
Liturgy of the Word

Prelude*Light One Candle*

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Candlelighting (Lucernaria)

V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

R. ***Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.***

V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

R. **O Lord God of hosts.**

V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R. ***Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.***

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:

R. ***And grant us your salvation.***

Opening Music*Days of Elijah*

Chorus: Behold He comes Riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice, It's the year of Jubilee. And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes.

Verse 1: These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice. In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Chorus

Verse 2: And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord. Chorus

Misc 1: (BRIDGE) There is no god like Jehovah (4X)

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity**Gloria**

Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalm 122

¹*I was glad when they said to me, * "Let us go to the house of the LORD."*

²*Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

³*Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;*

⁴*To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, **

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

⁵*For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.*

⁶*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * "May they prosper who love you.*

⁷*Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.*

⁸*For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.*

⁹*Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good."*

The Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

¹¹You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sequence Hymn

Speak, O Lord

Elizabeth Niedt

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning, you have the words of everlasting life.

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The Gospel – *Matthew 24:36-44*

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospel Response – *Speak, O Lord*

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

All remain standing. Presider or other leader

Let us pray for all our needs in this Holy Season, saying, **Hear us Lord!**

. . . Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

O come, O come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice!...
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times once gave the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice!...
4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them That trust your mighty power to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice!...
5. O come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice!...
6. O come, O Dayspring from on high And cheer us by your drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice!...
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of humankind; O bid our sad divisions cease, And be for us our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice!...

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing. . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving . . .
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Even so, Come

Tomlin

All of creation, All of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let every nation shout of Your fame. Jesus is coming soon.

Refrain: Like a bride waiting for her groom we'll be a church ready for You. Every heart longing for our King we sing even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever, faithful and true, Jesus is coming soon. Refrain

So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait, You're coming soon. (2X)

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for You. Every heart longing for our King, we sing.
Like a bride waiting for her groom, (we'll be) ready for You. Every heart longing for our King, we sing. Even so
come, Lord Jesus come.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come. (3X)

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Music

Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
3. No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
4. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen

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