

**Church Greetings and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

*"Hear Our Prayer, O God"*

**+Scripture Reading**

**Message thru Song**

**Message thru Spoken Word**

**The Offertory**

*Call to Offering*

**L: All people shall give as they are able, according to the blessings which God has given them.**

*Offertory Song/Music*

*+Doxology*

*+Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**+Hymn of Dedication You Are My Hope, O Christ of Great Compassion, HFJ #204**  
*(Paglaum Ka, O Cristong Maluluy-on)*

You are my hope, O Christ of great compassion,  
Speak now the words which to my heart console.  
O save me from my sinful thoughts and actions,  
And let me feel your love within my soul.

You are my hope, O faithful guide and Leader,  
The wayward souls you lead to ways of peace,  
You hold me firmly as I daily walk on;  
And keep me in the path of righteousness.

You are my hope, O Mighty God triumphant,  
In life, in death, in sickness you are there;  
Sustaining me with strength and courage daily,  
You are my God for all eternity. Amen.

**+Closing Prayer and Benediction**

**+Choral Response**

**Postlude/Recessional**



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*Liturgical Guide:*

**"First Sunday of Advent"**

*November 29, 2015*



## Liturgical Flow

### Order of Worship

#### Words to Ponder

*Today is the beginning of **Advent** – the preparation time for celebrating Christ's birth. We are here because God's promises to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born. God's promise is kept each Sunday when we worship because Christ is in our midst. God will keep the promise to come again in glory.*

#### Introit/Processional

#### We Come! We Come!

**HFJ #78**

We come! We come! We come in your presence Lord.

We come! We come! We come in your presence Lord.

We adore you, and sing your praise!

#### Call to Worship

**L:** In the desert of life, prepare a pathway of God. In the wilderness, make a highway for our God.

**P:** **Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; and the glory of God shall be revealed among us.**

**L:** Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it. Shout for joy all the earth.

#### +Hymn of Praise

#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, **HFJ #113**

Love Divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.  
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promise rest;  
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never your temples leave.

You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,  
Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.



Finish then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;

Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;

Change from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Crowned as saints we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### Invocation

*(in unison)*

Creating and sustaining God, in your presence there is life. Living water springs up, and desert blossom where you pass. Seeking the life that comes from you, we have gathered before you. Our hearts are ready, O God, our hearts are ready. Delight us with your presence, and prepare us for your service in the world; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Lighting the 1<sup>st</sup> Candle of Advent – the Candle of Hope

**Candle Lighter:** ***We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the Light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is Hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope, we believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world.***

#### Hymn Response

#### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel, HFJ #117**

*(1<sup>st</sup> stanza and chorus)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the child of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

#### Call to Confession

**L:** John the Baptist called people to repentance, to prepare them for the coming of God's reign. Let us, too, repent that we may be ready for God who comes to us.

#### *Silent Prayer of Confession*

#### Assurance of Pardon

**Minister:** God says: Remember these things, O Israel, for you are my servant; you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgression like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. I say to you, in the name of Jesus the Christ, our sins are forgiven.



**+Scripture Reading**

**Message thru a Song**

**Message thru the Word**

**The Offertory**

***The Call to Offering***

L: Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

***Offertory Song/Music***

**+Doxology**

**+Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**+Closing Hymn**

**Away In A Manger**

***HFJ #123***

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The Cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love you, Lord Jesus; protect me I pray, and stay by my side until night turns to day.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

**+Closing Prayer and Benediction**

**Response**

***"5 Fold Amen"***

**Postlude/Recessional**



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***Liturgical Guide:***

**"Second Sunday of Advent"**

*December 6, 2015*



## Liturgical Flow

### Order of Worship

#### Words to Ponder

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**"*

- Isaiah 9:6-

#### Procession and Lighting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Candle

**Minister**

#### Call to Worship

L: *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion:*

P: **Your God reigns!**

L: God comes in the power of love and justice; therefore let us wait with eagerness and worship with joy.

P: **God comes to judge the world with righteousness, the people with truth.**

#### *Lighting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle of Advent – the Candle of Peace*

Candle Lighter: ***We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is Peace, for Christ is called the "Prince of Peace." Christ's name is also Emmanuel, "God with us." The presence of Christ with us gives us peace day by day.***

#### +Hymn of Praise

#### **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

HFJ #126

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.  
'Peace on the Earth, good will to all, great news of joy we bring.'  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.



Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,  
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And all the world send back the song which now the angels sing.

#### +Invocation

*(in unison)*

Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have your peace in our lives. We pray that in this Advent season, we may, by what we do, show your presence to the sick, to the hungry, and to the lonely, so that they too may have peace. In Jesus name. Amen

#### +Song Response

***"Glory Be to the Father"***

#### Call to Confession

L: *If we say we have no sin, we deceived ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

#### Prayer of Confession (sung)

***"Search Me, O God"***

#### Assurance of Pardon

**Minister:** *In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Listen, give thanks, and live.*

#### Song Response

***"Thank You Lord for Saving My Soul"***

#### Church Greetings and Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Song Response

***"God is So Good/God Answers Prayer"***

