
AACRC Worship Order • 10:30am
December 10, 2023 • Second Week in Advent

Prelude: *In a Land by Death O'ershadowed* Isaac Wardell, Kate Bluett, Latifah Alattas, Paul Zach

Call to Worship & God's Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song: *Prepare the Way*

Red Hymnal 58

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Song: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Red Hymnal 59

Prayer of Confession

Comforting God,
we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
Our hearts have been false and proud.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed;
we have not been at peace.
We repent from these offenses.
Forgive our sin and free us by your Spirit,
that we may walk in your glory
for the peace of the world.

Words of Assurance

Children's Blessing

Come, Lord Jesus

Green Songbook 103

He Came Down (congregation please join 2nd time through)

Green Songbook 92

(3-5-year-old children are invited to Children's Worship in room 29)

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Interlude

Prepare the Way

Red Hymnal 58

Sermon: Advent 2: Peace

Associate Pastor Nathan Groenewold

The Lord's Supper

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and the company of heaven, singing forever of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

... Great is the mystery of faith::

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Communion Songs:

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Arranged by Dale Grotenhuis

Choir: O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?

Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling that led you to embrace
in love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
when a redeemed creation your glory shall display.

(piano interlude)

All: Please join the choir in repeating the first verse.

Creator of the Stars of Night

Alex Mejias

**As you come forward, there is an offering plate available to
present your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work through AACRC.**

Prayers of the People

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Sending Song: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Red Hymnal 70

We Receive God's Blessing

Postlude: *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People*

Johann Pachelbel

Pastor Noah (Worship Leader), Pastor Mike & Pastor Kristen (Liturgists)

Caleb Steen, Cooper Family (Readers), Paul Herrema (Choir Director)

Jack Stephenson (Bass), Annie Hayes (Drums), Marilyn McLaughlin (Keys), Dan Oram (Piano)

Jan Musch (Organ/Choir Accompanist), AACRC Choir, Christine De Zeeuw (Vocals)