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Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come, brokenhearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
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Come As You Are

By Ben Glover, David Crowder & Matt Maher

Call to Worship

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

Lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
O wanderer, come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
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There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
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There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still
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1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

2 Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

3 The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

4 Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the Negev.

Psalm 126

5 Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give You back this life I owe
That in Your ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

By George Matheson, Robbie Seay

Praise Through Song

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

Oh, light that follows all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

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I trace the rainbow through the rain
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A refuge for the poor, a shelter from the storm, this is our God
He will wipe away your tears and return your wasted years
this is our God
So call upon his name, He is mighty to save this is our God

This is Our God

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A father to the orphan, a healer to the broken, this is our God
He brings peace to our madness and comfort in our sadness,
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Jesus, Lord and Savior
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A fountain for the thirsty, a lover for the lonely, this is our
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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

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My soul does magnify
The greatness of the Lord
On me His favor lights
In my Savior, I rejoice



My Savior's Love Endures

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He has done mighty things
Holy is His name
All creatures under heav'n
Fear Him whose mercy reigns



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His arm outstretched with strength
He has scattered the proud
And brought down all vain conceit
He has lifted the lowly
Brings goodness to the poor
My Savior's love endures



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Oh Israel find your help
Solely in the Lord
His mercy's without end
His promise, he'll uphold



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Glory be to the Father and Son
Glory be to the Spirit three in One
Glory be in the beginning and the end
Glory forever, Amen



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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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Christmas Eve Service

When: Sunday, December 24th

Where: Columbus Grove Community Center

We will be having a potluck brunch church service for Christmas Eve which will include scripture readings and Christmas songs celebrating the coming of our Savior.

NOTE: No service on New Year's Eve 12/31/23!

Small Group Leaders

We're looking for leaders for small groups that will be starting up in January! Our topic is going to be on Anxiety and the Good Life and leader guides will be provided for our facilitators.

Let Katie know if you're interested! We'll be having a leader orientation and dinner on 1/12/24.

*Small groups will start again the week of 1/22/24

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 61:1-4, 8-11

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,[a]
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

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3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

Hearing God's Word

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.

8 “For I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
In my faithfulness I will reward my people
and make an everlasting covenant with them.

Hearing God's Word

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

9 Their descendants will be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples.

All who see them will acknowledge
that they are a people the Lord has blessed.”

10 I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Hearing God's Word

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Hearing God's Word

Luke 1:46b-55

46 “My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—

holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

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but has lifted up the humble.

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but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

READER: The Gospel of our Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hearing God's Word

Escapism When It's the End of the World vs. The End of the World As We Know It

Ken Hsu

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Luke 1:42-45

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

Hearing God's Word

Jesus's Promises

“God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’” Heb 13:5

“Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matt 20:28

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
Matt 11:28

“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’” -Mark 10:27

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matt 6:26

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Psalm 126:5-6

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carrying their sheaves.

Hearing God's Word

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.

Break forth, o Beauteous Heavenly Light, and usher in the morning

O shepherds, shrink not with afright, but hear the angel's warning

This Child, now weak in infancy

Our confidence and joy shall be

The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making

Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

By Tyler & Jennifer Somers

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
receiving the elements) to
recognize those whom Christ has
called to join you around his table.*

Break forth, o Light shine down
Restore these barren grounds
Behold our Savior now
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Break forth, o Beauteous Heavenly Light, to herald our
salvation

He stoops to earth the God of Might, our hope and expectation

He comes in human flesh to dwell

Our God with us, Immanuel

The night of darkness ending, our fallen race befriending

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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?
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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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