

Welcome to Worship

December 1st, 2024

Advent 1

Prelude

I Wonder as I Wander ~ arr. Sharon Aaronson

Gathering Hymn

A Story for All People ~ W&P #2 (vs. 1-3)

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Help us to live in faithfulness and trust as we await the fulfillment of all your promises. Give us hope, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Psalm

To You (Psalm 25)

Gospel

Luke 21: 25-36

God will fulfill God’s purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God’s people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God’s promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

Hymn of the Day

All Earth is Hopeful ~ ELW 266

Musical Offering

God With Us ~ Ingram & Jordan

(Grace Notes)

Offertory Hymn

Light Dawns on a Weary World ~ ELW 726 (vs. 1-2, NO refrain)

Communion Hymn

Come to the Table ~ ELW 481

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ~ GN Version

Sending Hymn

Come to Be Our Hope ~ ACS 904

Postlude