

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Sunday, December 5, 2021 – 9:30am

• *The Second Sunday of Advent* •

### The Welcome and Announcements

### The Prayer of Consecration

### The Worship Hymn

*“I Know It Was the Blood”*

1. *I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood for me.*

***Refrain: One day when I was lost He died upon the cross. I know it was the blood for me.***

2. *They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side for me. [Refrain]*

3. *He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died for me. [Refrain]*

4. *He's coming back again, He's coming back again, He's coming back again for me. [Refrain].*

### The Choir Praise

### The General Confession

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God...

All: **ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Creator and Judge of all people, we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and offenses, which we have committed against your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, most merciful God, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us our sins and offenses and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life. To the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Minister: Let us pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray...

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Scripture

**Malachi 3:1-4** (*New International Version*)

*The Second Sunday of Advent — Malachi 3:1-4 • Luke 1:68-79 • Philippians 1:3-11 • Luke 3:1-6*

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<sup>1</sup> “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

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### The Introit

*“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

### The Decalogue

Leader: Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.

People: **God of our salvation, only you are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder or slander. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be false witnesses. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.**

Leader: Hear what Christ our Savior says: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

## The Gloria Patri

***"Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen."***

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The Sunday of Peace*

Leader: We wake up every day in "unpeace", broken situations, and social media confusion.

People: **We are facing violence in our communities perpetuated by evil in high places, living between the evil of white supremacy and urban destruction.**

Leader: Hatred undergirds our thoughts, guns are the defense mechanisms, and daily our families face threats of death.

People: **In the midst of unpeace, we light the candle of Shalom, for Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Be not afraid, peace is ever nigh!**

## The Word

### The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### Final Remarks

— A Prayer of Thanks for the Worship in Giving, *followed by* The Blessing & Benediction —

### Holy Communion: The Prayer of Humble Access

O Merciful Savior, we do not come to your holy table trusting in our own grace and mercy, but in the greatness of your mercy. We are not worthy enough to gather up the crumbs under your table. You are the Lord and your love has met, and always will meet, every human need. Grant us humble access to your love in the sacramental feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and wash away our sinful pride, so that in mercy we may be drawn near to you and to him who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Holy Communion: The Consecration

All glory, power and honor to you, Almighty God, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who did make us in your own image. And when we fell into sin, you of your tender mercy did give your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world: And instituted and commanded us to continue this perpetual memorial of his precious death until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This, is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, with this bread and cup we remember the life our LORD offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Gracious God, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Bless and sanctify these gifts with your Holy Spirit and bless us to your service that we may faithfully receive in unity and peace the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen!

### The Solicitation & Worship In Giving

*You may Give as you come to the Altar or as you Depart to Serve*

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

### The Elements Shared

*After receiving the body and blood, please Depart to Serve  
Any fellowship should take place outdoors.*

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GOD OUR FATHER ~ CHRIST OUR REDEEMER ~ THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR COMFORTER ~ HUMANKIND OUR FAMILY

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