

# Come, Lord Jesus:

## SSP Holy Communion in Advent

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 4, 2022*

### Opening Rites

A blessed Lord's Day to everyone, and welcome to our worship as we continue to celebrate the Advent Season in hopeful anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Despite these difficult times, we continue to fix our eyes onto the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as we look forward to our future glory. As King David proclaims in Psalm 24:7,

"Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in." Let us stand and sing our opening song hymn #27 "O Come All Ye Faithful" verses 1,2, and 3.

### Opening Song

#### #27 - "O Come All Ye Faithful" vv. 1,2,3

##### *Verse 1*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels;

##### *Chorus*

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.

##### *Verse 2*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright host of heaven above;  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

##### *Verse 3*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

#### “請來忠心信徒”

1 請來忠心信徒，歡喜快樂向前，  
請來，請您一齊來到伯利恆，  
來，來朝見主，  
天上君王降世。

和：請來一齊敬拜祂，  
請來一齊敬拜祂，  
請來一齊敬拜祂，  
我主基督。

2 衆天使齊聲唱，大歡喜讚美祂，  
天上聖城內面大家都吟詩，  
至高的所在，聖徒屬主降離。

3 救主阮讚美你，在這快樂日子，  
耶穌尊名受讚美榮光歸你，  
天父的聖子，道成肉體降世。

## Prayers of Penitence

*Celebrant*

Let us kneel and pray.

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins using the Advent Kyrie on our program sheets. (cf 1 Corinthians 4.5)

V: Turn to us again, O God our savior, and let your anger cease from us: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

V: Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation: Christ, have mercy.

R: Christ, have mercy.

V: Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the reading of the Word.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### **The First Reading from Isaiah 11:1-10** *(page 599 of pew Bibles)*

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,

And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

The Spirit of counsel and might,

The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD,

And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,

Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

<sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,

And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,

And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,  
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.
- <sup>6</sup> “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,  
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;  
And a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
Their young ones shall lie down together;  
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole,  
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.
- <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,  
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
As the waters cover the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,  
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;  
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,  
And His resting place shall be glorious.”

*After each reading*

The word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**The Second Reading from Romans 15:1-9** (*page 985 of pew Bibles*)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification. <sup>3</sup>For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” <sup>4</sup>For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup>Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, <sup>9</sup>and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written:

“For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,  
And sing to Your name.”

*After each reading*

The word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**Advent Lighting**

*Celebrant*

We continue with our tradition of lighting the Advent Candles. Last week we remembered the virtue of hope. In this second week of Advent we will recall the virtue of LOVE. We have our brother Ralph Paras and his family to read for us the Advent lesson and light the second candle.

### **Advent Candle lessons and lighting by Ralph Paras and family.**

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday, the light represented hope. Today, we add the virtue of love – God’s love. One verse that many have memorized and remember is John 3:16, which begins with, “For God so loved the world...” Some people may not have been fortunate enough to experience much love and care in their lives—maybe you are one of them. And if they happen to be non-Christians, it is harder for them to understand about God’s love.

In this Advent season, we pray that we may remember again God’s gift of Jesus Christ to us and to the world; and know that God’s love is for ALL people.

Isaiah 40: 1-5 says,

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

### **Lighting of the second candle**

God wants nothing more than for you to know that He loves you. He wants to comfort you and help you see the straight path He has prepared in the desert you are in. That straight path is Jesus Christ. The more you know Christ, the more you will understand how much God loves you. And when you understand this wonderful love of God, you, in turn, will become God’s instrument of love to others.

Experience the love of Jesus Christ and be God’s way of helping others feel His love.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for the words found in the Bible that help us appreciate Your love and care. Help us to see how we can bring Your message of love to the people we meet in school, at work, or in the community. Help us to be good messengers of Your love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

### **Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia. (cf Isaiah 40.3–5)

## **The holy Gospel of our coming King, according to Matthew 3:1-12.**

*All* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Matthew 3:1-12 (*page 834 of pew Bibles*)

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the LORD;

Make His paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him <sup>6</sup>and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup>and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as *our* father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup>And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

*and at the end*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praises be to Thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon** by Rev. Justin Fung

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*This, or a creed or other authorized Affirmation of Faith is used*

We say together in faith:

*All* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

*All* for by His will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

*All* for with His blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

*All* the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’ Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Let us kneel and pray for the Prayers of the People. In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

