



## Holy Shepherd Zoom Advent Communion Service

*Thank you for joining us for this service of Holy Communion. All Zoom participants will be on mute during the service except for the Pastors. We ask that you have your communion elements ready at the beginning of the service (bread/crackers and wine/juice/water).*

**Prelude** music will play as we gather, please take time to center your hearts and prepare your minds.

### Opening Prayer from Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"  
Amen.

### Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.  
Reader: Word of God, Word of Life  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Invitation to the Table**

The Lord be with you, **and also with you**  
Lift up your hearts, **we lift our hearts to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God; **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here.  
Come, eat and drink.

## **Communion**

*You will be invited to eat the bread with the words "The body of Christ, given for you," and to drink with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." If you are participating in communion by yourself, you can serve yourself at the pastors' invitation. If there are members of your household with you, we invite you to serve one another.*

## **Prayer After Communion**

Gracious and abundant God,  
you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.  
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.  
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us  
and open our hearts to the world's needs,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✠ now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending**

Go in peace and hope this Advent season.  
**Thanks be to God.**