

**Home Worship Liturgy
Second Sunday in Advent
December 6, 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 at about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 6.

<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.

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ's body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God's love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ's body.

*Prelude: Two Preludes on "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
– Nancy M. Raabe; Anne Krentz Organ*

Welcome

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

*Advent Reading and Prayer
read by members of the 2019 Covenant Choir*

Greeting:

*Grace, mercy, and peace be to you, from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

*Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (stanzas 1,2,4,7)
(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:

*When we come into the holy presence of God,
Our own humanity is laid bare.
When we stand in the living presence of truth,
Our own falsehood is revealed.
People of God, let us acknowledge who we are
And ask our ever-present God to forgive us.*

Prayer of Confession:

*Merciful God,
You made us in your image,
With a mind to know you,
A heart to love you,
And a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
Our love inconstant,
Our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive us
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

Assurance of Pardon:

*Friends hear the Good news:
God the Creator brings you new life,
Forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness,
And live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen*

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: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (stanzas 1,2,4)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Prayer for Illumination:

Creator God,

you remind us that the darkness of ignorance and doubt cannot overcome your life-giving Word.

May your Holy Spirit, who first inspired these words of Scripture, shine your light and once again awaken us to the hearing and living of this radiant truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday, December 6: Proverbs 8:22-36.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – “O Wisdom”

Prayer of Application

The Lord's Supper

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming opened to us the way of salvation and whose triumphant return we eagerly await. You sent Jesus into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ, our host.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

(You may prepare the elements, breaking the bread and pouring the cup, during the following words of institution.)

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

(Each worshiper eats the bread, saying to oneself or to one another, “The body of Christ for you. Each worshiper drinks from the cup, saying to oneself or to one another, “The blood of Christ for you.”)

Let us pray: Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Moment for Benevolence

Benediction:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

*Doxology: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (stanza 5)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Postlude: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying – John Ferguson; Michael Burkhardt

Liturgists: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys and Pastoral Intern Makalah Hartgerink

Preacher: Rev. Brad Zwiers

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Em Am Em G C

1 O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som cap-tive

2 O come, O Wis-dom from on high, who or-dered all things

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on

4 O come, thou branch of Jes-se's stem, un-to thine own and

Am Em/B Bm Em Am Em D

Is-ra-el that mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here

might-i-ly; to us the path of knowl-edge show

Si-nai's height in an-cient times did give the law

res-cue them! From depths of hell your peo-ple save,

Em D G Am G/B D G Refrain D Em Bm G

un-till the Son of God ap-pear.

and teach us in its ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-

in cloud and maj-es-ty and awe.

and give them vic-tory o'er the grave.

Am D Em D G C Am Em/B Bm Em

man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

Words: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. Composite, P.D.

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5 O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Refrain

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

7 O come, desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of peace.
Refrain

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Unison E^b Cm B^b

1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten ere the worlds be-gan to be,
 2 O that birth for-ev-er bless-ed, when a vir-gin, blest with grace,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one ac-cord,
 4 Let the heights of heaven a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais-es sing:
 5 Christ, to you, with God the Fa-ther and the Spir-it, there shall be

he is Al-pha and O-me-ga— he the source, the end-ing he,
 by the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceive-ing, bore the Sav-ior of our race;
 > whom the voic-es of the proph-ets prom-ised in their faith-ful word;
 powers, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King;
 hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing and the shout of ju-bi-lee:

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu-ture years shall see
 and the babe, the world's Re-deem-er, first re-vealed his sa-cred face,
 > now he shines, the long-ex-pect-ed; let cre-a-tion praise its Lord
 let no tongue on earth be si-lent, ev-ery voice in con-cert ring
 hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min-ion and e-ter-nal vic-to-ry

ev-er-more and ev-er-more. (A-men.)

Fm E^b B^b Cm Fm Cm Fm E^b

Gm Cm A^b B^b

Cm B^b7 E^b *Last time* A^b B^b E^b

For an alternate arrangement see 38, 54

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