

## THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2021

7:00pm

### ADVENT EVENING PRAYER INSERT

*(Continued from page 8 of the worship booklet.)*

#### PSALM 24

*The Psalm is read responsively by verses. The pastor begins.*

**P:** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**C: For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

**P:** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

**P:** He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**C: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

**P:** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

**P:** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

#### PSALM PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray. Lord God, ruler and guide of heaven and earth, you made your Son a priest and brought him into your everlasting temple. Open our hearts that the King of glory may enter, and bring us rejoicing to your holy mountain, where you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14, *The Word became flesh*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**L:** The Light shines in the darkness

**C:** and the darkness has not overcome it.

*All who are able, stand*

**HYMN: “People, Look East” WOV (Green book), 626**

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Guest is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Rose is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev’ry peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today—Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

*All sit*

**MEDITATION**

*All who are able, stand*

*The liturgy continues on page 8 of the worship booklet with the ANNUNCIATION  
and MAGNIFICAT.*

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