

Sunday,  
**Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**GIVE+**Church

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God's vision of peace is a realm where all live together in harmony,

**People: enemies become friends, fear gives way to understanding**

Leader: God calls us to be this community;

**People: let us gather together to worship.**

### **\*Hymn # 82 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

### **Affirmation of Peace**

Leader: Jesus came as a helpless baby to bring down the powerful from their thrones and lift up the lowly.

**People: We are made strong, even in our weakness. This is our peace.**

Leader: Jesus grew to be a curious child, trading wisdom with the teachers at the temple.

**People: We are welcome in God's house, even with all of our questions. This is our peace.**

Leader: Jesus was baptized and called God's Son, even before he had done any ministry or had any disciples.

**People: We are children of God, no matter where we come from or what we have done. This is our peace.**

Leader: Jesus worked hard, felt tired, rested, and spent time alone.

**People: We listen to the rhythms of our bodies. We take time to rest. This is our peace.**

Leader: Jesus was challenged, confronted, accused, and condemned.

**People: We are not alone in our suffering or oppression. This is our peace.**

Leader: Jesus promised a kingdom of justice, where he has built everyone a home and where there is no more pain.

**People: Our sins, struggles, and sorrows will cease, and we will be at home with Jesus. This is the peace of our faith.**

## **Prayer for Peace**

### **Congregational Response: Hymn 90 – Wait for the Lord (x2)**

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kin-dom. Amen.**

Sunday,  
**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Time with Children**

*After the Time with Children, we invite children to return to their seats and participate in the service. Activity bags may be found on the welcome table.*

**Choral Anthem**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Mary: A Servant of the Lord

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of 1967

**God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Reconciliation among nations becomes peculiarly urgent as countries develop nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, diverting their resources from constructive uses and risking the annihilation of humanity. Although nations may serve God's purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling. Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 498 – Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your heart.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Sunday,

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **The Sharing of the Meal**

#### **Prayer After Communion**

**God, our Provision,  
we rejoice that you satisfy our needs.  
By your presence in this meal  
you have fed us and strengthened us,  
as a mother nourishes her baby.  
In this waiting season  
fill us with hopeful expectation  
that we may see the signs of your kingdom  
all around us  
and rejoice  
in your coming salvation and glory. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Offering**

#### **Offertory**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn # 105 – People, Look East**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response: Hymn #90 – Wait for the Lord (x2)**

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

### **Postlude**

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

# Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

498

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

food for - ev - er - more.  
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
with you; do not fear!"  
tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

# 105 People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look


a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

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JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.  
Love, the Star, is on the way.  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

