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Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal*

There are coffee beans on the altar. We have the 3 of the 4 Advent Sunday Candles on the altar. We have the candles there from weeks 2 through 4, but the candles from week one will come from the daily prayers with those hosting them as part of the intercessions.

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Greeting

At the end of the Prelude, the person doing the openings of the daily prayer comes with the second candle. The candle is already lit. They lift it up and say

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

This is what will be happening during the daily prayer.

The pastor comes with the branches and holds them while doing the greeting.

Greeting

Wisdom and understanding,
a branch,
counsel and might
a branch growing,
knowledge and fear of the Lord.
a shoot coming up from what was cut off,

Antiphon

Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum 1710 based on 15th-century French processional
 Based on antiphons from Advent Vespers
 English John Mason Neale 1852

O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 Oh, come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 ty - ran - ny. From depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 teach us your will and guide our way.
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

The person who brought in the candle now lights the first Advent candle. We will need some music after the hymn to get people to look up, otherwise their noses will still be in the bulletin and they won't see the candle get lit.

A bough
leaves producing more leaves
 a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Antiphon

O Tannenbaum

O Christ - mas Tree, O Christ - mas Tree, your boughs can teach a
 les - son That con - stant faith and hope sub - lime lend
 strength and com - fort through all time. O Christ - mas Tree, O
 Christ - mas Tree, Your boughs can teach a les - son.

A righteous branch
a voice crying in the wilderness,
 with righteousness to judge the poor,
deciding with equity for the meek of the earth.

Antiphon

Thomas Oliphant

Welsh carol



Deck the halls with boughs of hol - ly Fa la la la la la la la la.



Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly Fa la la la la la la la la

(cutting off the song)

A righteous branch

who shall stand as a signal to the peoples

the nations shall inquire of him,

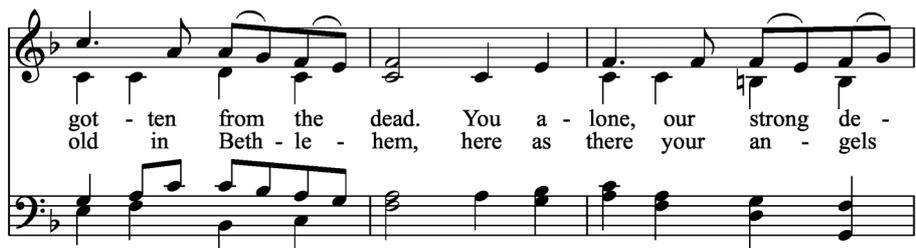
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

George H Bourne

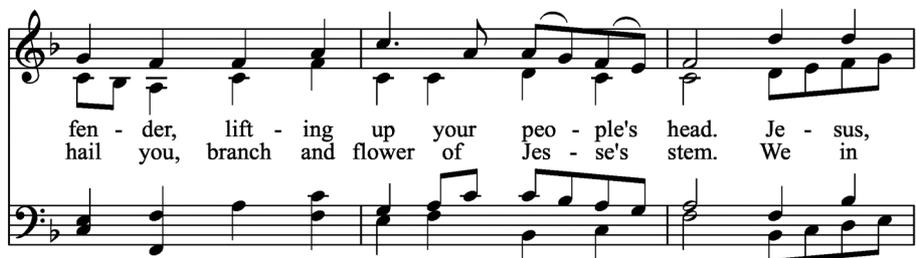
Henry Gauntlett



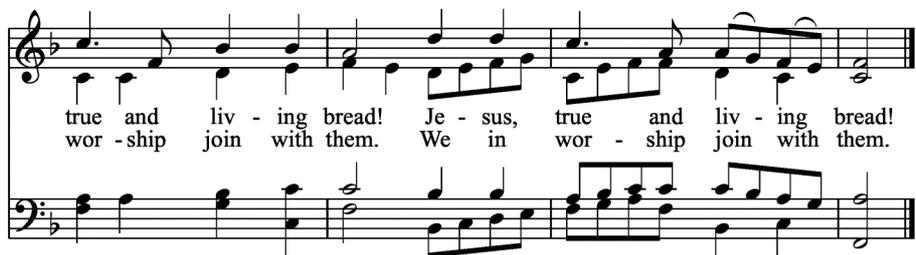
1. Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
2. Though the low - liest form now veil you as of



got - ten from the dead. You a - lone, our strong de -
old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels



fen - der, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Je - sus,
hail you, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem. We in



true and liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
wor - ship join with them. We in wor - ship join with them.

Call to prayer

You may be seated.

Advent is a season for big words and ideas:

wisdom, counsel, the Spirit of the Lord, an end to hatred, fear and violence.

But often these big words get crowded out by our preparations for the season, not that we shouldn't prepare to celebrate.

But sometimes in trying to get everything done, we forget the big words of God's coming realm.

So we pray.

Prayer of confession

Glorious God, encompassing the whole earth,
when the exuberant word, *joy*, is replaced by the limited event, *party*,
forgive us.

When the word of dreams, *hope*, gets focused on boxes under a tree
forgive us.

When the wholeness of the word *peace* is twisted into a question of security and the quest for power,
forgive us.