*Celebrant:* Come to your Church as Lord and judge. (We pray for the many churches around the world, particularly our church St. Stephen's Parish, our sister churches in the diocese and the greater Anglican Communion, and the many persecuted churches all over the world.) Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.  
*Maranatha:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Celebrant:* Come to your world as King of the nations. (We pray for our Philippine government, our President Bong Bong Marcos, and our various national and local elected officials that they serve the country faithfully and honestly, putting the people's interests ahead of their own. We also pray for the nations of the world, that they would experience true justice and peace that only you can provide.) Before you rulers will stand in silence.  
*Maranatha:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Celebrant:* Come to the suffering, as Saviour and comforter. (We pray for those who are in pain, the sick and the troubled. We remember our family and friends who needs physical, emotional, or spiritual healing.) Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.  
*Maranatha:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Celebrant:* Come to us as the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Give us joy to revel in your victory over evil and death.  
*Maranatha:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Celebrant:* Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with those who have gone before us, and all your saints and angels, we may live and reign with you in your new creation.  
*Maranatha:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Celebrant:* (We will now have a moment of silent prayer.) Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant may use either one of the following introductions*

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* and also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Vestry Election Proper

### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### **Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

During the offertory let us sing hymn #322, "Be Thou My Vision"

## #322 - "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my Vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought,  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and  
Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven,  
my Treasure Thou art. Amen.

## “成為我異象”

- 1 主在我心中，  
成為我異象，  
世間只有祢，  
是我心所望！  
日夜我心神，  
思念祢無停，  
祢做我光燈，  
使我有光明。
- 2 主做我智慧，  
又做我真道，  
時刻跟隨祢，  
受祢永照顧，  
祢做我天父，  
我做祢兒子，  
祢與我結聯，  
我和祢同行。
- 3 富貴不迷我，  
誇獎是虛空，  
祢是我產業，  
永遠又妥當，  
祢是我一切，  
我要信靠祢，  
天上的君王，  
世間無可比。阿們。

*Once the offerings have been brought forward, the following offertory sentence or similar is sung or said,*  
All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
*All* And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

*All* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks because in his coming the day of our deliverance has dawned; and through him you will make all things new, as he comes in power and triumph to judge the world.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: in Your infinite love You made us in Your image; and when we fell into sin and became subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

*In the absence of a priest, the Celebrant may skip this portion.*

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer You these gifts, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, Son, Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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

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, during which the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Celebrant* Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*People* Let us rejoice and exult and give the glory to the Lord.

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

Most merciful Lord, we do not trust in our own merits to come to Your table, but in Your boundless grace. You have invited us to come to the table of the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to partake of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may ever-more live in Him, and He in us. Amen.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*All*

Loving Father, your Son Jesus Christ has come to us in word and Spirit, in bread and cup. Make us holy and bring us to perfection, when we stand before Him as he comes to judge the living and the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*These words may be said*

Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

*All* Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when He comes, find us watching and waiting.  
*All* Amen.

### **The Blessing**

May God Himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy; and keep you all safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever. Amen.

### **Announcements**

1. Reminder for Annual Meeting immediately after the service
2. Announcement for Christmas Outreach
3. Distribution of 2023 calendars
4. Claiming of ODB orders

We hope that our Lord was pleased with our worship today, and may we see everyone again next week. Let's now rise to sing our closing song, hymn #56 "Jesus Loves Even Me"

### **Closing Song**

#### **#56 - "Jesus Loves Even Me"**

##### *Verse 1*

I am so glad that our Father in heav'n  
Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n;  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see,  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

##### *Chorus*

I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves even me.

##### *Verse 2*

Though I forget Him, and wander away,  
Still He doth love me wherever I stray;  
Back to His dear loving arms would I flee,  
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

##### *Verse 3*

Oh, if there's only one song I can sing,  
When in His beauty I see the great King,  
This shall my song through eternity be,  
"Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me!"

#### **“聖經所記第一好聽事情”**

- 1 聖經所記第一好聽事情，  
就是天父極其愛祂子兒，  
祂差耶穌替我釘十架死，  
救我罪人洗我罪惡清潔。  
  
和：我真歡喜主耶穌愛我，  
耶穌愛我，耶穌愛我，  
我真歡喜主耶穌愛我，  
耶穌愛我愛我。
- 2 耶穌愛我為我犧牲自己，  
捨棄一切甚至替我受死，  
我心感激不得不當愛祂，  
我確實知耶穌愛我無比。
- 3 人若問我我要怎樣來答，  
耶穌愛我是我深知深信，  
上帝聖神與我同做見證，  
耶穌愛我事實證據是真。

*Verse 4*

In this assurance I find sweetest rest,  
Trusting in Jesus, I know I am blest;  
Satan, dismayed, from my soul now doth flee,  
When I just tell him that Jesus loves me.

*Verse 5*

Though I forget Him, and wander away,  
Still He doth love me wherever I stray;  
Back to His dear loving arms would I flee,  
When I remember that Jesus loves me.

**Postlude**

4 耶穌愛我我心真是平安，  
信靠耶穌免驚一切艱難，  
我穩當贏無論陰府撒但，  
十架救恩永遠享受無限。

5 我雖忘恩任我四處漂流，  
救主耶穌仍然憐憫拯救，  
一下記得主恩尚在庇佑，  
快走回轉到祂慈愛的手。