

8am - Broadcast Hymn: CW 200, vv 1 & 2

Welcome

Hymn 3

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins and advent candle Lighting

M: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

C: **But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

M: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death. *Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23*

♪ **O, come, O, come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel.
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God's mercy, today we light the **LOVE** candle. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

C: **This is love: not that we loved God, but that he *loved* us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Galatians 4:4,5; 1 John 4:9;10

♪ **O, come, my Love, who gives to me
Grace undeserved, unending, free.**

**Help me to share this gift most rare
That all, God's hope and peace, may share.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: In the love of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

C: God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21



Prayer of the Day

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-8

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness. “So then, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when people will no longer say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,’ but they will say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.’ Then they will live in their own land.”

gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

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