

## The Dismissal

### Post Communion Charge

MINISTER: As we go from this Table, may God give us ears to hear and eyes to watch. May we know His presence in our midst during this holy season as we anticipate with HOPE the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please Stand*

**Closing Hymn: #289 *Soon and Very Soon***

**Closing Prayer**

*Pastor Stretch Dean*

**Postlude: *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying* - Johann Gottfried Walther**

*Lambert Brandes*



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*First Sunday of Advent*

*December 1st, 2019 8:00AM*

## ***The Gathering***

*Prelude: When He Cometh - Gordon Young*

*Lambert Brandes*

*Please stand*

### **Greeting:**

*Susan Watkins*

Greetings on this first Sunday of Advent, let us stand together in Hope as we anticipate Christ's coming again.

*Please stand*

**Gathering Hymns: #163 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*Susan Watkins*

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle HOPE: #158**

*The Doane Family*

LEADER #1: The Lord God of Israel said,

LEADER #2: "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me."

**PEOPLE: A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord;"**

LEADER #1: "Make Straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

LEADER #2: "Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

**PEOPLE: "The ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.**

LEADER #1: "And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.

LEADER #2: "For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

**PEOPLE: The sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him.**

LEADER #1 : His reward is with him

LEADER #2: and his recompense accompanies him.

**ALL: He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (All)**

***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. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

MINISTER: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

MINISTER: Let us pray.

***ALL: We come to Your table, Lord, in meekness of heart and humility of spirit, knowing that we cannot approach You in our own righteousness, but because of Your great goodness. Your nature is always to show mercy to those who justly deserve Your wrath and punishment. As we receive the elements, we eat and drink in remembrance of Him Who died for us and rose again, knowing that He has become to us both meat and drink. Help us to live in newness of life and to walk worthily before You all the days of our lives. Amen.***

MINISTER: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The congregation is invited to receive communion at the altar. Please come forward and kneel at the altar as space is available. There you will receive together both the bread and the cup. If you are unable to kneel, please take a seat on the front row and you will be served. When you have finished, please return to your seat so others may kneel.*

*The Church of the Nazarene recognizes an "open communion." You do not need to be a member of this church to partake. Those who claim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome. If Christ invites you, then come!*

## The Service of the Word

**First Reading:** Psalm 122

*Adeline Shihdanian*

*Peace and hope are promised for the House of the Lord;*

*Jerusalem for Israel and the Church for the believer*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14

*The day is near and we are called to clothe ourselves in the Lord Jesus Christ*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** *Thanks be to God.*

*Please Stand*

**Gospel Hymn: #286 View the Present Through the Promise**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 24:36-44

*Christine Moriarty*

*Jesus tells us about remaining watchful for His second coming*

READER: The Gospel of our Lord

**PEOPLE:** *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

*Please Be Seated*

**Sermon**

*Pastor Stretch Dean*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Pastor Stretch Dean*

**Confession of Sin**

*ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

MINISTER Sisters and brothers, scripture declares that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

**PEOPLE:** *Thanks be to God!*

**The Peace**

MINISTER: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** *And also with you.*

*Let's greet one another in the name of the Lord*

**Announcements**

*Pastor Jennie Doane*

## The Service of the Table

MINISTER: Magnificent and Merciful God, we come to worship you this morning with great joy and gladness. May the giving of our gifts help firm our resolve to be the Disciples of Christ that you desire for us. Thank you for the blessing of joining in your work both here and around the world. Father, you are full of compassion, mercy and lovingkindness! May we partner with you in selfless love and compassion and be found in your dwelling place all the days of our lives. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**The Offertory:**

*John and Amy Nielson*

*Please Stand*

**The Presentation Hymn**

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise Him All Creatures Here Below**

**Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host**

**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Pastor Jennie Doane*

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** *And also with you.*

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** *We lift them to the Lord.*

MINISTER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE:** *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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MINISTER: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You spoke to us through the prophets, calling us back to yourself. You sent your Son who bore our brokenness and sin on the cross, conquering death and offering us eternal life. As we celebrate how He came to us in the First Advent as Emmanuel, God with us, we also anticipate his glorious return to establish His Kingdom of holiness, justice and peace.

Therefore, we rejoice together with all of creation in this song of praise...

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please be seated*

MINISTER: On the night in which Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, He took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to His command, O Father,

***ALL: We remember His death, We proclaim His resurrection, We await His coming in glory.***

MINISTER: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***ALL: Chorus of Response : (#163) Rejoice! Rejoice!***

***Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

### The Collect of Purity

LEADER: Almighty God, unto you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Summary of the Law

LEADER: Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
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 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Apostles Creed

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

*Please be seated*