

# LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*During the Prelude we ask that you would silently prepare your heart for worship.*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Prophet's Candle

*Following the reading of Isaiah 2:4*

**Unison:** Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:1-5

## \*HYMN #194

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
• tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
• and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
and close the path to mis - er - y.



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #64, 65, 66

**Leader:** What is required in the fifth commandment?

**People:** The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

**Leader:** What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

**People:** The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing any thing against, the honor and duty which belongs to every one in their several places and relations.

**Leader:** What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

**People:** The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from 1 Kings 8

**Lord God, we have sinned and done wrong; we have committed wickedness. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place our prayer and our supplication, and maintain our cause. Forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all our transgressions which we have transgressed against You. Grant us compassion, for You separated us from all the peoples of the earth to be Your inheritance. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### OT SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 40

40 Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, <sup>3</sup> and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. <sup>4</sup> The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

<sup>5</sup> And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation.

<sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. <sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, "Why are your faces downcast today?" <sup>8</sup> They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."

<sup>9</sup> So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "In my dream there was a vine before me, <sup>10</sup> and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. <sup>11</sup> Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

<sup>12</sup> Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. <sup>13</sup> In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. <sup>14</sup> Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. <sup>15</sup> For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit."

<sup>16</sup> When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, <sup>17</sup> and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head."

<sup>18</sup> And Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days.

<sup>19</sup> In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you."

<sup>20</sup> On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. <sup>21</sup> He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. <sup>22</sup> But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. <sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Psalms 129

### NT SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 16:12-18

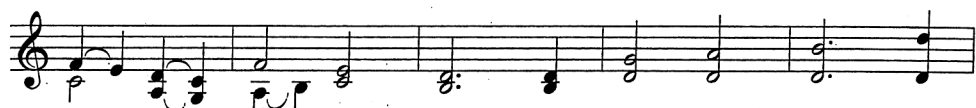
<sup>12</sup> Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity. <sup>13</sup> Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. <sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love. <sup>15</sup> Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— <sup>16</sup> be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. <sup>17</sup> I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, <sup>18</sup> for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #198

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



- King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for



- draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.  
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING

\*HYMN #715

Come, Ye Thankful People Come (v.4)

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

\*BENEDICTION

\*AMEN & MOMENT OF REFLECTION