

# Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

## December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Advent Special Congregational Carol Sing Service

NOTE: Offerings will not be received by passing the plate. For now, please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located at each exit.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. If you have not been fully vaccinated, or if you have a condition that would make you more susceptible to infection, we recommend that you continue to follow CDC guidelines and wear a mask. Please sit in pews where the cushions have been set down for bible class and worship.

### Prelude

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reading: Psalm 80:1-7

### Introit

- P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds  
rain down righteousness;
- C **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness  
may bear fruit.**
- P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky  
above proclaims His handiwork.
- C **In them He has set a tent for the sun,**
- P which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his  
chamber,
- C **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**
- P Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its  
circuit to the end of them,
- C **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

**All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds  
rain down righteousness;  
C **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness  
may bear fruit.**

### Kyrie

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad  
divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let  
us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being  
of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us  
pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord,  
C **and come and help us by Your might, that the sins  
that weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your  
grace and mercy;**  
P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

### 2 Christmas Hymns

### Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 1:16-17; 2:10-13 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to  
Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it,

declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup> Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.”

<sup>10</sup> Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD. <sup>11</sup> And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. <sup>12</sup> And the LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.” <sup>13</sup> Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

1 Christmas Hymn

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 10:5-10 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” <sup>8</sup> When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

1 Christmas Hymn

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:46-55 (ESV)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

1 Christmas Hymn

**Message:**

2 Christmas Hymns

**Congregational Prayers**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

2 Christmas Hymns

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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