

HOPE



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First Sunday of Advent

December 2/3, 2023

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Prelude

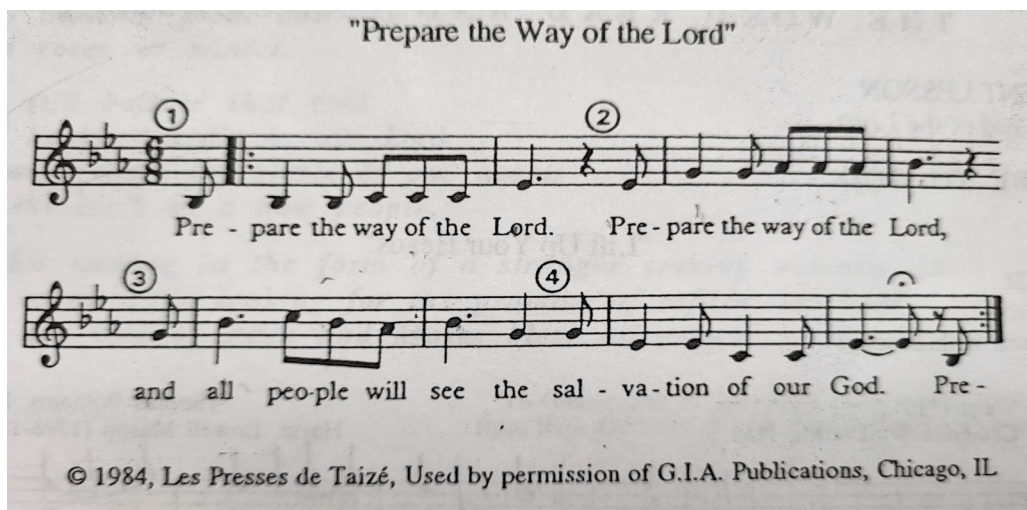
"Creator of the Stars of Night" (by Kurt Meyer)

Shepherd Ringers

Opening Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Soloist—Jennifer Fischer

ELW 63



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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming, strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Anthem

"Advent Carol of Hope" (by Don Besig)
Flute soloist—Susan Mead

Chancel Choir

Reading:

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1-8

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

L: Word of God, Word of Light C: Thanks Be to God

Message

Pastor Jon Pedersen

Hymn of the Day

"All Earth Is Hopeful"

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Apostles' Creed

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Distribution

"As The Deer"

"Canticle of the Turning"

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Sending Hymn

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

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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

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