# A Weary World Rejoices Season of Advent 2024

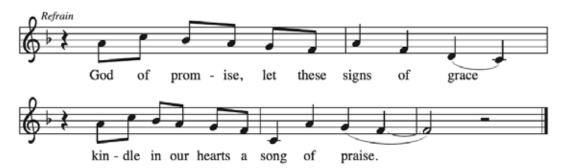
# Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Based on Kate Bowler's A Blessing for Beginning Again in Advent



God, in the midst of this weary world, could this be the year when we see it?

The goodness that is coming, like starlight from a distant time?

Could this be the Advent when we notice

the inbreaking of your coming promises?

Promises full of blessing:

week 1: of truth so clear, so bright that every shadowy lie must flee away.

week 2: of compassion so deep, so strong that everyone is encircled in its embrace.

week 3: of restoration so complete, so beautiful that there is gladness everywhere.

week 4: of justice so satisfying and so right, that all will be well.

### All Sing Refrain

May these Advent candles be signs of a new beginning

as we learn to live by the light of your coming promises.

### Glimpsing the world through tears,

while also seeing something sacred shining through.

### Our Truth. Our Light.

Our Promise incarnate, in whom our weary world may indeed rejoice.

Amen

# Gathering Hymn

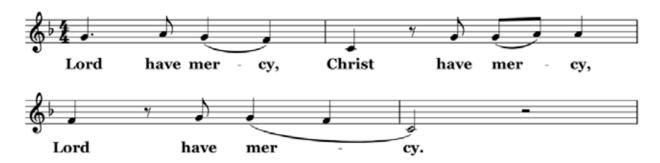
# <u>Greeting</u>

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

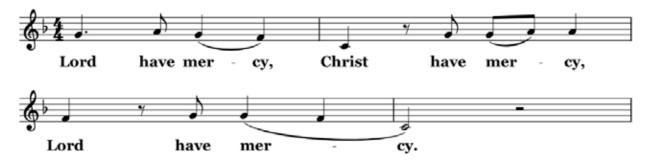
### And also with you

#### <u>Kyrie</u>

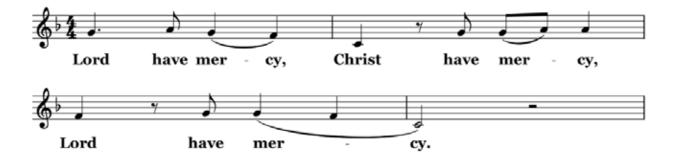
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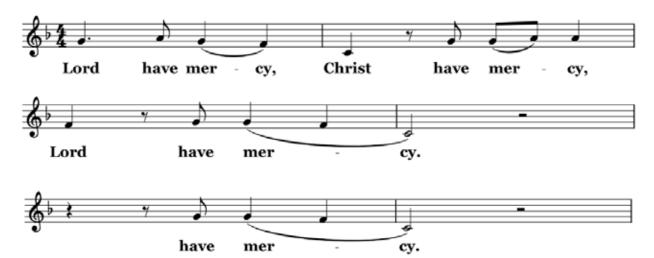


We pray for hate to cease, and all to live in peace; for false divisions that divide, that love would be the only side. In peace, we pray to the Lord.



For every holy house that seeks to lift the powerless and weak; for clarity of mind and soul, for strength to serve and live our call. I peace, we pray to the Lord.





*Comfort and defend us. Never leave us. Comfort and defend us, always keep us.* 



Amen.



Prayer of the Day The Lord be with You And also with you Read the prayer together from the bulletin insert or screen

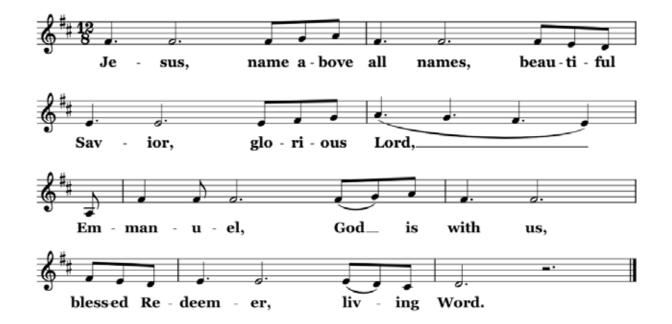
#### First Reading

... Word of God, word of life **Thanks be to God** 

<u>Psalm</u> See bulletin insert and screen

#### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus, Name Above All Names ~ W&P 77



The holy gospel according to Luke Glory to you, O Lord

The gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ

#### <u>Sermon</u>

#### Hymn of the Day

<u>Creed</u>

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead.

Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Prayers**

Each portion of the prayers concludes, Lord, in your mercy, and you may respond, receive our prayer

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us with compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

#### Amen.

Holy and gracious God,

we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed. Some is known only to you. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin

and take away our guilt.

Deliver us and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you.

As God's forgiven people, hold fast to the promises of God

### Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Peace

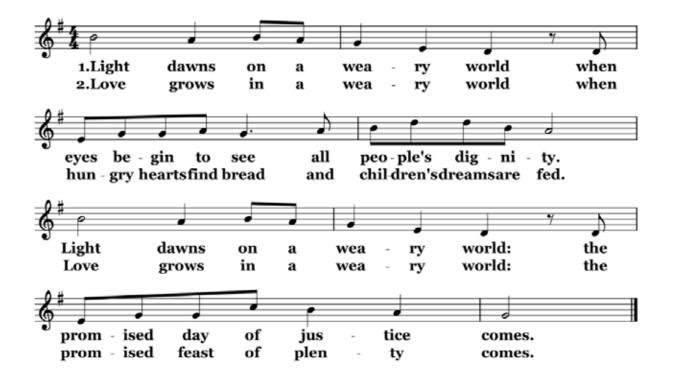
The peace of Christ be with you always.

### And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering

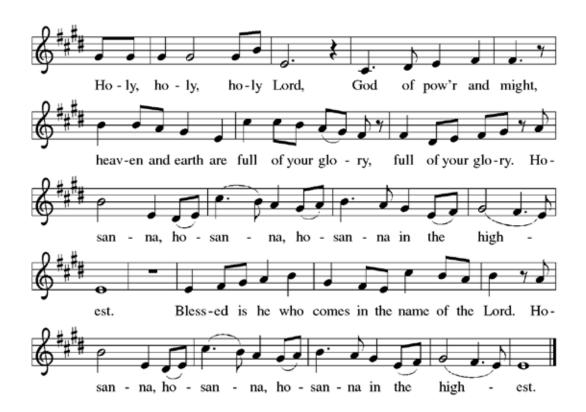
Offering Hymn Light Dawns on a Weary World – ELW 726, vss. 1-2



#### **Offering Prayer**

God of goodness and promise, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Receive these gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our community and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Holy Communion The Lord be with you And also with you Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give God thanks and praise It is indeed right . . . Join their unending hymn:



Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Words of Institution

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

#### Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

#### May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

#### Come, Holy Spirit

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, one God, now and forever. **Amen** 

#### Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy CommunionCome to the Table of Mercy ~ ELW 481You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand<br/>or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice.<br/>If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms<br/>over your chest.

#### Communion Hymns

#### **Blessing after Communion**

#### Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery; in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn**

<u>Dismissal</u> Wait for the Lord in faith and hope Thanks be to God

### Postlude