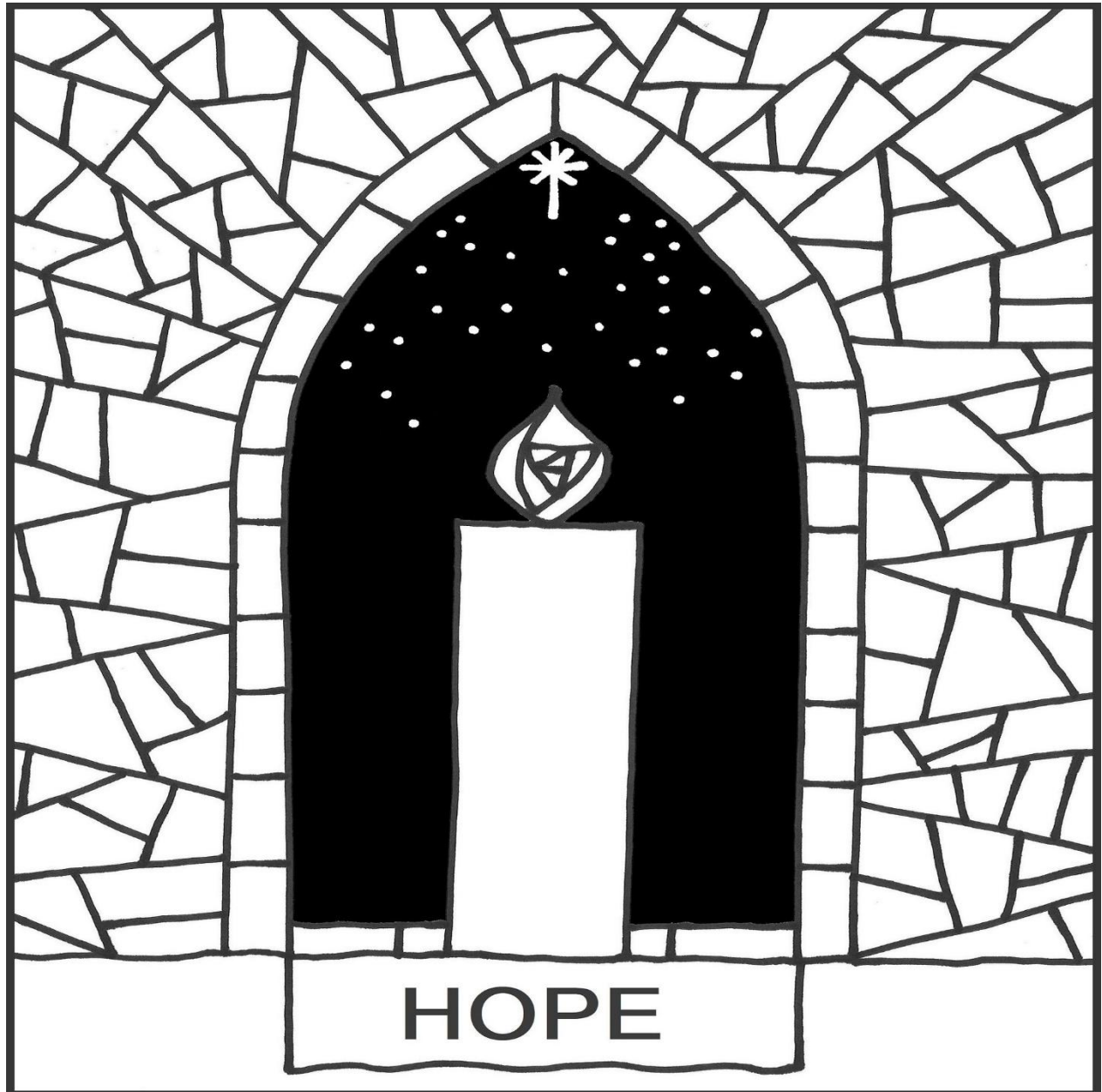


St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

December 1, 2024 at 10 am

First Sunday of Advent



Opening Hymn

Hymn 56

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



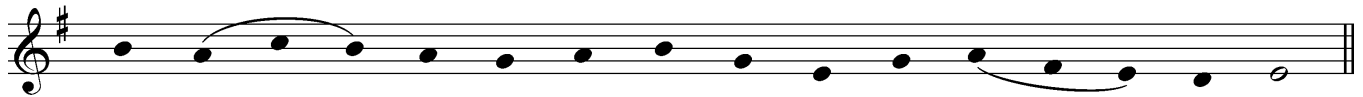
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Chalk Family

Family: We light a candle for Advent, a candle of Hope.

