

December 15, 2024

The Third Sunday in Advent

Opening Hymn: The Advent of our God

Lyrics: Charles Coffin, 1700's; Translator: John Chandler, 1800's; Tune: *Franconia*, Johann B. Konig, 1700's. Public domain.

1. The advent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;
Come, let us meet him on the road and place for him prepare.
2. The everlasting Son incarnate stoops to be,
himself the servant's form puts on to set his people free.
3. Come, *Zion's daughter, rise to meet your lowly king,
nor let your faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring.
**the Jewish people, but with the coming of Jesus extends to mean the church universal*
4. As judge on clouds of light he soon will come again
and all his scattered saints unite with him on high to reign.
5. Before the dawning day let sin be put to flight;
No longer let the law hold sway but walk in freedom's light.
6. All glory to the Son who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.

Song 1: Grace that is Greater

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1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord;
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt.
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus:

Grace, grace, God's grace.
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.
Grace, grace, God's grace.
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

2. Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
threaten the soul with infinite loss.
Grace that is greater, yes grace untold
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive?

Song 2: Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

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Chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come. (4 x's)

1. May the works of my hands bring you joy.

Chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come. (4 x's)

2. May the words of my mouth speak your peace.

Chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come. (4 x's)

Bridge:

You make all things new.
You make all things new
in places we don't choose.
You make all things new.

Chorus:

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come. (4 x's)

Song 3: Christ Is Surely Coming

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1. Christ is surely coming bringing his reward,
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:
Root and stem of David, brilliant Morning Star:
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far.

2. See the holy city! There they enter in,
all by Christ made holy, washed from every sin:
thirsty ones, desiring all he loves to give,
come for living water, freely drink, and live.

3. Grace be with God's people, praise his holy name.
Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore the same.
Hear the certain promise from the eternal home:
'Surely I come quickly!' Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Offertory Song: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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Chorus:

We will feast in the *house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

**House of Zion = an Old Testament anticipation of the heavenly banquet*

1. We will not be burned by the *fire;

he is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the *flood:

upheld, protected, gathered up. *(Chorus)*

**images of God's judgment*

2. In the dark of night before the dawn,

my soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh how long;

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *(Chorus)*

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed

you are the Faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave

bind us together, bring *shalom. *(Chorus)*

**shalom = Hebrew for peace*

Closing Song: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1700's; Tune: *Helmsley*, Thomas Olivers, 1700's. Public domain.

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars.

3. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne!
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.