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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 1st First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: We light candles for the four weeks of Advent reflecting on Christ who is always entering into our lives and our world. Today, we light one candle, a candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for hope, for healing, and the well-being of creation.

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” verse 1



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Readings

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil 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.'

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.

Children's Message

Gospel

Luke 21: 25-36

[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 does not 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.'

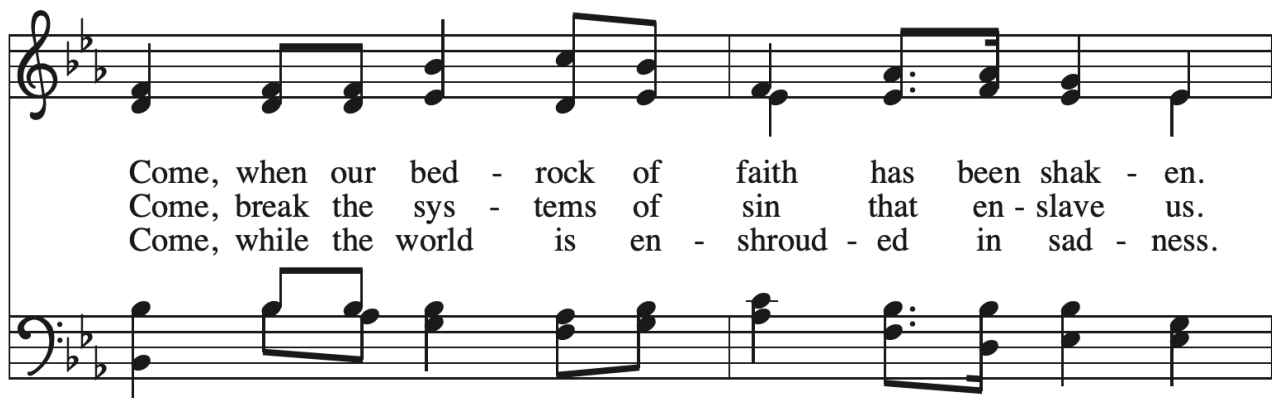
Sermon

Song of the Day

"Come, Now, O God"



1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Affirmation of Faith for Advent

We believe in God,
creator and lover of the earth, the origin and the destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ,
God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn, who emerges as the herald of hope.

He is God's laughter in the face of despair, leading the way to the reign of promise where God's justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God,
announced by the Baptist, exclaimed by Elizabeth, and sung by Mary.
It has drawn near to us in Jesus and will be realized in the coming reign of God on earth,
when all who have lived in sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we hope, we work, and we pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Installation of Transition Team

Prayers of the People

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer.

Offering

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We life them up to God.

P: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: In this Advent season we await with longing for the fulness of your reign, O God, where are welcomed, loved, invited, and fed without condition. And so it is with hope and trust on this day that we join with Mary, who was so filled with that vision that she couldn't help but sing of it with joy.

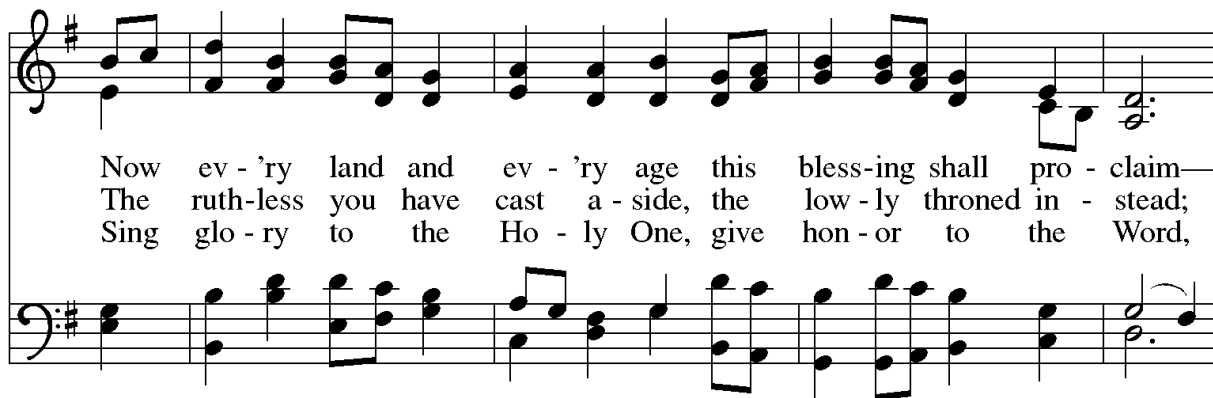
“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”



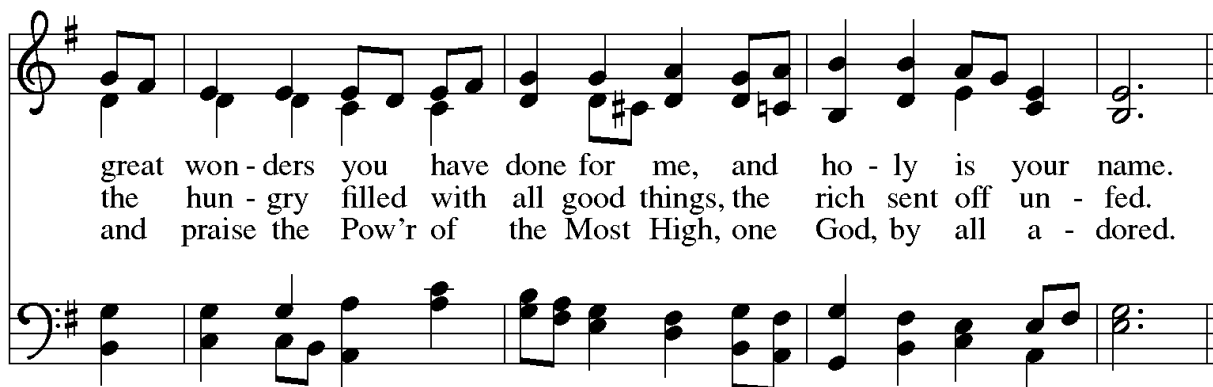
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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

Distribution of Communion

We welcome all people who come in the faith to partake of Holy Communion. Smaller children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, ask server as you approach.

Benediction

Sending Song "God's Surprise"



1. Who would think that what was need - ed To trans -
2. Shep - herds watch and wise men won - der, Mon - archs
3. Cen - tu - ries of skill and sci - ence Span the



form and save the earth Might not be a
scorn and an - gels sing; Such a place as
past from which we move, Yet ex - pe - rience



plan or ar - my, Proud in pur - pose, proved in
none would reck - on Hosts a ho - ly help - less
ques - tions wheth - er, With such pro - gress, we im -



worth? Who would think, de - spite de - ri - sion,
thing; Sta - ble beasts and by - passed stran - gers
prove. While the hu - man lot we pon - der,



That a child should lead the way?
Watch a ba - by laid in hay: God sur - pris - es
Lest our hopes and hu - mor fray,



earth with heav - en, Com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace and hope to serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God.