Everyone: **We put our hope in the One to come. The one who is the light of the LORD. God is with us in dark valleys and on the high mountain of God.**

Family: We lit this candle for Hope.

Everyone: **Today, we hope for the One to come.**

Children go to Children's Liturgy now

The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

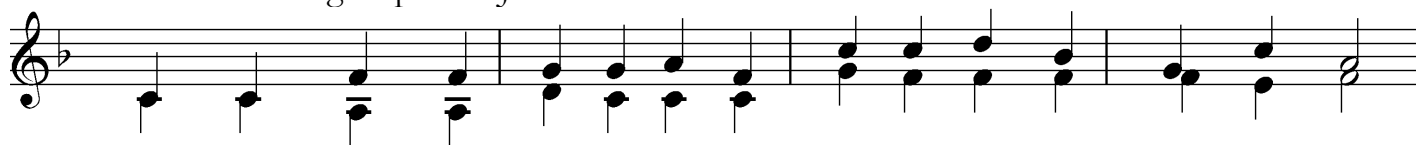
How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

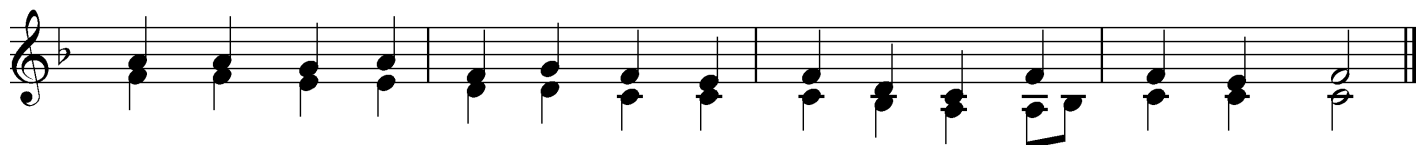
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn *(verse 1 before the Gospel, verse 2 after)*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for

yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Todd Bryant

The Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Priest: Holy God you are always with us even as we look for your coming, may we be ready to serve and eager to pray:

Intercessor: We pray for the church and its leaders. Teach us your ways and help us walk in your paths.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O God, you govern the nations. We pray for the United States and the world. Let your peace be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In your reign God, wolves lie down with lambs. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress

You may name those needing prayer.

Intercessor: that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In your reign God, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. Protect those who rejoice and find strength in you.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, God With Us, into the world. We thank you for your presence and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

You may name the departed.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Priest: O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the light of your countenance, that we might be renewed. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

Greetings, Milestones and Announcements

Offertory

Psalm 91: Be With Me

by Craig Kingsbury and Bob Hurd

Offertory Sentence

Great Thanksgiving

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

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

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

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be: galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: your will they were created and have their being.

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and one cup.

Communion Hymn

Light the Fire Again

by Brian Doerkson



1. Don't let my love grow cold, I'm call - ing out, light the fire a - gain.
2. You know my heart, my deeds, I'm call - ing out, light the fire a - gain.



Don't let my vi - sion die, I'm call - ing out, light the fire a - gain.
I need Your dis - ci - pline, I'm call - ing out,



I am here to buy gold re - fined in the fire,



na - ked and poor, wretch - ed and blind, I come. Clothe me in white



so I won't be a - shamed. Lord, light the fire a - gain.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, 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 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 for ever. Amen.

Young People's Time & Blessing

Closing Hymn

Sing Out Earth And Skies



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Righteous One;
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with righteousness;
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twink-ling star and burn-ing sun;
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up - on the earth;
5. Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a - new;



1. Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glo - ry of your Son.
2. Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives your love con-fess.
3. God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one.
4. Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth.
5. Come and make op - pres-sion cease: Bring us all to life in you.



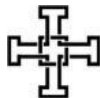
Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy-ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

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Dismissal



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