



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 20, 2020

AS WE GATHER: Jesus as the Lord of the universe and the Son of God, has many names by which He is called. Each name gives us glimpses into who Christ is, what He came to do, and how He will come again on the Last Day. Each name also teaches us how we can call upon Jesus' name in faith by telling us more about who He is. In this Advent Sermon Series, "Hello, His Name Is," we will be exploring the most prominent names that Jesus is given throughout Scripture. Advent is a season when we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, but it also is in preparation for Christ's Second Coming as we look forward to Christ's return on the Last Day. Philippians 2:10 states that on the last day "at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow..." What is this name that everyone will bow before when Christ returns? We will take a journey throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament learning what it means that Jesus' Name is...

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

#357, VS. 5 & 7

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:
People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:
People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: The whole creation pleads:
People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: **The light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness
People: **And illumine Your Church.**

Pastor: The many names for Jesus recorded in the Bible allow us to know Jesus more fully. In the book of Revelation, the Apostle John has a vision of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, returning on the last day to vanquish the power of Satan. We live in hope of Christ's return and eternal life through Him.

(All four candles are lit)

Pastor: Jesus, Son of God, come and ransom Your captive people.
People: **Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Pastor: Jesus is the light of the world. A light no darkness can ever put out.
People: **Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus**

HYMN #549, vs. 1,2 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 [Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown Him Lord of all.]

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
 Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
 And crown Him Lord of all.
[Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
 And crown Him Lord of all.]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence, how crooked our world has become, and how unjust are our relationships. We come before the Lord in humility.

 Heavenly Father,
People: **we confess that we have strayed from Your path. We have been selfish and cruel. We have treated our neighbors with injustice and prejudice. We have oppressed the weak in order to gain power. We long to return to You, but how are we to return?**

Pastor: God sent Jesus, our Redeemer, to bring salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. This salvation is complete, and Christ comes to you once again with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!"**

SONG OF PRAISE #810, vs. 1,4 *"O God of God, O Light of Light"*

1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
 O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven's glory bright
 The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
 The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won,
 All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
 And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
 And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
 Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
 All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, our Redeemer, and
 come,

People: **That by Your protection we may be rescued
 from the threatening perils of our sins and saved
 by Your mighty deliverance;**

Pastor: For You live and reign with the Father and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Timothy 6:11-21

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰ O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” ²¹ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 19:11-21

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” ¹⁹ And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

#353 vs. 4

“Jesus Came the Heavens Adoring”

- 4 Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comforts us in failing years.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the
eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“Hello, His Name is...King of Kings”

Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#348

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

- 2 Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see His face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM OF Liam Edward Murphy
(10:30AM)

APOSTLES' CREED (8AM Only)

All: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, 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 sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ
Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the world in which we live, that our Creator
would reveal Himself as the Redeemer of all, let
us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, King of Kings, and fill our hearts with
peace and joy!

Pastor: For the proclamation of the Gospel, that all who hear of Christ may repent and believe in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Come, King of Kings, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they may guide others in lives of service and leadership, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Come, King of Kings, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For our congregation, that we may love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Come, King of Kings, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those in our nation's military, that they would walk in faithfulness and integrity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Come, King of Kings, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For all who are broken in heart, mind, and body, that they may know the healing of Jesus in body, mind, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Come, King of Kings, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace, we may find mercy to help us in our every need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Come, King of Kings, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

LORD'S PRAYER (8AM Only)

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 and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #349

“Hark the Glad Sound”

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne
And ev’ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris’ners to release,
In Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

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10:30AM: David Bahr

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10:30AM: Emily Corteen & Bret Barnes

Sound:

8:00AM:

10:30AM:

Elders:

8:00AM: John Uttech

9:15AM:

10:30AM: