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The Second Sunday of Advent: Peace
Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 4, 2022

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Arr. Raymond Haan

Jordan Pak, viola

INTROIT

The Root of Jesse

Douglas Kostner

*The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope.*

WELCOME

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

*LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Church, Cara, Riley, Chuck, Griffin, and Walker Moore

One: In Isaiah 11:9, the prophet declares,

*They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of
the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea.*

We light this candle as a sign of hope that truth will prevail, and justice be done, for all
people.

[The second candle is lit.]

As we pray and work for truth, compassion, and justice, near and far –

**All: Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt
and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what
you have called good.**

**Forgive us for the ways we hold onto pain, share it, and cause it to grow. Fill us with
your wisdom, your understanding, your spirit, and your righteousness, and help peace
to reign here as it does in heaven...**

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY, GLORY, GLORY

Hymn 584

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! (2x)

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. (2x)

Gloria, gloria, gloria, en las alturas a Dios! (2x)

Y en la tierra, paz a la gente que ama el Señor. (2x)

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Jim Allen

Holy Spirit, as we open the Word of God in this season of light, we ask you to find us and rest upon us. Bless us with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And help us to hear what you would have us hear on this second Sunday of Advent. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4-13

Pew Bible NT pg. 163

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Alan Bullard

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the Apple Tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the Apple Tree.*

*I'm weary of my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1-9

Pew Bible OT pg. 640

SERMON

“The Giving Stump”

Dr. Bynum

*HYMN 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

(congregation singing)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!***

... Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jacques Berthier

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION &
LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

***Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!***

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Meg Käufer

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the Realm Connect app.

OFFERTORY

Quelle est cette odeur agréable?

Arr. Evelyn Larter

The Pak Pack

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all peoples here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*HYMN 105

People, Look East

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Salut d'Amour

Edward Elgar

Alex Pak, violin

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

LAC's Annual Advent Workshop is today, immediately following worship! All are invited to join in some intergenerational crafting and holiday snacks.

All are invited to stop by the manse (181 Larchmont Avenue) from 4-6 PM this afternoon for a **Christmas Open House** hosted by the Bynum family!

There will be a **meeting of the congregation** of the Larchmont Avenue Church following worship on December 11, 2022, for the purpose of electing new church officers! Please plan to attend in person in order to vote.

Following next week's congregational meeting, there will be a special coffee hour **farewell reception** for Church Secretary Marranda Major! (Consequently, the next Adult Education Session has been postponed to December 18.)

On Friday, December 23, 2022, we'll meet at the church at 4pm; break into groups to go **caroling**; then regroup in Russell Hall for a post-caroling celebration at 6pm! RSVP to LACcaroling@gmail.com and indicate the number of adults and the number of children under age 13.

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Larchmont Avenue Church! Today's "Lighting of the Advent Candles" is from Brian Wren's *Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008) and is reproduced by permission. Copyright ©2007 by Brian Wren.

Today's bulletin cover art is an illustration from *The Giving Tree*, written and illustrated by Shel Silverstein.

Today's flowers are given on behalf of all our deacons by Amy Hart, in honor of all members of our armed forces who served at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941 and in memory of her parents, who were introduced to each other in Washington, DC on December 7, 1945.

Christian Education

As we will celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning, **Sunday School** will begin at the start worship in the Carhart Room, and Students will rejoin their families for Communion!

This year's **Christmas Pageant** is on December 18! If your child would like to participate, email agclaunch@lacny.org and plan to be present for the dress rehearsal on December 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.!

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

TGIF and SHIFT will not meet this week (12/7)—see you on the 14th for our annual Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange!

The Men's Bible Study will meet next on Thursday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room.

SHARE CHRISTMAS CHEER WITH LAC!

Help LAC bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors in need so that they may know the true hope and joy of Christmas. The annual Christmas Basket program is an opportunity for our congregation to demonstrate our willingness to help the less fortunate among us while we celebrate the spirit of giving. This year, we ask that congregants donate funds so that Church & Community may purchase wish list items for our recipients as well as family gift baskets full of holiday treats, blankets, and gift cards.

LAC is preparing to partner with **Neighbors for Refugees**, a non-profit organization focused on the resettlement of refugee families here in Westchester County. Any surplus funds collected for the Christmas Basket program will be directed to establish an apartment for a new refugee family including furniture, bedding, kitchen and bathroom supplies, etc. While this resettlement effort will likely occur in 2023, we feel you'll agree that this is an opportunity to share our Christmas bounty with (new) neighbors among us!

Donations to the Christmas Basket program can be made on the LAC website by selecting Holiday Gifts in the dropdown menu on the giving page, or by mailing a check to LAC with Holiday Gifts on the memo line. You can also make a donation on the Realm app, as well as using the blue envelopes that can be found in the pews.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity in the past and have faith that it will continue this year as well.

Faithfully,
Church & Community Committee

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School Workshop (Carhart)
Advent Workshop (Russell Hall)
Confirmation (Youth Center)
Holiday Open House (Manse: 181 Larchmont)

MONDAY

3:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Board Leaders (Lindsley)
LMBA (Carhart)

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 6

Al Anon (Library)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)
Westchester Chorale (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 7

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
Symphonia (Chapel)
Chancel Choir (Russell)

THURSDAY

4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 8

Westchester Children's Chorus (All)
AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 9

WCC Winter Concert (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 10

Neighbors for Refugees (Russell Hall)
Westchester Chorale Winter Concert (Sanctuary)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)

You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

east and sing to - day:

Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

Prepare the Way, O Zion 106

- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain

O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.