St. Mark’s Worship Sunday November 29, 2020

Welcome to our Online Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn Verse 1-4 ELW 242***

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,

For angels herald its 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.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,

Emmanuel comes a-singing,

His humble song is quiet and near,

Yet fills the earth with its ringing;

Music to heal the broken soul

And hymns of loving kindness,

The thunder of his anthems roll

To shatter all hatred and blindness.

In darkest night his coming shall be,

When all the world is despairing,

As morning light so quiet and free,

So warm and gentle and caring.

Then shall the mute break forth in song,

The lame shall leap in wonder,

The weak be raised above the strong,

And weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,

Though dark the winter and cheerless,

The rising sun shall crown you with light,

Be strong and loving and fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer

And love our endless story;

May God fill ev'ry day we share

And bring us at last into glory.

**Mission Statement**

**“**Celebrating God’s Love and Forgiveness, We serve others”

**Advent Litany**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

You are light in our darkness.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Son of God, save us from our sins.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Son of Mary, deepen our love.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Bring hope into the lives of all people.

**Come, Lord Jesus**.

Give your peace to all nations.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Be the joy of all who love you.

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Bring unity among all who believe in you.

**Come, Lord Jesus**.

Bless us as we gather here in your name.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us always.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Let us pray:

Let us prepare our hearts as we await the coming of our Lord. Let us watch for the one who heard our cries and shouldered the suffering of our world. Let us anticipate the coming of Christ’s eternal world with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all. Let us wait in expectation for the day when God’s glory is revealed in all its fullness.

May Christ give us his peace and joy, and let us share them with others.

All peace and glory are his forever.

**Amen.**

Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty; grace, light, and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

***Hymn of Praise – Light the Advent Candle***

Light the Advent candle, one:

Now the waiting has begun;

we have started on our way,

time to think of Christmas day.

Refrain

Candle, candle, burning bright,

shining in the cold winter night;

candle, candle, burning bright,

fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**Lighting of The Advent Wreath**

**Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

***Creator of the Stars of Night Verse 1,2 ELW 245***

Creator of the stars of night,

Your people's everlasting light,

O Christ, redeemer of us all,

We pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night,

You came; but not in splendor bright,

Not as a monarch, but the child

Of Mary, blessed mother mild.

**Lesson - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 NRSV**

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**“Alleluia”**

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel - Mark 13:24-37 NRSV**

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

[Jesus said:] 24“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Karla Halvorson

***Creator of the Stars of Night Verse 3-5 ELW 245***

At your great name, O Jesus, now

All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:

All things on earth with one accord,

Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,

Redeem us for eternal day;

Defend us while we dwell below

From all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,

And God the Spirit, Three in One,

Praise, honor, might, and glory be

From age to age eternally. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your mercy is great.**

**Blessing of prayer quilts**

**Offering**

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***We Give Thee but Thine Own***

We give thee but thine own,

Whate’er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from thee.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Savior of the nations, come. **Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. 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. 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.

**Community Time**

**Blessing**

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, .☩  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Song – Soon and Very Soon Verse 1-4 ELW 439***

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Hallelujah hallelujah

We are going to see the king

No more crying there

No more crying there

No more crying there

Hallelujah hallelujah

We are going to see the king

No more dying there

No more dying there

No more dying there

Hallelujah hallelujah

We are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king

Hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah hallelujah

Go in peace- Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Share the Peace of the Lord in the comments below!**