

Sunday Worship

O Come Let Us Adore
Him

December 15, 2019

Advent: Kingdom Come

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10:30A

10:26a **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

GATHERING

10:30a **Welcome**

> *Welcome to Grace Sacramento*

> *My name is ... and I'm so happy you are here. Please take a moment and let us know you are here by filling out the welcome card in your bulletin. It's a way for us to get in touch with you if you'd like more information about the ministries we offer and for you to let us know how we can pray for you or serve your family.*

> *I want to invite the Almeida family to light the third Advent candle as our call to worship this morning.*

10:31a **Advent Reading**

Leader #1: Advent is a word that means “coming” or “arrival.” It is a four-week period in which the church remembers the promises of Jesus’ first coming, and looks forward to His promise to come again. Just as John the Baptist told the Jewish people to “prepare” for the Lord’s coming, we need to encourage each other to be ready for His coming again.

Leader #2: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

Leader #3: We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

**People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.** [Isaiah 2:4]

*Leader #4: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,*

**People: The calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.** [Isaiah 11:6]

*Leader #1: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.*

**People: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”** [Isaiah 40:4-5]

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. [Lighting of first, second and third candle]

Leader #2: Let us pray.

Lord as we anticipate Your coming this Christmas help us to anticipate Your glory. Make us a people that pray for and work towards Your glory and Your name being known in every corner of the earth.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

10:33a **O Come All Ye Faithful**

10:37a **Is He Worthy**

10:41a **Confession/Assurance**
Call to Confession [Psalm 79:9]

God's Word urges us to acknowledge our sins and confess our failures before God and one another so that we may be forgiven through His boundless goodness and mercy.

Psalm 79:9 says: "Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!"

Let's confess together:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
and apart from Your grace,
there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who repent, according to Your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and fruitful life,
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance [Psalm 103:10-12]

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Thanks be to God!

10:45a **Offering**

10:45:30a ***O Come O Come Emmanuel***

10:49:30a **Doxology**

10:50a **GraceKids Prayer**

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10:51a **Passing of the Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

10:53a **Prayers of the People**

God of hope, draw near to us and guide us by Your Spirit.

Gather all the nations into Your care...

[Silent Reflection]

Guide Your Church in this place and around the world...

[Silent Reflection]

Keep us steady in faith and set our hearts to desire Your coming Kingdom...

[Silent Reflection]

Come, Holy Spirit, heal our wounded souls and misshaped desires...

[Silent Reflection]

Free us from anxiety and lead us to trust You...

[Silent Reflection]

We pray for the leaders of the nations and the unrest in our own nation...

[Silent Reflection]

Father, support those who are going through trials, for those suffering in body or mind...

[Silent Reflection]

For families and friends, for all who have asked for our prayers and who pray for us...

[Silent Reflection]

For our country, the city of Sacramento, and this neighborhood that Christians here may be witnesses to Your life and unity...

[Silent Reflection]

Come, Lord Jesus. Hear our prayer as we pray as You taught us

LORD'S PRAYER

10:56a **Ministry Moment**

> SWD Art Interview

> Christmas Eve Service Announcement

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WORD

10:57a **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 146:5-10

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Psalm 146:5-10. Please read with me the verses in blue.

[5] Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**[6] who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

[7] who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

[8] the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

[9] The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**[10] The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

11:00a **Sermon**

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TABLE

11:35a **Communion**

> Servers: Daniel Yoon, Brad Carpenter, Randy Anderson, Mark Lee

> Prayer Ministers: Kris Backus, Jeff Lynch

11:41a ***Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)***

SENDING

11:45a **Benediction**

11:46a **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

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