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ORDER OF WORSHIP – Saturday, November 30, 2024 @ 5:30pm

First Weekend of Advent

Welcome

Announcements

Communion is celebrated at each service. Please contact the church office if you are unable to come into the building and wish to receive.

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Confession and Absolution (stand)

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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

Praise song 1

Praise song 2

Lighting of Advent Wreath

L: Today we begin our celebration of Advent.

On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas
we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ.

To help us celebrate,

We will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath.

The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World.

The evergreens reminds us that He is life and brings life to us.

All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Each Sunday we will light an additional candle.

Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles,

Including the center one, the Christ candle.

As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us.

He is Immanuel... God with us.

L: On this first Sunday of Advent

C: We light the candle of hope.

(acolyte lights one candle)

L: Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started.

C: Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised.

L: All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

C: He is our hope, today and forever! (2 Corinthians: 1:20)

All: Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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.

Psalm 25:1–10

¹To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

⁸**Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so 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.

Verse

Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2^{1st} chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 21:25–36

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people

fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children’s message

Sermon

Nicene Creed

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

**Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

**I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Response song

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Offering

We continue the age-old practice of presenting our tithes, gifts, and offerings to Almighty God though now through modern means. Giving options and contact information are listed the end of this worship folder, and appear on the screen.

Service of the 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.

Sanctus

O Come O Come Emmanuel (Chorus)

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

The Proclamation of Christ

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

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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 forever and ever.

Amen.

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

Sanctus

O Come O Come Emmanuel (Chorus)

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Distribution

Communion Song

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.

Dismissal

Sending -

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Your Offerings

1. Mail to St. Paul @ 21 Still Rd., Monroe, NY 10950.
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3. Via our website using Paypal.
4. Using Venmo: @StPaulMonroe
 - Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement

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