



CROSS OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday of Advent (Expanded) - Year B – December 13, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. Online
Assembly Home Worship Resource

CANDLE LIGHTING

We light a candle as a sign of God's loving presence holding us together in the Body of Christ.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Advent 6 – Dayspring (Morning Star, Light from the East)

Leader: As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches-- and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Malachi the prophet: "See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts." (Malachi 4:1-3)

Candle is lit while All sing:

**O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, in your resurrection you appeared as the Morning Star that knows no setting; Dawn upon the darkness of the human heart so that the deathly orders of this world may be overcome and your whole creation made new; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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HYMN *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* ELW 246

1. Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say. "Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!"
2. Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

3. See the Lamb, so long expected, come with pardon down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiv'n;

4. So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.

5. Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!

P.D.; Text: Latin hymn; tr. Edward Caswall; Music: William H. Monk

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SONG *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before,
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! **Chorus**

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

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READINGS Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11;
Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON Pastor Adam Berndt
Worship Series:
Come Lord Jesus - You are Dayspring

SONG *Until the Whole World Hears*

Lord, I want to feel Your heart, and see the world through Your eyes. I want to be your hands and feet I want to live a life that leads.

Chorus: Ready yourselves, ready yourselves.

Let us shine the light of Jesus in the darkest night.

Ready yourselves, ready yourselves.

May the pow'rs of darkness tremble as our praises rise.

Until the whole world hears, Lord, We are calling out;

Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound.

Like the voices in the wilderness We're crying out. As the day draws near, We'll sing until the whole world hears.

Lord, let Your sleeping giant rise, catch the demons by surprise. Holy nation sanctified, let this be our battle cry.

Chorus

Whoa, whoa. Sing until the whole world hears. Whoa, whoa. Sing until the whole world hears.

I want to be Your hands and feet. I want to live a life that leads To see you set the captives free until the whole world hears. And I pray that they will see more of You and less of me.

Lord, I want my life to be the song You sing.

Until the whole world hears, Lord, we are calling out

Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound.

Like voices in the wilderness we're crying out.

As the day draws near, we'll sing until the whole world hears. Whoa, whoa. Sing until the whole world hears.

Whoa, whoa. Sing until the whole world hears.

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PRAYERS *Hear us, O God...your mercy is great.*

TIME OF OFFERING *Your continued giving through the ministries of Cross of Hope is greatly appreciated.*

SONG *Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)*

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Chorus Joy, unspeakable joy! an overflowing well; no tongue can tell! Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!

3. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love! **Chorus**

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NOTES ON CONTINUED JOURNEY AND BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, + now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; We turn to you; Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; We long for You; 'Cause when we see you, we find strength to face the day; In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you; We turn to you; In Your kingdom broken hearts are made new, You make us new;

'Cause when we see you, We find strength to face the day; In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna, Come have Your way among us; We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day; In Your presence all our fears are washed away (repeat)

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna, Come have Your way among us; We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Repeat

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COMMUNION

Participate in communion in one of two ways: 1- come to Cross of Hope sometime between 10am-11am today, or 2- continue digitally at home.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the world, from the earth You give us bread to eat.

He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, through your goodness you give us the fruit of the vine.

He gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW 715

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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