



November 27, 2022 – Livestream
First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Invocation

A. Förster
North's Winds, John Hague, director

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Sell

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Overture

J.C. Faber
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of God's deep compassion the dawn of heaven will break upon us.

People: From God's faithfulness the light of peace will shine on us.

Leader: Christ is coming to free us from our fears,
to liberate us from our sins,
and to give joy to every longing heart.

*OPENING HYMN #196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.***

***Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Orson Mason

**O God of every nation,
let your Word ring out from the mountains
and your Spirit shine forth in the earth,
so that all may hear your teaching
and all may do your will;
through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.**

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorable lives as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in lewdness and excesses, not in arguing and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Congregational Refrain

Of the Father's Love

The Cahoon Family

J. Raney

Cathedral Singers



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Choir: Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

People: And the One who is coming will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

People: And the One who is coming will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: We wait for the one who will heal what has been wounded
and mend what has been broken.

People: And the One who is coming will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

People: And the One who is coming will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Leader: Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope...

Choir: Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing:
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.

Choir: Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.

***O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.***

***From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunil Kotian

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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, forever. Amen.**

HYMN #435

O God of Every Nation

v. 3-4

***Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Amy Sell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lost in the Night

F.M. Christiansen
Cathedral Singers

Lost in the night doth the heathen yet languish,
longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish: Will not day come soon?
Sorrowing brother, in darkness yet dwelling,
dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling: Lo, Christ is coming soon!
Light o'er the land of the heathen is beaming,
rivers of life through its deserts are streaming.
Millions yet sigh for the Savior redeeming.
Must he be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall we, no light and no comfort him borrow?
Giving no heed to his burden of sorrow: oh, will not day come soon?
He is coming soon.

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-4

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² 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.

³ 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 we may learn God's ways and that we may walk in the Lord's path.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of God from Jerusalem.

⁴ The Lord shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Call to Peace

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #428

For the Healing of the Nations

***For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.***

***Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.***

***All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.***

***You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.***

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in loving memory of James (Jim) Esterline, who would have been 108 on Nov. 28, by his family.*

This week's worship leaders

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*
Orson Mason, *Liturgist*
John Hague, Jack Haefling
and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

Upcoming Events

Advent Festival, Sunday, Dec 4, 5:30-7:30pm
Parents' Night Out, Saturday, Dec 10, 4-8pm
Youth Progressive Dinner, Sunday, Dec 11, 4-6pm
Jubilee Christmas: Sorting - Dec 9, 9-10:30am
Delivery - Dec 10, 9-11am

Sundays at North

Child Care Available in Room 102
from 8:15am to 12:15pm

Alternative Worship (non Communion Sundays)
in Room 104 during 11am service

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes
Pre-K: Room 102
K-2 Grades: Room 104
3-5 Grades: Room 203
6-8 Grades: Room 207
9-12 Grades: Youth Room

Adult Sunday School Classes
Sojourners: Room 005
Power and Light: Room 205

Musical Groups Meeting after 11am Service
Children's Choir: room 004 - Kindergarten (or age 5)
through 6th grade
Cathedral Ringers – Handbell Ensemble: room 007

Youth Group, 4-6pm