1st Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

The King Shall Come: He is Coming to Save Us

This Sunday

Rulers plan and administrate and govern. They typically do not save. If your house is on fire, it will not be the mayor who shows up to save you from the flames. If America were attacked, the President would serve as the commander in chief of the armed forces. The President would not pick up a weapon, go to the front lines, and fight to save you from the enemy.

Jesus is different. He is both infinitely greater than all other rulers, yet also infinitely humbler. He does not consider it beneath his rank as King to risk his life for his subjects. He is willing to fight for us. He is willing to die for us. For King Jesus came into our world for one reason—to save us.

Gathering Rite Hosanna to the Coming Lord CW 21

Stand

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

C: Amen.

M: Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

C: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalm 119:89.105

(sung) Hosanna to the coming Lord!
Hosanna to the incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King
Let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing.

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

C: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

M: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

C: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice

Psalm 51:1-2.7-8

(sung) O Advent King, our sins forgive;
Come in our lives and hearts to live,
And let our humble souls become
A temple worthy of your name.



Our mission is to **Glorify God**

as we

Gather

around the Gospel to help people

Grow

in the **Gospel** and

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with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son \mathfrak{P} and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

(sung) O Savior, with protecting care
Abide in this your house of prayer,
Where we your parting promise claim,
Assembled in your sacred name.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

All of us have become unclean, tainted by sin. So we needed our King to come to save us.

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil,

come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,

you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, Lord, are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray,

for we are all your people. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day







The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,* the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas* and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*
Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a <u>pure</u> heart,* he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you <u>ancient doors</u>,* that the King of glory <u>may</u> come in.

Who is this King of <u>glory</u>?*
The LORD strong and mighty,

the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you <u>ancient doors</u>,* that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of <u>glory</u>?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

faithful God promises to enrich us with every spiritual gift so that we can stand firm as we wait for our King to come again on judgment day.

- ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NIV)

Verse of the Day (Thursday and Sunday 8:00 am)

M: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

Advent Canon (Sunday 10:30 am)

Junior Choir

Come Lord Jesus, come and save us,

Come Lord Jesus, come.

Bring your peace to every nation,

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

In this season, we are waiting;

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Flower of Jesse, bloom within us;

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Emmanuel, God with Us;

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

by Carey Landry 2000 published by OCP Publications Gospel Mark 11:1-10

On Palm Sunday Jesus rides into Jerusalem as a king. The crowd shouts, "Hosanna!" which means, "Save us!"

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly."

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted.

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" [Psalm 118:25,26]

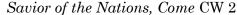
¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (NIV)

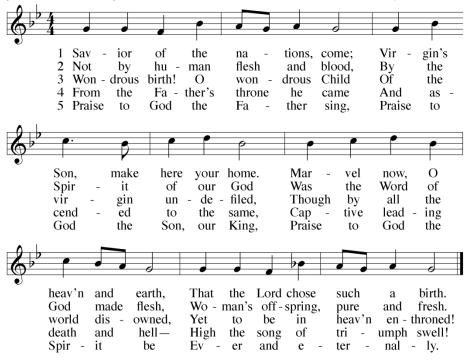
M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated







Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt. Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) Geystiliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524.

Sermon Isaiah 64:1-9

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be Seated

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Offering

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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; 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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes Hymn 12



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