When the strong word, *love*, is reduced to the difficulties of choosing gifts,
forgive us.

When the branch growing from the root of Jesse, is applied only as decoration to our lives,
forgive us.

*Turn us, God, so we become branches of your will,
rooted in your justice,
with ever-green shoots of love,
growing in mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Kyrie eleison

Words of acceptance

These branches will become part of our Advent wreath. But before we put them in place on the altar, I invite you to fill them with big words, which are God's gifts this season. What big words are claiming you as you prepare for Christ's coming?

In a moment, we will pass these branches through the congregation. We will have several branches going at the same time. When the branch comes to you, would you say aloud, in your language, one or two of the big words of Advent, important for you this year. Hopefully we will have several words at the same time so please don't be shy about saying your word. It doesn't matter if someone else has already said it. We fill not only the branches, but this space with the big words given to us by God's Spirit.

We pass around the branches. WE WILL NEED HELPERS TO DO THIS, SO IT IS NOT CLUMSY. TWO PEOPLE TO TAKE THEM UP TO THE BALCONY. MAYBE 4 HELPERS FOR THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE MAIN FLOOR. We have to have some people ready to say the words to get this started.

Then these get collected again at the front.

Forgiveness, reconciliation, peace, wisdom, the fear of the Lord.
The biggest word is the name of the one who is coming, Christ Jesus.
Christ frees us from sin, and leads us to the realm which is eternal life. Amen.

Then a couple of the branches are placed on the altar.

Please rise, and while we sing the children may go to church school and Sunday play.

While we sing the rest of the branches in place are put in place.

Hymn of Praise

Prayer of the day

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:7-13

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name';

and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 24.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Rev. Amy Reumann

Hymn

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

Prayers of Intercession

In homes, here at church, by video, we as a community and beyond our community have been praying every day this past week. We begin our prayers of intercession by bringing the candles lit during these days. The candles bring to this altar the prayers offered in other places. Could we have the six persons come and gather on this side of the altar. Then with a word or sentence offer a prayer while you light the candle.

Steve, will need to help by having a taper available to get the light from the Advent candle. Also to help place the candle correctly.

Kiki

Elisabeth

Tara (or one of her children)

someone from Thursday,

Terry

Mark or someone from his family

Response Advent Wreath part 2

Advent Wreath
dedicated to Virginia Thompson

Terry MacArthur

Branch with branch

wo - ven a - round, green with green, gent - ly bound,

shap - ing a home in the dark for light,

cra - dle new birth in the midst of night

Then the prayers continue.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory hymn

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Wisdom, speaking a word to bring forth light,

Knowledge, shaping a universe able to support life,

Understanding, breathing in the dust, filling your image with your spirit,

Counsel, making covenant with your people and giving them the law,

Righteousness, sending prophets pronouncing judgment, pointing to your way,

Knowledge, seeing ahead towards the day of peace,

Faithfulness, sending your Beloved, the shoot coming from the stump of Jesse

the branch growing out of his roots,

God, working your purpose out,

to you we offer our thanks, to you we give glory.

With the living branches of your church of every time and place, we join in the everlasting hymn of praise.

Sanctus

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you,

Hope, bringing your realm of justice near,

Joy, releasing the captives and preaching good news to the poor,

Love, washing the feet of your friends, and gathering the children in your arms,

Peace, reconciling all peoples to you through your death on the cross,

Words of Institution

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

At this table we welcome one another, just as Christ welcomes us. We become servants to one another, just as Christ serves us the bread of life, his body, and the cup of salvation, his blood.

We proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come Holy Spirit, come.

Reveal to us Christ Jesus,

and fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

so we may abound in hope, by your power.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer *in our many languages*

We say the Lord's Prayer in our many languages

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

Agnus Dei

Sussex Carol

You take a - way the sin of the world, O
 Lamb of God have mer - cy. You take a - way the
 sin of the world, O Lamb of God have mer - cy.
 You take a - way the sin of the world,
 O Lamb of God grant us your peace.

Communion

(Because this is the table of Jesus Christ, all people are welcome and invited to his feast. Communion is continuous. Please come forward and gather around the altar. Receive the bread in your hands. Glutenfree wafers are available from the server. Take the chalice from the server or help yourself to one of the small, individual glasses. Please return to your seat after receiving communion.)

Songs during communion

Down by the riverside

African-American

1. Gon-na lay down my sword and shield, down by the
 2. Gon-na put on my long white robe,
 3. Gon-na learn me the ways of peace.

riv-er - side, down by the riv-er - side, down by the
 riv - er - side. Gon - na lay down my sword and shield,
 2. Gon - na put on my long white robe,
 3. Gon - na learn me the ways of peace.

down by the riv-er-side, down by the riv - er - side.

I ain't gonna stud-y war no more, ain't gonna stud-y war no
 more, ain't gonna stud-y war no more.

I ain't gonna stud-y war no more, ain't gonna stud-y war no
 more, ain't gonna stud-y war no more.

Sending forth

You do not give up, God,
 you keep feeding us,
 leading us,
 filling us with the big words of your realm.
 Send us forth as branches of your vine, Jesus Christ,
 able to do your will, and share your love,
 today, this week, now unto forever. Amen.

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements