

Advent Lutheran Church



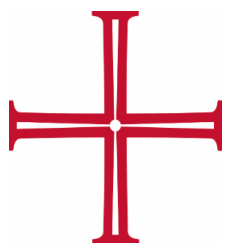
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Bold Women of Faith Sunday
May 12, 2024



Welcome to worship at Advent!

Ways to engage throughout the service online:



Space: So much of our living currently happens in one space. Consider designating worship time through the practice of lighting a candle, dimming the rest of the lights in the apartment, placing a cross (it can be homemade) or a Bible on the table – something that is sacred to you that designates we are gathering for sacred worship.

Community: There is a comments section, use it to say hi to one another and check in. Post pictures of you or your household preparing for or engaging in worship. Church is God's people gathered. So make yourself known and check in with each other in turn.

Music: Sing so loudly your neighbors sing along!

Prayers of the People: During the Prayers of the People, type your prayers into the comments section. And commit to holding the prayer request of at least one other person throughout the week.



Offering: Our ministry continues. Throughout this time, we continue to feed people. We continue to worship together. We continue to provide care for the whole community. Please consider continuing your financial contribution through online giving www.adventnyc.org/give or text to give at 917-994-8568 and follow the instructions.



Communion: At Advent, when we gather, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a cosmic event. There is a collapsing of time and space so that in that singular moment when you receive the body and the blood, you do so with every person who ever was, is and will be, in every time and place.

Rev. Tuhina Rasche says it best, *“As a called an ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, I took an oath to not only responsibly administer the sacraments, I also took an oath to care for God’s people. In caring for God’s people, if folks at home lift up their elements in the midst of worship, I fully and wholly believe the Holy Spirit to be at work to consecrate these elements. Yes, Jesus is at the right hand of God. And yes, even in elements consecrated in a virtual space, Jesus is in those elements as well. We cannot confine the moves of the Holy Spirit in community, even if that community is virtual.”*

During the consecration of the elements, you are invited to lift up bread and wine/juice in your home, and to commune when the words are spoken. Scripture tells us nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the promise.

All the People of God speak the text in Bold (that’s you!)

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type. | *Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN

You Are Holy



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

*GREETING

... and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving and Abiding God, you have chosen us as your own. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: *2 Samuel 11*

TW: Murder, Assault

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." As Joab kept watch over the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. The men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well. Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting, and he instructed the messenger, "When you have finished telling the king all the news about the fighting, if the king's anger rises and if he says to you, 'Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? Who killed Abimelech son of Jerubbaal? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead, too.'" So the messenger went and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us and came out against us in the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate. Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall; some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter trouble you, for the sword devours now one and now another; press your attack on the city and overthrow it.' And encourage him." When the wife of Uriah heard

that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Palestinian Hallelujah

Part I
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.

Part II
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

***GOSPEL:** *Matthew 8:14-15, Matthew 9:22, Matthew 12:46-50, Matthew 15:28 & 32, Matthew 20:20, Matthew 24:45, Matthew 26:6, 13, Matthew 27:55-56, Matthew 28:1*

Mark 1:31, Mark 5:34 & 41-42, Mark 7:29, Mark 12:43-44, Mark 14: 9, Mark 16:1, Mark 16:6

Luke 1:44 & 46, Luke 2:19 & 36-38, Luke 4, Luke 7:12, 14 & 50, Luke 8:1-3 & 48, Luke 10:41-42, Luke 13:11-12, Luke 15:8, Luke 18:5, Luke 21:3-4, Luke 23:26-27, Luke 24:1, Luke 24: 5, 9

John 4:28-29, 39, John 8:10-11, John 20:18

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary Mother of Jesus
Elizabeth
Mary Mother of Jesus

Anna the Prophet
Peter's Mother-in-Law
Mary Magdalene

Woman Who Touches Jesus Garment
 Jairus' Daughter
 Widow of Nain
 Woman Caught in Adultery
 Sinful Woman Forgiven
 Syrophenician Woman
 Bent over Woman
 Ten Virgins
 Mary and Martha

Woman at the Well in Samaria
 Woman with the Lost Coin
 Feeding of Crowds
 Persistent Widow
 Mother of James and John
 Woman who anointed Jesus at Bethany
 Poor Widow
 Disciples Mary Magdalene Joanna, Susanna,
 Salome

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ask the Complicated Questions

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

SERMON

Pastor Danielle Miller

REFLECTION

I'm Not Afraid of Anything

Jason Robert Brown
Kirsten Egenes, Mallory King

Jennie's afraid of water
I mean, she swims so well, but still
She's afraid of water
So she won't go near the sea...
Not me.

And Katie's afraid of darkness
I mean, she sleeps and all, but still,
She's afraid of darkness
So when the lights are out,
she has to hold my hand
I don't understand

I'm not afraid of anything
Be it mountains, water, dragons, dark or sky
I'm not afraid of anything
Tell me, where's the challenge if you never try?
So watch me fly!
I'm not afraid

Daddy's afraid of babies
I mean, he got through me, but now,
He's afraid of babies
Guess he's scared of what they'll be
Not me.
And Mama's afraid of crying
You know, she tries to hold it in
She's afraid of crying.
And she can look at me with
tears stuck in her eye
And I don't know why

I'm not afraid of anything
Be it growing old or going out of style
I'm not afraid of anything
Who would give up what they want

without a trial?
Another mile!
I'm not afraid!

And I feel the calling of adventure
And I hear the ringing in my ear
The lights are glaring, trumpets blaring
I'm right here
And I hear the calling of tomorrow
And I feel the stirring in my bones
And David loves me...
He's afraid to hold me

Listen to the calling of excitement
Can you feel the pounding of my heart?
The lights are ready, pulses steady
I can start!
Never stop the calling of the challenge
Blessing on the water and the stones
David loves me – he's afraid to tell me
David loves me – he's afraid to trust me
He's afraid to hold me
And he'll always be...
He's afraid of me...

And I'm not afraid of anyone!
I am sure to win with anyone at all
I'm not afraid of anyone
Not a soul alive who can get behind this wall
So let them call
And watch them fall
'Cause after all...
I'm not
Afraid.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*PEACE

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Please share the sign of peace with one another in the Spirit of Reconciliation with those around you, in the comments section, or take a moment to text someone the peace of Christ!

OFFERING



The gifts you give today are used for God's ministry here at Advent and around the world. You are invited to give via the offering plate or online at www.adventnyc.org/give. If you already give online or through your bank, please acknowledge and celebrate that offering by placing a yellow giving card, found in your pew, in the offering plate. Let us give thanks to God!

OFFERTORY

How Lovely are the Messengers

Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Romans 10:15, 18

How lovely are the messengers that bring us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Risen Lord is with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

...voices to proclaim this timeless truth: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We are one people who pray in many tongues. We invite you to pray in the language you are most comfortable using when speaking to God (Spanish, German, Chinese, English, Arabic, etc). Like on the day of Pentecost, may our prayers rise like incense, diverse and yet united.

United by Jesus under one faith, but in many languages, let us pray as Jesus taught:

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

THE DISTRIBUTION

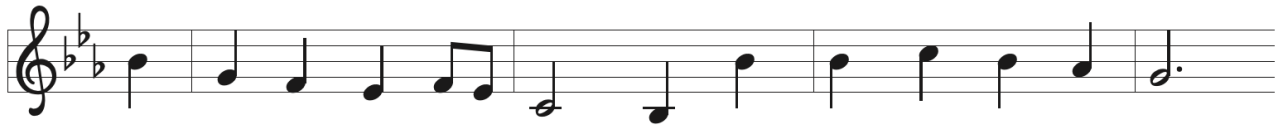
Jesus is the host of this table and all are welcome.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at God's table.

Come as you are. These gifts are for you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Hallelujah, Carlos Lopez
For All the Faithful Women, Hymnal #419*



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,
3 in praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
O whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

A CALL TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

Our mission is love.

Our mission is to welcome all people to experience and live out God's love.

Our strategy is community.

Following the example of Jesus, our strategy is to practice authentic community that builds and inclusive faith.

Our vision is transformation.

Our vision is to be a church where the Holy Spirit transforms people's faith, the community and the

world.

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN**

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

***SENDING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE