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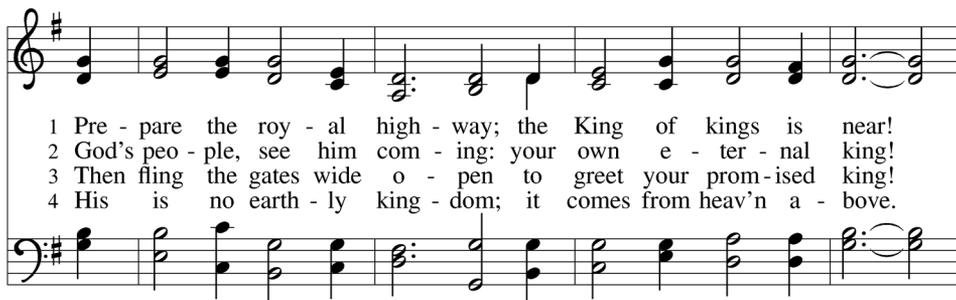
2nd Sunday
OF ADVENT



Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

Gathering Songs - Prepare the Royal Highway

sing verses 1 & 4



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

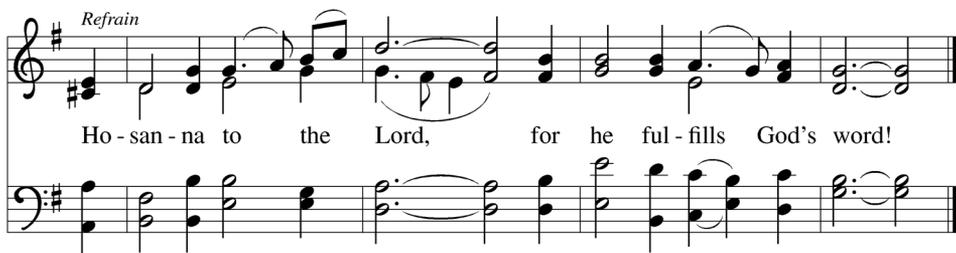


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Prepare the Way

He will come
To bring light into the darkness;
He will come
To bring freedom to the captives;
He will come
To restore the brokenhearted;
It's time to proclaim
The year of the Lord.

(Chorus)

**Prepare the way,
Prepare the way for our Redeemer;
Prepare the way,
Prepare the way for our Restorer;
Make ready your heart,
Make ready your home,
Make ready the people of God,
Prepare the way.**

Make ready your heart,
Make ready your home,
Make ready the people of God;
Prepare the way.

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Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold,
And precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

(Chorus)

**Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord,
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for you my master,
Ready to do your will.**

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Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

C: in the presence of one another,

we confess our sin before you.

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

We forget that we are your children

and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One,

and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen.

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

+ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,

inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light!

Arranged by Joel Raney

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Congregation sings:



2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: Bernadette Farrell

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

98 96 and refrain



L: The Light shines in the darkness,

C: but the darkness has not overcome it.

L: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

C: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

L: Today we light two candles. The first candle illuminates patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The second candle extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

All repeat: Christ Be Our Light! refrain

Closing Prayer

L: God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Greeting

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed by the Pastor.

Children's Time

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - Luke 1:67-79

L: Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

C: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

L: as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

C: that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

L: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

C: the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

L: to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

C: in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

L: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

C: to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

L: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

C: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation sings:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader sings verse 2: Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight, make straight his path.
All people shall see the saving pow'r of God.

Congregation: Repeat Alleluia

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Hymn of the Day - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

sing verses 1, 2, & 5

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Confession of Faith - 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who 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**

Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.

Offertory Prayer

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Jesus Christ, our pathway and our peace.

Amen.

Prayers

Prayer Response:

P: Hear us, O God, **C:** Your mercy is great.

The 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, forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

Announcements

***If you are able, please consider staying after the service to help bring in Christmas decorations from storage.
Many hands make light work!
Please see Liz Wood.***

Sending Song - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Dismissal

Service Volunteers Needed!

Greeters: Greet people at the door with a smile.

Ushers: Distribute service bulletins, assist with distanced seating, count attendance, secure offering, collect bulletins.

