

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Worship Focus  
He's Coming to Save Us



The King  
Shall Come

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# Order of Service for FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*Order of Service*

*Service of Word and Sacrament*

## ✠ Gathering ✠

### OPENING HYMN

309 – The Advent of Our King



- 1 The ad - vent of our King our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son, in flesh con - tent to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain



and we must hymns of wel - come sing in strains of ho - ly joy.  
him - self a ser - vant's form puts on to set his ser - vants free.  
nor let a faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.  
and his true mem - bers all u - nite with him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day  
let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
the old self all be put away,  
the new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever one  
through all eternity.

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead. **We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.**

We hear his call to watch. **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*One Advent candle is lit.*



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise:

## SONG OF PRAISE

495 – The King Shall Come, st. 1



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -



um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.

*Be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.



## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

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

<sup>1</sup> Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! <sup>2</sup> 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! <sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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? <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 24

#### Refrain



#### Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and every- / thing in it,  
the world, and all who / live in it;  
for he founded it / on the seas  
and established it on the / waters.  
Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his / holy place?  
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,  
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. **Refrain**

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

Who is this King of / glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.

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

Who is he, this King of / glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Our 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.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

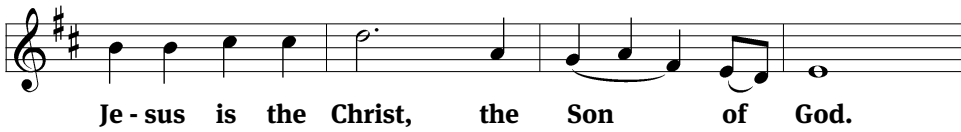
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



## GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-10

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

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

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

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

The Gospel of the Lord.



*Be seated*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

301 – Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the  
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the  
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -  
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
Spir - it of our God was the Word of  
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the  
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing  
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!  
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!  
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

### ✠ Sermon ✠

Isaiah 64:1-9

## Enough, Already!

Sermon notes:



## ✠ The Confession of Faith ✠

*Please stand*

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of these ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for prayer*

Holy Father, you have made us and shaped us. As you prepared the hearts of your people for the coming of your Son by the preaching of the prophets, make our hearts ready for his second coming as we listen to your Word. We lift up our heads to you. **Come to us, King of Glory.**

Lift up our heads and prepare our hearts as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, our heavenly King. We lift up our heads to you. **Come to us, King of Glory.**

All around us we see people walking in darkness, unaware of sin in the world or of your Son's coming, which is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Make us shine like lights in this dark world as we live by faith, empowered by your Spirit as he works in us with the Word. We lift up our heads to you. **Come to us, King of Glory.**

We thank you for those authorities, parents in the home, pastors, teachers, and elders in the church who watch over our souls, and those in the government who have the responsibility of watching over the safety of our bodies. Keep them faithful in their tasks, bless them, and make them a blessing to us. We lift up our heads to you. **Come to us, King of Glory.**

We pray for those who wait for relief of sicknesses of body or mind, [*especially...*]. Give them patience as they hear the Word of promise about your good purpose even in suffering. Heal, restore, and relieve all pain and sorrow as it fits your gracious will and plan. We lift up our heads to you. **Come to us, King of Glory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

O Lord, purify our consciences by your daily presence, that when your Son, our Lord comes, he may find in us a place prepared for himself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

# ✠ The Sacrament ✠

## PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

*Please stand*

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



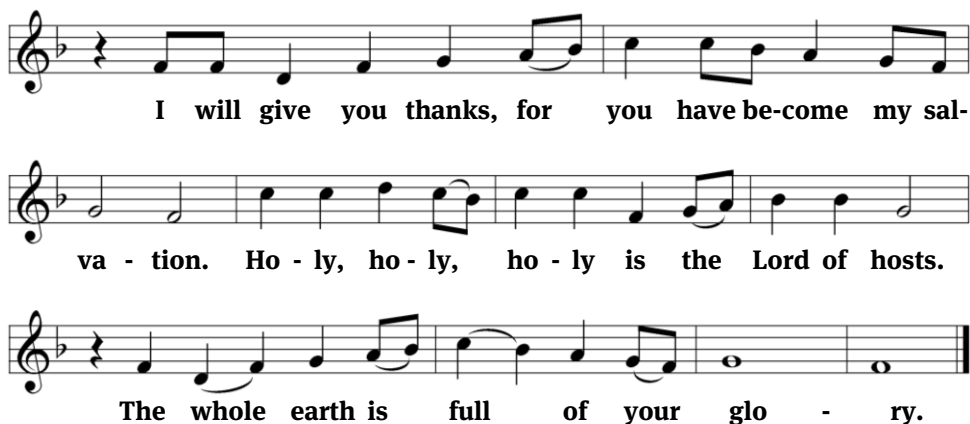
**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.**



**The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.**



**You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.**



I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-  
va-tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *(Agnus Dei)*



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

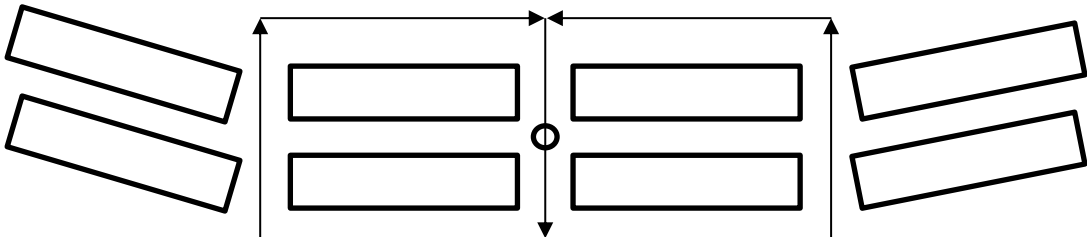
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

Be seated

### DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Enter along the side aisles toward the altar area. Move toward the center (unless otherwise directed). After receiving the Supper, return to your seat down the middle aisle, depositing your cup in the receptacle.



### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

548 – The King of Glory Comes

*Refrain*

The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.  
O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?  
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;  
4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
he took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.  
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

## ✂ Sending ✂

*Please stand*

### THANK THE LORD



**Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.**



**He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

## PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

Brother 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.



## CLOSING HYMN

313 – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to\_en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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