



Saint Nicholas, 4th century Bishop of Myra, Turkey



WELCOME TO INCARNATION

Worship Guide for the 2nd Sunday of Advent | Dec 4, 2022

PROCESSIONAL SONG

The Advent Herald

1. Herald, sound the note of judgment
warning us of right and wrong
turning us from sin and sadness
till once more we sing the song

2. Herald, sound the note of gladness
Tell the news that Christ is near
Make a pathway through the desert
For the one who dries our tears

Chorus:

*Sound the trumpet, tell the message
Christ the Savior soon will come
To make beauty from the ashes
Come to make his people one*

3. Herald, sound the note of pardon
Bringing hope of sins forgiven
God receives his wayward children
And to them new life is given

Words by Moir A.J. Waters, melody Walker's Southern Harmony

THE ACCLAMATION

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,
People **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,
People **And your young men shall see visions.**

Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Bishop And it shall come to pass

People **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Bishop Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Bishop Lord, have mercy.

OPENING SONG

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Holy Spirit, come to us
Kindle in us the fire of your love
Holy Spirit, come to us
Holy Spirit, come to us
(repeat)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Let us pray.

All **Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

ADVENT TESTIMONY & LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: BUZ SCHULTZ

After the testimony and lighting of the Advent candles, all sing

Light One Candle

(Week 1) Light one candle for Hope
One bright candle for Hope
Christ brings Hope to every heart
He comes, He comes

(Week 3) Light one candle for Joy
One bright candle for Joy
Christ brings Joy to every heart
He comes, He comes

(Week 2) Light one candle for Peace
One bright candle for Peace
Christ brings Peace to every heart
He comes, He comes

(Week 4) Light one candle for Love
One bright candle for Love
Christ brings Love to every heart
He comes, He comes

Words and music by Natalie Sleeth CCLI # 233766

THE LESSONS

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:16-18

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14

Reader The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and gives wisdom to the simple.
People **The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**
Reader The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
People **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, than the drippings from the honeycomb.**
Reader Moreover, by them is your servant taught, and in keeping them there is great reward.
People **Who can tell how often he offends? O cleanse me from my secret faults.**
Reader Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offense.
People **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:7-14

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON Bishop John Guernsey

SILENT REFLECTION & SONG OF RESPONSE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descending
comes, our homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of heaven now incarnate
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day
comes, that pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the shadows pass away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION

Presenters Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters They have.

Bishop Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation **We will.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Bishop confirms or reaffirms each candidate by the laying on of hands. At the conclusion, the Bishop prays

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome visitors!** Please fill out a blue card and take a mug, Book of Common Prayer, or Bible!
- **Please stay for the potluck today!** We will tear down quickly so we can feast together!
- **Advent mini-retreat:** Sat, Dec 10, 9:30am-12pm, sign up on the Advent website: incarnationanglican.org/advent-2022
- **Advent contemplative prayer** stations available throughout Advent, 9:30-10am in Room 102
- **Next Sunday after the service:** Budget update/Q&A; Child Safety Training (RSVP to jennykgoebel@gmail.com); children's Christmas Eve mini-pageant rehearsal (email johanna.montague@gmail.com)
- **Advent offering** for Partners' work serving children in the Al Hol refugee camp in Syria. To give: incarnationanglican.org/give or text a dollar amount and the word "advent" to 843-21.
- **Communion instructions;** prayer available during communion through after the service
- To give to Incarnation: incarnationanglican.org/give or text a dollar amount to 843-21.

OFFERTORY SONG

Holy Spirit

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayer's arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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THE OFFERTORY

Bishop Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE SURSUM CORDA (LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS)

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Bishop continues . . .

. . . joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy and gracious Father . . .

The Bishop continues . . .

. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Bishop continues . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION (BREAKING OF THE BREAD)

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Bishop Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **Have mercy on us.**

Bishop Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **Have mercy on us.**

Bishop Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **Grant us your peace.**

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who are baptized and following Jesus. Gluten-free bread and wine are available upon request. Those who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. A prayer team is available to offer prayer immediately after you receive communion.

Cantic of the Turning (The Magnificat)

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

*Chorus: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all the tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more
for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Words and music Hal H. Hopson and Rory Cooney CCLI #380042

How Long?

1. How long will you turn your face away?
How long? Do you hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way—
How long?

2. How long 'til your children find their rest?
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?
We go on holding to your promises—
How long?

Chorus:

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*

3. How long 'til your word will still the storm?
How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns—
How long?

4. How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on—great that cloud of witnesses!
How long!

Amen! Jesus Come! (4x)

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FAREWELL PRAYERS FOR BISHOP JOHN

All are invited to gather around the Bishop with prayers of blessing and gratitude for his ministry.

SENDING, BLESSING, & DISMISSAL

Bishop All our problems
People **We send to the cross of Christ.**
Bishop All our difficulties
People **We send to the cross of Christ.**
Bishop All the devil's works
People **We send to the cross of Christ.**
Bishop All our hopes
People **We set on the risen Christ.**

Bishop Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**