

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

Refrain

God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace
kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 3/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

God, in the midst of this weary world, may this be the season when we feel more.
Hope for more. Reach for more.

Make us alive this season to every tiny sign that your promises are coming.

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.

**Seeing 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

Greeting

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

Kyrie

By Lacey Brown

In peace, we pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with a slur over 'mer - cy,' and a quarter rest before 'Christ'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics, with a slur over 'mer - cy.' and a quarter rest at the end.

*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.*

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy.

The musical notation is identical to the first section, consisting of two staves in 4/4 time with lyrics: "Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy," and "Lord have mer - cy.".

*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.
In peace, we pray to the Lord.*

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy.

The musical notation is identical to the previous sections, consisting of two staves in 4/4 time with lyrics: "Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy," and "Lord have mer - cy.".

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,

Lord have mer - cy.

have mer - cy.

Comfort and defend us. Never leave us.

Comfort and defend us, always keep us.

Com-fort and de-fend us, Nev-er leave us.

Com-fort and de-fend us, al-ways keep us.

Nev-er leave us.

Amen.

A - - - men.

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

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Word of God, word of life
Thanks be to God

Psalm

See bulletin insert and screen

Gospel Reading

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,
Em - man - u - el, God is with us,
blessed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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

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The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Creed

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

The image shows the musical notation for the Offering Hymn 'Light Dawns on a Weary World'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves contain the main verses, and the last two staves contain the concluding lines. The lyrics are: 1. Light dawns on a weary world when eyes be - gin to see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. 2. Love grows in a weary world when hun - gry hearts find bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Light dawns on a weary world: the the Love grows in a weary world: the the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes. prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Wait for the Lord in faith and hope
Thanks be to God

Postlude