

Go to the village
ahead of you,
and as you enter it,
you will find a
colt tied there,
which no one has
ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

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1st Sunday in Advent

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ENTHRONE THE KING UPON YOUR HEART

AS WE GATHER

While the secular calendar won't switch to 2019 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel—God with us. These four words are hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we focus on hope. There is a lot of suffering in the world, but hope exists in Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and return.



+ PREPARATION +

331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!
C He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!
- P** God came to Adam and Eve after they had sinned.
C He clothed them, hiding their shame.
- P** God came to Israel when they were enslaved in Egypt.
C He delivered them out of the house of slavery.
- P** Christ was born into our world.
C He cast out demons, healed our diseases, and preached good news to the poor.
- P** Christ came into Jerusalem on a donkey.
C And He died and rose again for us and for our salvation.
- P** Christ promised He will come again.
C We wait for His return and the resurrection of the dead.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!
C He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Luke 19:38

P In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. We await the celebration of His birth at Christmas. We remember His arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We long for His glorious return. As we wait, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that our faith has been lacking. We have not abounded in love for one another or for You. Our hearts are filled with blame and shame, with corruption and conceit. Forgive us, strengthen our faith, and purify our hearts.**

P Jesus not only comes as an infant at Christmas and in glory at His return, but He also comes to you in words of forgiveness and life. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

+ WORD +

444 NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING JEREMIAH 33:14–16

(A Righteous Branch will spring up for David)

“Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9–13

(“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love.”)

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what 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, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

339 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU EVERLASTING DOORS

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28–40 *(Jesus’ triumphant entry.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples

began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

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MEMORY VERSE ~ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

442 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

SERMON "King Of Kings" Luke 19:28-40

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Luke 19:38

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who do not know You, those who have rejected You, and those who are straying from You. Unite them to Your glorious throne and dwell in their hearts. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

G Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

P Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are lonely and in need of Your presence. Come to the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, the homebound, the mentally ill, those who are in transition, and anyone else who experiences the pain of loneliness. Remind them of Your incarnation and lead them to Your Church, where we bear one another's burdens. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

G Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

P Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are oppressed and at the mercy of others. Rescue those who are suffering, abused, neglected, and hated. Comfort them with Your tender presence and love. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

G Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

P Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially* . . . Strengthen them with Your healing hand and with Your unwavering presence. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

G Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

P Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the hope of resurrection life that is ours in Christ Jesus. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

P Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who rejoice and direct their praise and thanksgiving to You. Grant that their rejoicing lead us all to praise Your name. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

P Lord Jesus Christ, come to Your broken Church with the gifts of reconciliation and restoration. Unite Your people once again so that we enjoy fellowship rather than fractured division. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

P Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your ever-present mercy.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has deigned to visit us with His merciful presence so that we would be united to Him and reconciled to You. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

338 COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father...**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

333 ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING

341 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

POST COMMUNION HYMN 387 JOY TO THE WORLD

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on

the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

350 COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

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Ushers	Dick Bluemer, Bruce Tessin, Dale Rohde		

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 80 Needed for *The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,128 ~ Received for the *Lord's Work* \$4,548 = Loose Plate \$47, Envelopes \$4,166, Mission \$70, Maintenance \$265; Cap Prj. \$5.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday ~ Dec 7- Amanda Clapp, Daniel Coulter; Dec 9- Margie Neuenfeldt; Dec 10- Tracey Little; Dec 11- Brad Pinet; Dec 13- David Bohn, Greg Mallek, Dale Rohde, Lloyd Zastrow, Sr.

Advent Soup & Sandwich Suppers will be held on Wednesday, **December 5, 12, and 19** at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 7:00 pm. December 19 will be a potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share!

Annual Christmas Brunch will be held following the service of carols and scripture readings on **December 9**. Bring your favorite dish to share and join us in the fellowship hall. Tableware and beverages will be provided. Invite your family and friends to join you as we prepare for the reason for the season! Jesus!

Thank You ~ The family of Marilyn Beyersdorf extends their sincere gratitude to the Ladies Aid and members of the congregation for the beautiful luncheon following the funeral service. The support, words of comfort, and prayers of Pastor Hauser and the congregation for Marilyn and her family during her illness and after her death are greatly appreciated.