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**First Sunday of Advent**

December 3, 2023

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**  
By John Mason Neale, Veni Emmanuel

## **Call to Worship**

*Take some time to make yourself  
present to the God who makes  
himself present to us.*

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
And drive away the shades of night  
And pierce the clouds and bring us light

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O come, Desire of nations bind  
All people in one heart and mind  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease  
Fill all the world with heaven's peace

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12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.

13 From heaven the Lord looks down  
and sees all mankind;

14 from his dwelling place he watches  
all who live on earth—

15 he who forms the hearts of all,  
who considers everything they do.

16 No king is saved by the size of his army;  
no warrior escapes by his great strength.

## Psalm 33:12-22

17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

despite all its great strength it cannot save.

18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,

on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

19 to deliver them from death

and keep them alive in famine.

20 We wait in hope for the Lord;

he is our help and our shield.

21 In him our hearts rejoice,

for we trust in his holy name.

22 May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,

even as we put our hope in you.





Come and stand before your maker  
Full of wonder full of fear  
Come behold his power and glory  
Yet with confidence draw near  
For the one who holds the heavens  
And commands the stars above  
Is the God who bends to bless us  
With an unrelenting love

## Rejoice

By Dustin Kensrue, Stuart Townend

## Praise Through Song

*Let these songs help you express in heart, mind, and body your need for and adoration of God.*

Rejoice!

Come and lift your hands and raise your voice

He is worthy of all praise

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And with trembling, rejoice

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We are children of the promise  
The beloved of the Lord  
Won with everlasting kindness  
Bought with sacrificial blood  
Bringing reconciliation  
To a world that longs to know  
The affections of a father  
Who will never let them go

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All our sickness all our sorrows  
Jesus carried up the hill  
He has walked this path before us  
He is walking with us still  
Turning tragedy to triumph  
Turning agony to praise  
There is blessing in the battle  
So take heart and stand amazed!

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He will wipe away your tears

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In the midst of suffering

He will help you sing...

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I lift my eyes up to the hills  
This my morning song  
Where my strength comes from  
I lift my eyes up to the hills  
This my evening song  
Where my help comes from

## **Gravity of Love**

By Jon Arndt, David Gungor, Matt Maher

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This is the gravity of love  
Just as the moon follows the sun  
You're all around me  
You're holding ev'rything  
This is the hope of ev'y land  
Just as the universe expands  
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Lord we cry, how long  
We lift our eyes up to the hills  
Even as we run  
Hope is chasing us

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Height nor depth nor anything else could pull us apart  
We are joined as one by your blood  
Hope will rise as we become more than conquerors through  
The one who loved the world

Oh God! You never leave my side  
Your love stands firm through all my life

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*If you are a guest, please do not feel obliged to give. If you would like to and are able:*

Checks can be made payable to **Kaleidoscope Church** and mailed to:

17 Silver Fern  
Irvine CA 92603

Or you can place physical checks and cash in the offering box at the back of church.

Or you can give using QR code:



## **Offering**

*The discipline of offering helps loosen our grip on that which has the power to possess us, inviting us into the weekly practice of generosity, gratitude and simplicity.*

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You heard the cry of our hearts  
And You came down  
Freely You gave us Your love  
Showing us how



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Make me an instrument of Your Peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love  
Where there is darkness, let me shine light and

May Your love cause us to open up  
Cause us to open up our hearts  
May Your light cause us to shine so bright  
That we bring hope into the dark



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All that we do without love  
It means nothing  
Grant us the courage to give  
As You're calling



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Hope for the hopeless  
Your love is  
Strength in our weakness  
Your love is  
May we love as You love



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# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LEADER: The peace of Christ be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

## **Greeting**

*Let us now take a few minutes to  
greet one another in the peace of the  
Lord.*



**10:00**





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# Holiday Toy Drive

**When:** Today is the last day

**What:** CK will be helping to collect toys for low income families during the holiday season. You can donate a gift from the Amazon Gift Registry with the attached QR-code.



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ASIAN AMERICAN SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER  
AND CHRIST KALEIDOSCOPE PRESENTS:  
**HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**



Spread joy this holiday season by giving local children the gift of play on Christmas day  
Suggested gifts are on Amazon registry

**3 WAYS TO DONATE (By December 7, 2023):**

Amazon Gift Registry:      2. Christ Kaleidoscope Church:      3. AASCSC Center:



More Information : 714-973-8818 or email: family@aascsc.org

# End of the Year Congregational Meeting

**When:** Today after service

**Where:** Las Lomas Community Center

**What:** We'll be voting on the new board members for 2024, amendments to our Bylaws, and share thoughts and ideas going into 2024. Additionally, we'll be taking a group photo after the congregational meeting!

