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Opening Hymn #705 WS
Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, O long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Your people free;
From our sins and fears release us
By Your death on Calvary.

2. Born Your people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Your gracious kingdom bring.

3. By Your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Your glorious throne.

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis

♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

1. Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King

2. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within

3. Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray…
… through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The First Lesson – Zephaniah 1:7-16

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the
Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on
the day of the Lord's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the
king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that
day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those
who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10 "On that
day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a
wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O
inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who
weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem
with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those
who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they
plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great
day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the
day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day
of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and
devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and
thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the
fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

Psalm of the Day- Psalm 90:1-12
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Antiphon – Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1 Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed
the earth | and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
3 You return | man to dust*
and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!"
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is

past,*
or as a watch | in the night.
[5]You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
[6]in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers.
[7]For we are brought to an end by your | anger;*
by your wrath we | are dismayed.
[8]You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.
[9]For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
[10]The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;*
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.
[11]Who considers the power of your | anger,*
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?
[12]So teach us to number | our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen
Antiphon – Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

The Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in

darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Verse of the Day – Matthew 25:29a

Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

The Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into

the joy of your master.’ [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26]But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

The Alleluia

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven

And is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day #611

The Day is Surely Drawing Near

1. The day is surely drawing near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As Judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teacheth.

2. A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken;
But all that live shall in that hour
By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at His commanding.

3. A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each hath done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling;
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In tho'ts and words and actions.
4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord

And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the Judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay
And for my sin wast smitten,
Within the Book of Life, oh, may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free
And from all condemnation.

6. Therefore my Intercessor be
And for Thy blood and merit
Declare my name from judgment free
With all who life inherit,
That I may see Thee face to face
With all Thy saints in that blest place
Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free
From every evil! Amen.

Sermon Text – Zephaniah 1:7-16

Sermon
God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

Offertory

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

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

P: Lord God, You bestow favor and honor and withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. Bless parents and those who teach children Your ways, that generations to come would love Your promises, walk in Your truth and dwell in Your house.

[1.] O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride:
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

P: O Lord, preserve Your people from believing that You are pleased with us because of our works or ceremonies. Grant that what we do in worship and prayer may proclaim salvation in Christ Jesus alone.

[2.] O Father, light from heaven send;
As morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
To Jacob's line rain down the King.

P: Gracious Lord, grant that we may not grieve as those who have no hope but rejoice and encourage each other in the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting.

[3.] O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen:
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare,
Our Savior, spring from meadow fair.

P: Heavenly Father, show mercy to those who cry aloud as they await Your Son's coming in glory [*including* _____]. Answer them with strength and healing, comfort and hope. Make them confident in Christ, who will raise His people on the Last Day.

4. O Fount of hope, how long, how long?
When will You come with comfort strong?
O Come, O come, Your throne forego;
Console us in our vale of woe.

P: Righteous God, You despise corruption and command justice. Embolden our rulers and all in authority to enact and defend measures that preserve peace and provide justice for all.

5. O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

P: Lord, You are our help and deliverer. We bring to You the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant us all things needful and guard us against all things harmful.

6. Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before your eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.

P: O Lord, Your Son will descend from heaven with a cry of command, raise those who have fallen asleep and deliver us to Your kingdom of glory. Until that day, strengthen us by [Your holy Word] and prepare us for His coming in glory.

7. There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

P: God of our salvation, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return, but we know that He has died and is risen again to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Until that day,

preserve us in faith and guard us from temptation. Do not let us be caught unprepared for His coming. Let us live our days in loving service and joyful expectation of the life of the world to come; through the same ***please stand*** Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn #444

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you,
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!
Against each foe you'll be victorious;
Our God will set you o'er them all.

Is Satan strong and fell?
Here is Immanuel.
Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield,
With Christ our Shield,
And we as conqueror's hold the field.

2. Cast afar this world's vain pleasures,
Aye, boldly fight for heavenly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might.
He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you;
By faith you'll conquer in the fight.
Then shame, thou weary soul!
Look forward to the goal:
There joy waits thee.
The race, then, run;
The combat done,
Thy crown of glory will be won.

3. Wisely fight, for time is fleeting,
The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short, is this our earthly way.
Then the trump the dead is waking
And sinners all with fear are quaking,
With joy the saints will greet that Day.
Bless God, our triumph's sure,
Tho' long we did endure
Scorn and trial.
Thou, Son of God,
To Thine abode
Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

4. Jesus, all Thy children cherish
And keep them that they never perish
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood.

Let new life to us be given
That we may look to Thee in heaven
Whenever fearful is our mood.
Thy spirit on us pour
That we may love Thee more--
Hearts o'erflowing;
And then will we
Be true to Thee
In death and life eternally. Amen.

Silent Prayer

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