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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021 (*Hope*)



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*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah...
...and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar. ~ Matthew 1*

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Jer. 33:14*)

The day of the Lord is surely coming;
the promise of God will be fulfilled.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Paula and Terry Trill

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle, **we pray for holy hope of God.**

Come now, O Child of Mary, **Come now, O Child of Hope.**

Let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

RESPONSE

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

GTG #89

By Marty Haugen

Refrain / Verse 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As the Holy One has promised, in days to come: the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

**nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

In the light of hope, come let us worship God. **Amen.**

HYMN

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

GTG #93

Text by George Weissel; *Musica Sacra*

TRURO

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to privilege. Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession]

*RESPONSE

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

GTG #88

French Antiphon

Refrain / Verse 1

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN

GTG #107

By Marty Haugen

Verse 1

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

May God be with you there. May God be with you here.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

RESPONSE

SONG OF HOPE

GTG #765

Argentine folk melody

~ **THE WORD** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GRANDMOTHERS OF ADVENT: TAMAR

Janis Carr

... and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar ...

HEBREW BIBLE

GENESIS 38

CEB (select verses)

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 21:25-36

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

GRANDMOTHER OF HOPE

Rev. Wigger

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From the Confession of 1967*)

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

GLORY, GLORY, GLORY

GTG #584

Based on Luke 2:14; Pablo Sosa

CUEQUITA

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ SENDING ~

HYMN

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

GTG #354

American melody; Text by Julia Howe

BATTLE HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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