



**November 28, 2021**  
**First Sunday in Advent—HOPE**

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Prelude

Chris Greninger

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll

Call to Worship\*\*

Rev. Kathryn Wilson

One: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,  
Christ is coming.

**All: He is coming to make all things new.**

One: In the private house, in the market place, in the wedding feast, in the judgment  
hall, Christ is coming.

**All: He is coming to make all things new.**

One: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love,  
Christ is coming.

**All: He is coming to make all things new.**

One: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might  
stumble, that the humble might be raised, Christ is coming.

**All: He is coming to make all things new.**

One: Within us, without us, among us, before us, in this place, in every place, for this time,  
for all time, Christ is coming,

**All: He is coming to make all things new. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Introit and Processional

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

*Chalice Hymnal* #135

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.

The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace shall come,  
a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.

Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the people’s eyes,  
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

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Prayers of the People and Advent Prayer\*\*

Rev. Wilson

Please maintain social distance while coming forward to light candles or submit prayer requests in the baskets at the front.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 13 (NRSV)

Amanda Hall

Choral Anthem "Bring Us Hope" Words & Music Ruth Elaine Shram, © 2017 Lorenz Publ. Co.

Dramatic Reading and Sung Response "Waiting" \*\*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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Reflection

Rev. Carroll

Song of Preparation "Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming" *Chalice Hymnal* #136 stz. 1,3

Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth;  
ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.

Dance and move to show God's glory; kneel and pause to hear God's word.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard.

Christians all, your Lord is coming, he will rise up from the dead.

Lift the cup of sin forgiven; bless the host and eat his bread.

Mend the ways where peace is broken, give yourselves to true Shalom.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Dwell as one in church and home.

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Communion Meditation and Prayer

Jeanie Morrison

Words of Institution

Rev. Carroll

Participation (Please come forward as dismissed to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you need to be served while seated.)

Offertory Prayer

Jeanie Morrison

Mission Challenge

Rev. Wilson

Announcements

Rev. Carroll

Closing Song "Come, O Long-expected Jesus" *Chalice Hymnal* #125 (Public Domain)

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.

From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;  
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.

By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

by your all-sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

Benediction \*\*

Rev. Carroll

Postlude

Chris Greninger

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