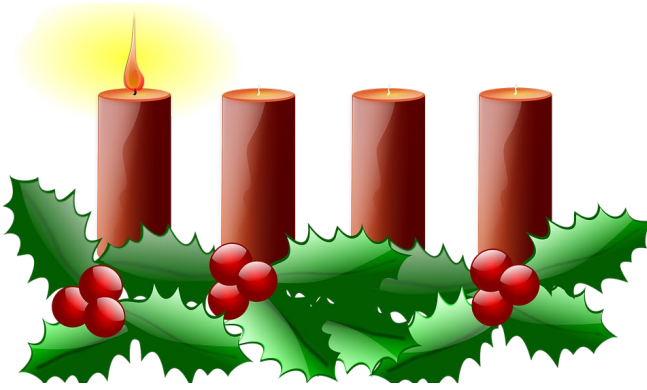




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Pre-Service Music

Noah Davis

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Mission Point

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

CTC Choir

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: Wake up; wake up! The day of God is near.

**All: We do not know the hour,
so we will live like the time is here and now.
God is here, now!**

Leader: Let us go to the house of our Living God.

All: We journey with all peoples of all creeds.

Leader: Let us go and bask in Holy Wisdom's warmth

**All: so that we can learn her ways
and choose her paths.**

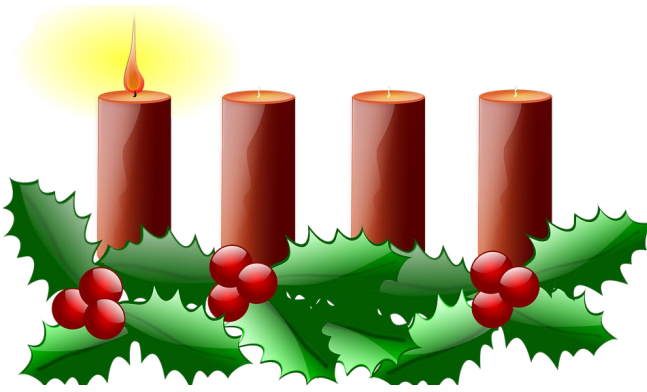
Leader: To enter the house of God, we must wake up
to the nightmare of hate and violence;
all oppression must cease.

**All: We will beat our weapons into tools for love.
We will take the walls we raise against the stranger
and build a house where all can live in peace.**

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

God of justice, God of peace,
even now you are breaking into our weary world.
Make your presence known
to those who wait and watch for you.
Send your Spirit of justice rolling over the earth;
sweep away all war and suffering
so that all of your creation
can glorify you in peace—



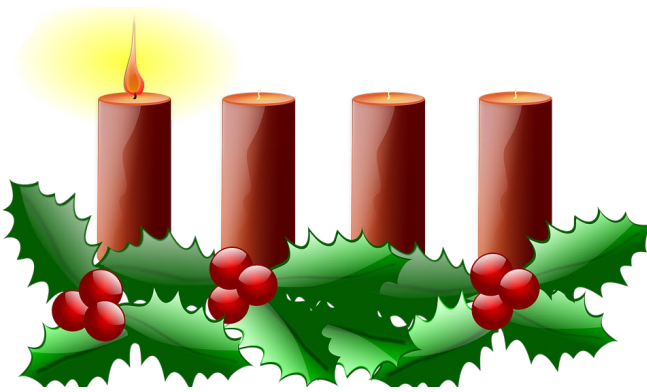
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Lighting the Advent Wreath

Week One: Hope

- A.** Children of God, what are we waiting for?
We wait for dawn when night feels endless.
We wait for the breaking of chains that bind.
We wait with prophets whose words still echo,
with ancestors who held hope close in exile,
with weary souls who dare to believe again.
We wait, not with empty hands, but with open hearts,
trusting the One whose promise is faithful still.
- B.** Today we light one candle, fragile and small,
yet enough to pierce the heavy dark.
This flame is a witness that hope is alive,
though hidden, though quiet, though not yet full.
We set our faces toward the light,
learning to see what God is already doing,
bearing together the sign of things to come.
- C.** We call this candle Hope. (*Light the first candle.*)
Its glow whispers that despair is not the end.
Its warmth reminds us that God is near.
Its spark stirs courage as we wait.
- D.** Holy One, we confess that waiting wears us down.
Our patience thins, our vision clouds,
and sometimes our hope is only a faint ember.
Yet you do not despise small beginnings;
you breathe on our weakness with your Spirit,
kindling the flame of faith we thought was gone.
Renew us, O Lord, as we learn to wait in you.
- E.** Hear the promise of Isaiah:
"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).



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F. We stand in awe of a hope that endures.
Though shadows lengthen, the light will not fail.
Though our waiting feels long, your coming is sure.
We join the chorus of saints across time,
singing of hope, longing for redemption,
trusting that even now, Christ is near.
Come, Lord Jesus, and make hope our song.

*** Opening Hymn**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 132 GTG

Congregation

Call to Confession

Liturgist

This is the time for us to wake from sleep;
salvation is near to us.

Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin,
and put on the armor of righteousness,
asking our Savior for forgiveness.

