

HOPE



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First Sunday of Advent

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Prelude:

“Wachet Auf (Sleepers Awake)”

Arr. J S Bach

Lighting of the Advent Candle

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord,
and all peo-ple will see the sal - va-tion of our God. Pre -

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Week 1: HOPE

Jeremiah 33:14-16 says, *“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”*

As we begin the season of Advent, the prophet Jeremiah proclaims words of hope to the nation of Israel. His words offer hope for the coming Messiah, the one the nation of Israel has waited for many, many years. When the Messiah did come, however, he was not the King of a nation, but was King of Kings. The Messiah came as ruler of our hearts and not a ruler over lands and people.

At the start of Advent we can remember the anticipated coming of the Messiah, and we can look forward to his return. Advent begins with hope.

Prayer: *Oh Lord, our hope is in you. We wait patiently for your coming. Help us to keep the light of Hope shining in the darkness to show the way. Amen.*

As we light the first candle, we are called to remember that Christ is our Hope.

Choir Processional:

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (By Robert A. Hobby)

Chancel Choir

Prayer of the Day:

God of deliverance, you promised prosperity and peace to the residents of Jerusalem. Grant us to prosper, not for riches, but for faith, so that our lives may be a blessing to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem:

“In Silence We Wait” (By Lloyd Larson)

Chancel Choir

Reading: *Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20, 37:1-7; 2:1-4*

In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities



of Judah and captured them. The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field. And there came out to him Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder.

Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, 'Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! Thus says the king: "Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the Lord by saying, The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: "Make your peace with me and come out to me; then every one of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, The Lord will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who among all the gods of these countries have saved their countries out of my hand, that the Lord should save Jerusalem out of my hand?" '

When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. And he sent Eliakim, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. They said to him, 'Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of disgrace; children have come to birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth. It may be that the Lord your God heard the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to mock the living God, and will rebuke the words that the Lord your God has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'

When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, Isaiah said to them, 'Say to your master, "Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. I myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land." '

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In 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.

Many 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.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

L: Word of God, Word of life

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Message:

Pastor Jon Pedersen

Hymn of the Day: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW 773

Apostles Creed:

Passing of the Peace:

Prayers of the People:

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: And also with you.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution:

Lord's Prayer:

Communion:

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"
"As the Deer"

ELW 628
Praise Band

Benediction:

Sending Hymn:

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

ELW 865

Sending:

L: You have been called. You have been gathered. You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

"Savior of the Nations Come"

Arr. J S Bach