# Cafe Night: To Gather and to Give

**When:** Saturday, Dec 9th @ 7PM

**Where:** Turtle Rock Community Center (1 Sunnyhill, Irvine)

**What** A night of music, dance, and art to raise funds for Big Dream Academy, a Christian online education and mission organization for Afghan girls.

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# TO GIVE AND TO GATHER

DECEMBER 9,  
2023

START FROM  
7:00 TO 9:00PM



A NIGHT OF MUSIC, DANCE  
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FREE EVENT BUT WE WILL BE TAKING DONATIONS. ALL  
PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO BIG DREAM  
ACADEMY, AN ONLINE SCHOOL FOR AFGHAN GIRLS

TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER  
1 SUNNYHILL, IRVINE

# Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God,

In you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word,  
and give us grace that we may clearly understand  
and freely choose the way of your wisdom.

Amen.

**Hearing God's Word**

## Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
2 as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.  
4 From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,

**Hearing God's Word**

## Isaiah 64:1-9

no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

5 You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

6 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

**Hearing God's Word**

## Isaiah 64:1-9

7 There is no one who calls on your name  
or attempts to take hold of you,  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

**Hearing God's Word**



## Isaiah 64:1-9

9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

READER:       The Word of the Lord.

**ALL:**         **Thanks be to God.**

**Hearing God's Word**

## Mark 13:24-37

24 “But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

**Hearing God’s Word**

## Mark 13:24-37

28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.

**Hearing God's Word**

## Mark 13:24-37

33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**READER:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**ALL:** Praise to you, O Christ. **Hearing God's Word**

**Keeping Awake When It's  
the End of the World vs.  
The End of the World As  
We Know It**

Ken Hsu

**Hearing God's Word**



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## Mark 13:1-4

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”<sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”





The image is a promotional poster for the television series 'Dopesick'. It features the main cast members standing in a dark, atmospheric setting. The background is a deep blue-black, filled with numerous white pills falling from the top, creating a sense of motion and gravity. The pills are of various shapes and sizes, some with markings like '10' and 'OC'. The cast members are dressed in professional attire, including suits and a white lab coat. The overall mood is serious and somber, reflecting the show's theme of the opioid crisis.

# DOPESICK



**Amber & Billy**



**Richard Sackler**

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Surely I am with you always;  
to the very end of the age.

– **Jesus**

Mt 28:20

**Silence**

*Take a moment to pause in silence  
and tend to God's still small voice.*

# Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

## [Pause for Reflection]

We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

## **Confession**

*In the hands of grace, confession becomes for us a gift to help realign ourselves with God's good intentions for us.*

# Assurance of Pardon

Since we are justified by his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

Romans 5:1-2

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

## **Eucharist**

*The term Eucharist literally means “good gift.” In gathering around the bread and the cup we celebrate together God’s good gift of himself to us.*

Come, Lord and tarry not; bring the long looked for day  
O why these years of waiting here; these ages of delay  
Come for Thy saints still wait; daily ascends their sigh  
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"  
Does Thou not hear our cry?

## All Things New

By Clint Wells, Horatius Bonar

### **Eucharist**

*Come receive the bread and cup.  
When you have been served return  
to your seat with elements in hand.  
When everyone has been served we  
will eat and drink together.*

*Take some time (before or after  
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recognize those whom Christ has  
called to join you around his table.*



O come and make all things new  
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Build up this ruined Earth  
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Come for creation groans, impatient of Thy stay  
Worn out with these long years of ill, these ages of decay  
Come, for love waxes cold, its steps are faint and slow  
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# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

In the darkness, can you hear us?  
When the night comes, are we alone?  
Have you forgotten all of your children?  
When we remember you we groan  
But our hearts cannot be silent

O God, be our song in the night when the light is gone.  
God, be our joy, be our strength, be our sheltering place;  
Our song in the night

## **Our Song in the Night**

By Michael Van Patter

## **Song of Response**

*Let this song be a response to what  
God has spoken to you this morning.*

We are broken – are we forsaken?  
Has your love gone down with the sun?  
And your mercy through all history,  
Is it abandoned and undone?  
Oh our hearts cannot be silent

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# Benediction

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live from deep within your hearts.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creation, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hands to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with just enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done: to bring justice and kindness to all God's children and all our neighbors who are poor.

**A Franciscan Prayer of Blessing**

## **Benediction**

*A benediction is a "good word."  
As you go back out into the  
world may you receive God's  
good word of blessing on you.*





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