$118,021

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