

December 6, 2020

11:15a Service



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (TLB)

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## PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING

- #216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- #214 Savior of the Nations
- #203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE HISTORY MOMENT & VIDEO

## ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

The Amendola Family

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:6-7 (TLB)

*6 For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. These will be his royal titles: "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace." 7 His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of his father David. He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world. This is going to happen because the Lord of heaven's armies has dedicated himself to do it!*

ADVENT HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 3) **211**

HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **213**

## OPENING PRAYER

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the hope right out of our stockings. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your hope and peace more than now. You've promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted—not just at Advent, but every day of every year. Your name is still called "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace." We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. You are still our Hope. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—this Christmas and always. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

### Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies.**

**We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen!**

#### Prayer of Consecration

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God. Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, you made us in your image, to love and be loved. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. By the suffering, death, and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

#### Blessing

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.  
Amen.**

#### Serving and Receiving

Prayer

Most bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created, for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ, whose holy life, suffering and death, and glorious resurrection have delivered us from slavery to sin and death.

We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **AMEN.**

SERMON	"Royalty and Presidents"	Rev. Rusty Belcher
SCRIPTURE	Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8 (NRSV)	
GIVING MUSIC		

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth" **431**

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