

LITANY ON ADVENT WAITING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: "I wait for Your salvation, O Lord." (Genesis 49:18)

C: "May integrity and uprightness preserve us, for we wait for You." (Psalm 25:21)

P: "And now, O Lord, who do we wait for?"

C: Our hope is in You." (Psalm 39:7)

P: "Our soul waits for the Lord;

C: He is our help and shield." (Psalm 33:20)

P: "I waited patiently for the Lord;

C: He inclined to me and heard my cry." (Psalm 40:1)

P: "Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord."

(Psalm 31:24) Let us pray:

C: Lord, it's hard for us to wait. Teach us during this busy Advent season to quietly wait for You. We wait to celebrate anew Your incarnation, and we wait for You to come again in glory. Give us patience and strength as we wait. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Light One Candle

#240, verse 3



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 30:18

¹⁸Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Hosea 12:6

⁶But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God.

SONG

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus
 Born to set Thy people free
 From our fears and sins release us
 Let us find our rest in Thee
 Israel's strength and consolation
 Hope of all the earth Thou art
 Dear desire of every nation
 Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver
 Born a child and yet a King
 Born to reign in us forever
 Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
 By Thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone
 By Thine all sufficient merit
 Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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GOSPEL – Luke 23:50-53

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Waiting in a Frantic Culture” Pastor Lori Swenson

SONG *Light Of The World*

Verse 1

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel
A child prays for peace on earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
O come O come Emmanuel
And can you hear the angels singing

Verse 2

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love come down
Come down Emmanuel woh
He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah the Prince of peace has come
He has come Emmanuel oh

Chorus 3

Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Behold your King behold Messiah
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Chorus 1

Glory to the Light of the world
Glory the Light of the world is here

Chorus 2

Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world
Glory to the light of the world

Bridge

For all who wait for all who hunger
For all who've prayed
for all who wonder
Behold your King behold Messiah
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Ending

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel

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OFFERING PRAYER

C: Trustworthy Lord, You have abundantly entrusted us with all we need not only to live but to share. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us. Accept these our offerings by which Your good work is done here among us and out in the world of need. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord of our waiting. **C: Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CELEBRATION SONG

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells

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SENDING

L: Go in peace. Wait for the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.