*** Prayer of Confession**

Congregation

**O God, we are steeped in a world of violence.
War is one of the first things we learn,
and we let it work its way into our lives.
Your promises of peace sound like impossible
dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty.
Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands,
and show us how beautiful life can be
when you forge them into instruments
of peace.**

*** Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession**

*** Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

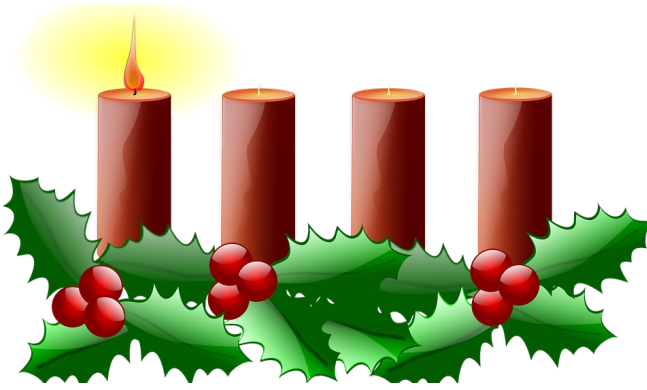
Beloved of God, know this: the God of Presence,
the God of Transformation, the God of Peace,
hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

**Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks
be to God!**

*** Responding to Grace**

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

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Time With Young Disciples

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Here is a vision that Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saw about Judah and Jerusalem.

In the last days the mountain where the Lord's temple is
located will be famous. It will be the highest mountain of all.
It will be raised above the hills.
All the nations will go to it.

People from many nations will go there. They will say,

"Come. Let us go up to the Lord's mountain.

Let's go to the temple of Jacob's God.

He will teach us how we should live.

Then we will live the way he wants us to."

The law of the Lord will be taught at Zion.

His message will go out from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations.

He'll settle problems among many of them.

They will hammer their swords into plows.

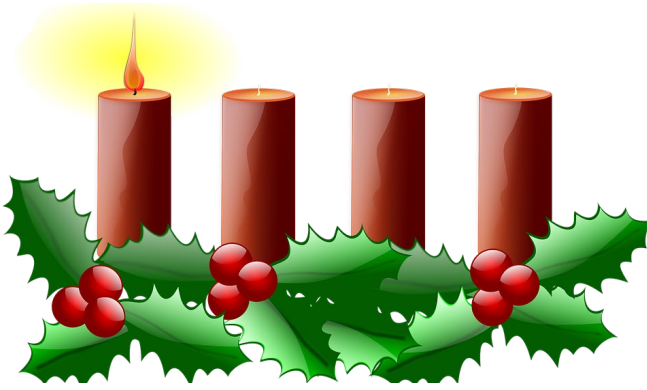
They'll hammer their spears into pruning tools.

Nations will not go to war against one another.

They won't even train to fight anymore.

People of Jacob come.

Let us live the way the Lord has taught us to.



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2nd Scripture Reading Romans 13:11-14

When you do these things, keep in mind the times we are living in. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. The full effects of our salvation are closer now than when we first believed in Christ. The dark night of evil is nearly over. The day of Christ's return is almost here. So, let us get rid of the works of darkness that harm us. Let us do the works of light that protect us. Let us act as we should, like people living in the daytime. Have nothing to do with wild parties, and don't get drunk. Don't take part in sexual sins or evil conduct. Don't fight with each other or be jealous of anyone. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ as if he were your clothing. Don't think about how to satisfy sinful desires. This is The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Choir Anthem

CTC Choir

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

"But no one knows about that day or hour. Not even the angels in heaven know. The Son does not know. Only the Father knows. Remember how it was in the days of Noah. It will be the same when the Son of Man comes. In the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking. They were getting married. They were giving their daughters to be married. They did all those things right up to the day Noah entered the ark. They knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. Two men will be in the field. One will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill. One will be taken and the other left.

"So, keep watch. You do not know on what day your Lord will come. You must understand something. Suppose the owner of the house knew what time of night the robber was coming. Then he would have kept watch. He would not have let his house be broken into. So, you also must be ready. The Son of Man will come at an hour when you don't expect him.

Sermon

"The Sudden Appearance of God"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation

Noah Davis

*** Sermon Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 82 GTG

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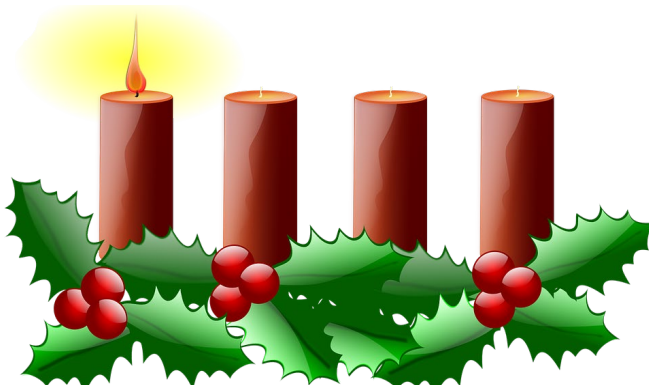
Joys & Concerns

