

**Home Worship Liturgy
Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020**

The Lord be with you! We invite you to combine individual or family worship in your home with a video available on the Calvin Church website around 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 13.

<https://www.calvincrc.org/recent-services/>

Italicized parts of the liturgy are included in the video, so you can choose to participate along with the video or on your own.

Prelude: Preludes on “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” – Charles Ore; Johannes Brahms

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Prepare the Way of the Lord – Becki Slagle Mayo
Cherub and Covenant Choirs; Nancy Triezenberg, piano*

Advent Reading and Prayer

Greeting

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and from the Holy Spirit – the Spirit who makes us one with God and one as the people of God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (#56: stanzas 1-4)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

If those gathered choose to sing more songs together, here are a few options:

- Sing familiar hymns accompanied by a piano or another instrument, if available.
- Sing familiar hymns a cappella.
- Consult hymnary.org for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.

Call to Confession

*In this Advent season,
we prepare the way of the Lord
by bringing our confession to the Triune God.
Let's pray together.*

Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God,
you who shaped out of nothing all that is,*

*forgive us for returning empty handed.
You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, this Advent, know that in Jesus Christ your sins are completely forgiven. In Jesus, we are a forgiven people, and we are free. Amen!

Anthem: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – arr. Christine D. Anderson

Message for Children

Before the video prayer, you may wish to speak or journal your own prayers, and then join your prayers to others as you start the video again.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Hymn: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (#70: stanzas 1-4)

(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)

Prayer for Illumination

*God of love and power,
you are revealed to us in your Word,
in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment
that direct our attention to Jesus Christ.
Illumine us now as we hear your Word proclaimed,
that we may open our hearts to him,
yearn for his coming in glory,
and serve him with joy. Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday,
December 13: Isaiah 11:1-9*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – “O Branch of Jesse’s Stem”

Prayer of Application

Moment for Mission

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

*Doxology: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (#70: stanza 5)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Postlude: Savior of the Nations, Come – Johann Pachelbel

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Makalah Hartgerink and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Moment for Mission: Ron Rozema

Organist/Pianist: Kenneth Bos

Handbells: Penny Kindraka

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Descant



4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;
F Dm Gm7 F C B^b Csus C F

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.
Dm A7 Dm C B^b F Csus C7 F

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL see 351, 831

Words: Charles Wesley (1744), P.D.

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70 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

D Bm D D/A A D

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin: make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our re - fuge

A/C# D Bm A

that the Lord is nigh. A - wake and hark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we

G D A/C# A G A D

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
 and make us rise to fall no more.
 O let your face upon us shine
 and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
 whose advent has our freedom won,
 whom with the Father we adore,
 and Holy Spirit, evermore

For an alternate arrangement see 900

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