

money, our forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us. You O Lord are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. To You be the Glory. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **We Silently Confess Our Sins**

**Hymn** All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord (219)

### **The Assurance of Pardoning Grace** Matthew 1:21

God did not leave us in our sins, but sent Jesus to deliver us from sin's tyranny. God's Word says in Matthew 1:21, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Thanks be to God for Jesus, our satisfaction, our substitute, our Savior!

### **The Confession of Our 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, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (\*universal)

**Hymn** Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising (642)

### **~God Instructs Us with His Word~**

**We Listen to God** Zechariah 3:6-10

**Sermon** Behold, the Branch

### **~God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table~**

**Hymn** Behold the Lamb (CCLI#251645)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us - and we remember.  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember;  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember.  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond - and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering, We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King.  
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### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **~God Receives Our Offerings and Requests~**

**We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**We Bring Our Requests to God in Prayer**

## **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**~God Blesses and Sends Us Out~**

## **Benediction**

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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## **First Sunday of Advent Service of Worship**

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

**~God Calls Us to Worship Him~**

### **Call to Worship** Luke 1:30-33

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Amen! Let us worship our God and King!

**Hymn** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (194)

### **Prayer of Worship**

**~God Renews Us in Christ~**

### **We Corporately Confess Our Sin and Need**

You, O Lord, have promised that if we will confess our sins, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins. We come in penitence asking Your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of Your presence, and the light of Your face. Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us for we have been selfish, and have not thought of the needs of others. Forgive us for our ingratitude, our neglect of prayer, our carelessness in the use of