

Second Sunday in Advent – December 5, 2021

Week Two: “Wait Upon the Lord with Hope”

Thought: In this second Wait Upon the Lord service for Advent, we wait upon the Lord with hope. The prophet Isaiah declared the coming of the Lord, which gave the people of Israel hope for the future. We wait with hope for the future because we know what the future holds – a Savior.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Advent Peace

P: As we wait in hope for the peace of Christ to come, we greet each other: Hope and Peace be with you!

C: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

A: Wait upon the Lord.

C: **Be strong and courageous.**

A: Wait upon the Lord. That is what Isaiah said.

C: **Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.**

A: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

C: **They shall run and not be weary.**

P: They shall walk and not faint. Wait upon the Lord.

C: **Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

Gathering Hymn

“Hark the glad sound!” – ELW #239 (all verses)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Candle of Peace – Paul and Mary Sipka

Prayer:

God of hope, Prince of Peace,
You speak peace into the world
in the Way of the Christ child.
Help us embody your peace
and live as peacemakers
that we may be called children of God.

C: God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257 (Verse 2)

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting in hope for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater. In this we hope always.

P: In hope, believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of + Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

C: Believing in hope we say Amen.

Kyrie for Advent

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Give us patience.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Give us patience and hope.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Give us patience, peace and hope for the living of these days.

Hymn of Praise

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” ELW #272

Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

Prayer of the Day

A: O Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Be our strength every morning and our salvation in the night of despair.

C: Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Isaiah the prophet; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit – God forever. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 40:27-31

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall

renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm/Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us ^l from our enemies,⁷¹ from the hands of ^l all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our ^l father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship you ^l without fear,⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days ^l of our life.

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge ^l of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion ^l of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Epistle reading – Romans 8:22-25

As we wait eagerly for adoption as sons and daughters.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in ^[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not

hope. For who hopes^[b] for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**C: Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.
Hallelujah!**

Holy Gospel – John 1:1-5

In him was life, and the life was the light of people.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God

Homily – “But We Had Hoped”

Pastor Barnes

Hymn of the Day –

“Blessed Be the God of Israel” ELW #250

Nicene Creed – 2nd Article

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

Prayer of Intercession

P: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

A: You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill (*especially*). Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered

A: We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Offering

A time of thanksgiving as we wait in hope for our Lord.

Offertory Prayer

A: Heavenly Father, you provide for all our needs...

C: Yet, what we receive is only the beginning of your boundless grace.

A: Receive now, Lord, what we provide – our humble offerings.

C: May they, too, be only the beginning – tokens of an endless love for you.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: 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 our thanks and praise.

Advent Preface

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” ELW #242

*Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald it's dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide
the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.*

P: 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.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

The 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.

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, the road to you is open before us through the saving power of this sacrament.

C: Prepare our hearts to receive you.

A: Lord Jesus Christ, the road to God's own heart is laid within us by your Spirit's power.

C: Prepare in us a way.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Closing Hymn

“He Came Down” ELW #253

Dismissal

A: We live in hope knowing that each day is held in God's hands. We go to serve!

C: We go in hope to serve!

Postlude