Call to Offering

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

*** Doxology**

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*** Closing Hymn**

"The First Nowell" 147GTG

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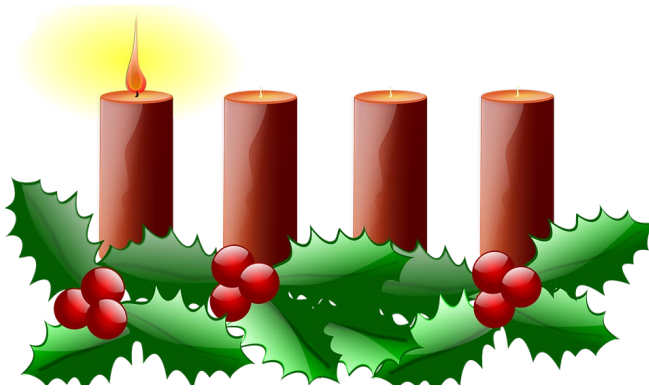
*** Charge, Benediction**

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Postlude

"Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You."

Noah Davis



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JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

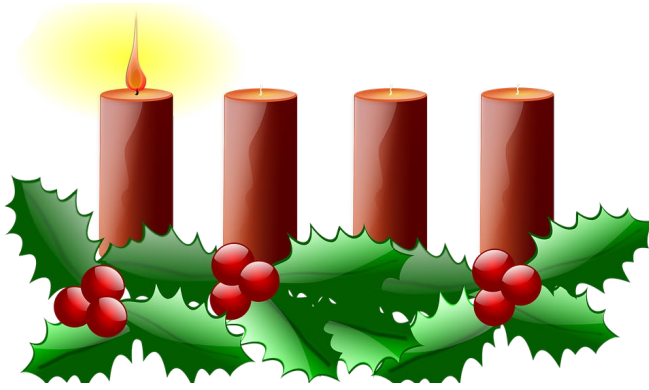
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

TEXT: Medieval Latin; trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853, alt.
MUSIC: German folk melody, 14th cent.; harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953
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Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

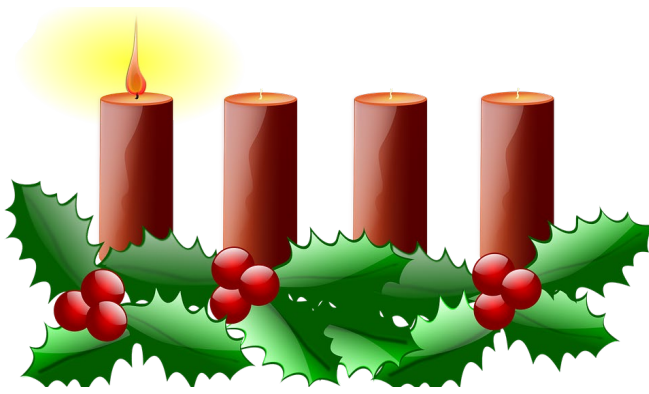
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

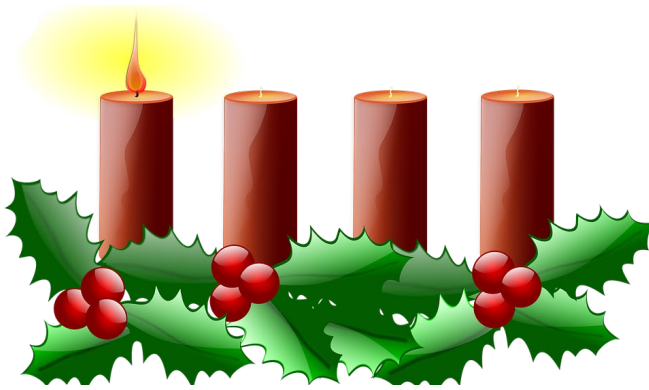
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

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JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

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The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

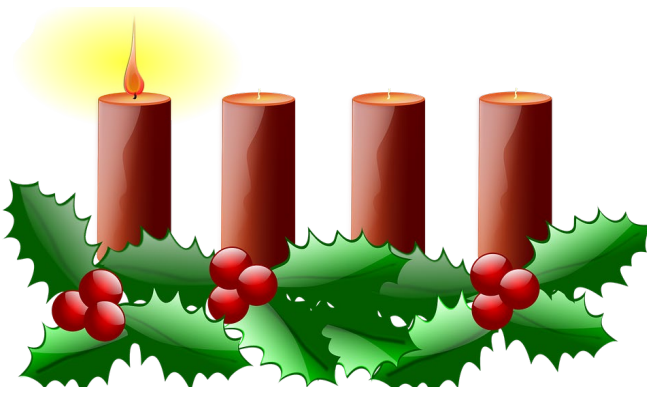
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus* / *né*) as well to "news" (*nova* / *nouvelle*).

TEXT: English carol; *Some Ancient Christmas Carols*, 2nd ed., 1823, alt.
 MUSIC: English carol; Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

THE FIRST NOWELL
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JESUS, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU

**Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You,
Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You,
Jesus We Just Want To Thank You,
Thank You For Being So Good.**

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