Please sign up on the calendar on the easel stand in the Narthex at church or contact the office.

Children's Time Story Tellers: *To volunteer, please contact Rhonda Berg. 780-440-6682 bergsdownunder@gmail.com*

Counters: *To volunteer to help count the offering after service on Sundays (usually 1 Sunday per month), please contact Chelsea Ashton. 780-435-5998 kurtisandchelsea@gmail.com*



Glory's mail is delivered to a Canada Post community mailbox. This mailbox has been broken into twice during the last month necessitating two lock changes.

If you have sent mail to Glory during November and you believe for any reason that it has not been delivered, please contact Heidi at the church office.



November 28 - December 19 - Advent Services

In-person and online worship continues,
with Advent Candle Lighting - Sundays 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

Thursday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

*Advance registration is required
for the Christmas Eve services.*

Please register online using Eventbrite here:

<https://glorylutheran.eventbrite.ca>

or contact the office

December 25 - Christmas Day - No Service

December 26 - Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

God's blessings to all this Advent Season!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THOSE IN NEED REQUEST FROM INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Vulnerable people living in the inner city continue to face many challenges made even more complex due to COVID-19. ICPM, with the support of area churches, wants to provide a Christmas gift to those living in the area and in the Emmanuel community.

Our congregation plans to support this meaningful outreach again this year. Here are the ways you can participate:

- Purchase a **gift card** from Walmart or Superstore in the suggested amount of \$25 or your chosen amount (Emmanuel's Christmas Gift will include a gift card for \$25)
- Provide a **cheque** in the amount you wish to donate. Make the cheque out to Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM). Please note on the Memo line of your cheque that it is for Christmas Gift Cards. Put your cheque in an envelope and place in Barb Anderson's mail folder. ICPM will use the funds to purchase gift cards or other needed items for those in need.
- Other items needed are:
 - **Waterproof ski gloves (M L XL)**
 - **Toques**
 - **Cotton socks**
 - **Underwear for Men and Women (M L XL)**
 - **Long underwear Men and Women (M L XL)**
 - **Toothbrushes**
 - **Bus Tickets**
 - **Tim Horton or McDonalds Cards**



A bin will be available in the narthex for these items.

**Collection of gift cards and clothing items
continues until December 6.**

Final collection date will be Tuesday, December 7 th.

If you are delivering your gift cards or clothing items other than during regular Sunday worship hours, please call the church to ensure someone is there to receive you.

If you have questions, please call Barb Anderson at 780-467-8500 or Marjorie Zelent at 780-467-5363.

Altar Guild & Visual Arts Committee

Christmas DECORATING

With Advent, we know our Christmas season is just around the corner. To prepare for this glorious season, we again turn our attention to making our sanctuary and narthex visually pleasing to portray our Savior's birth. Covid has definitely had an effect on all of us as we could no longer do a lot of our "normal" church activities and definitely hindered us from staying in weekly contact with one another. Having only on-line services for so much of the time has affected everything including some peoples' abilities to continue in some of the areas of church life. I am asking anyone who is willing and able to help decorate the sanctuary and narthex to please contact me. Perhaps some of the youth who are more agile and certainly much taller and stronger than me (haha), might consider helping with this. Thank you for your consideration to this matter. Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can make a plan.

Elizabeth Wood
780-464-0640 or email elizabeth.wood@shaw.ca

Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

Musicians:	Lynnette Woodrow, Elizabeth Wood, Pat Becker
AV Techs:	Brett Woodrow, Mark Becker, Noah McKinnon, Cole Berg
Ushers:	*see page 12*
Greeters:	Barb Anderson
Advent Candle Lighting:	Darren, Jenny, Maria & Ruth Takenaka
Reader:	Maggie Hensel
Church Lock-Up:	Barb Anderson

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
November 28	39	77	\$1900.45

PAR totals will be reported here monthly. Other electronic offerings will be included in the total reported in the Finance Corner in the newsletter.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:26, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on Glory's website in the same way that the online worship services were in the past months. If there is a technological glitch and live streaming does not work, a recording will be available on the website later in the day.

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