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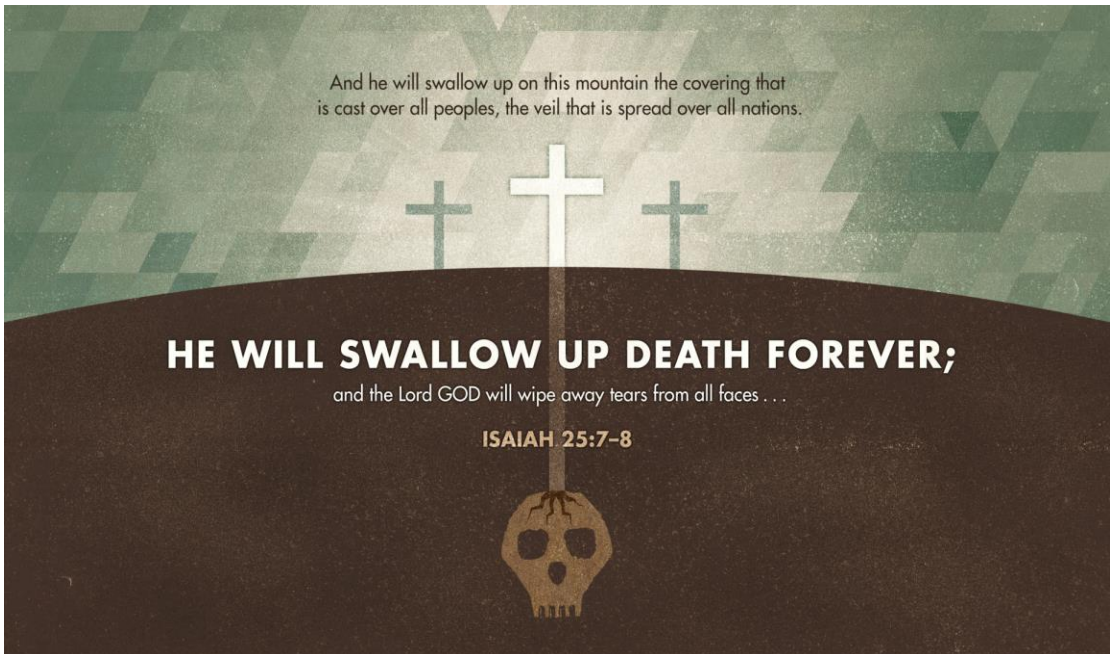
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**FOURTH SATURDAY and SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 19, 2020 6:00 pm. and Sunday, December 20, 2020 8:30 a.m.**

## As We Gather

In Isaiah 25 Isaiah depicts the future eschatological Zion. There Yahweh of Hosts will prepare for all peoples including Gentiles his eschatological feast (25:6). Isaiah promised the day when Gentiles from the ends of the earth will belong to the God of ancient Israel by faith, will worship him, and will enjoy his eschatological blessings. In this promise Isaiah speaks of God swallowing up death itself. The word "death" refers to physical death. Physical death is often portrayed as the great swallower, which swallows up the living with its insatiable and unceasing appetite. Isaiah announced the reversal. Yahweh will swallow up the swallower.

## Opening Medley

*All Hail, King Jesus*

**BOB #4**

**All hail, King Jesus, All hail, Emmanuel:  
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,  
Bright Morning Star.  
And throughout eternity  
I'm going to praise Him,  
And forevermore I will reign with Him. (repeat)**

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*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

**BOB #134**

**Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord...  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, living Word. (repeat)**

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## PREPARATION

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** That our eyes and our ears may be open to receive the mystery of God's love, let us first empty ourselves of everything that has closed our hearts to God, confessing our sin and need of forgiveness and life.

**C** At the Lord's own invitation and command, I confess all my sins to God, the very thoughts, words, and deeds with which I have offended Him and hurt my neighbor. I come now in the sincere hope and faith of the forgiveness of God made known to the whole world in the mystery of His Son, Jesus Christ, who has sacrificed His own flesh and blood for me. Remove my sin and guilt for His sake, and restore a right spirit within me. Amen.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Song of Praise**

*Emmanuel*

**BOB #44**

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us;**

**Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel** (*repeat*)

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### **Lighting the Advent Candle**

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
- C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**
- P** Let Your light scatter the darkness
- C** **and illumine Your Church.**

### **We Light the Advent Candle**

**We light the Advent candle  
And wait for Christ to come.  
With hope, we trust the promise  
That He will bring us home.  
Our hope is in our Savior  
Who wins for us God's favor.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!**

We light the Advent candle  
And thank the Lord for rest.  
With peace, we know our Jesus  
Has come to be our guest.  
This peace beyond all knowing  
Within our hearts is glowing.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!

We light the Advent candle  
And sing with cheerful heart.  
With joy, we spread the message—  
A blessing to impart.  
Our joy is never ending;  
The Son to us is sending.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!

We light the Advent candle  
And share the wondrous Word.  
With love, we tell of Jesus  
Till all around have heard.  
God's love is for each nation  
Throughout His whole creation.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!

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## WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a, b*

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;  
**C** **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.**  
**P** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
**C** **In them he has set a tent for the sun,**  
**P** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
**C** **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**  
**P** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,  
**C** **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

**G** **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.**

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 25:5–9; 26:19 (ESV)*

#### *Death swallowed up*

<sup>5</sup> like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." ...

<sup>19</sup> Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*Romans 16:25–27 (ESV)*

#### *Doxology*

<sup>25</sup> Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)*

### *The birth of Jesus foretold*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,**

by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**BOB #162**

**My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!**

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**Sermon**

*Death the Swallower Will be Swallowed Up*

**Isaiah 25:5-9, 26:19**

**Hymn of Response**

*Spirit of the Living God*

**BOB #201**

**Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me,  
Mold me,  
Fill me,  
Use me,  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



*Brief silence*

**(Each petition will close with; Lord in Your mercy... and the congregation replies: Hear our prayer. Prayer requests are listed in the *Tidings*)**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**Offering** (*offering and attendance cards can be placed in the basket at the back of the church*)

## SACRAMENT

### Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

## **Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn**

*May the Feet of God Walk with You*

**BOB #156**

**May the feet of God walk with you,  
And His hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you,  
And His ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you,  
And His breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you,  
And His love bring you home.**

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