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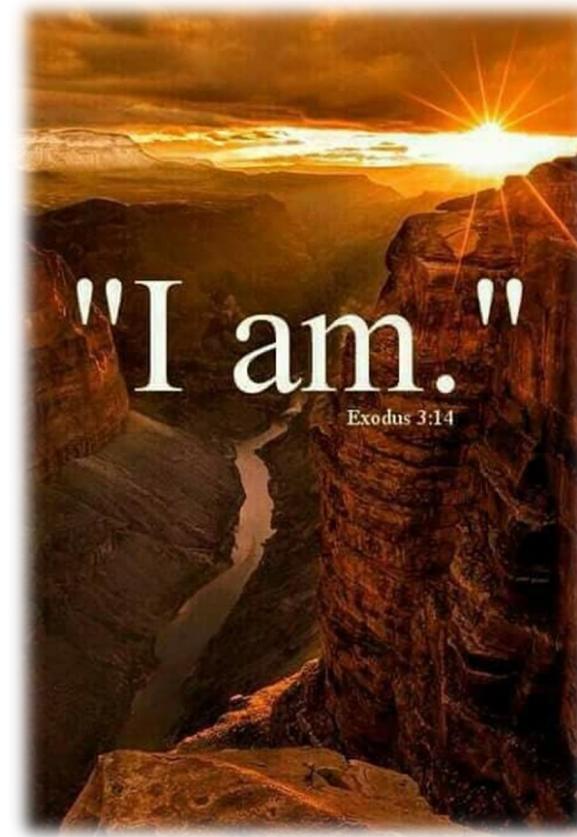
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GATHERING

Call to Worship

- P The Spirit and the church cry out:
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
P All those who await God's appearance pray:
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
P The whole creation pleads:
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

- P As we light the Advent candles, we call upon Christ, who gives the law. Adonai, you are our judge, our ruler, our king.
C Adonai, you will save us. Come quickly to us, Christ Jesus.

Benediction

P As the nights grow longer, may God draw you into mystery. As the days grow colder, may Christ invite you into stillness. As twilight grows deeper, may the Spirit draw you onto holy ground. And may the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, rest upon you as you await the advent of our Lord.

C Amen

- A Go in peace, bearing the light of Advent hope.
C Thanks be to God.

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

C Lord have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here our worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

P For the health of creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

P For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

P For all who are captive to suffering, grief, or illness, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

P For the lonely, the exiled, and the imprisoned, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

P For all who long to see the face of Christ revealed, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

P Jesus, give us faith to pray,

C 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.

Hymn of Light: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 3)

ELW Hymn: 257

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, key signature of one sharp (F#), and treble clef. The lyrics are:

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
Refrain
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O Adonai,

C and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: come with an outstretched arm and redeem us. Amen.

Exodus 3:1-14

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are

standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reflection

Canticle: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

ELW Hymn: 251

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim -
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly thronged in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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Prayers of the Church

P O Most Holy God, you draw near to us in Advent shadows and light. Hear us when we pray for all who are in need this night.

A brief silence