

OPENING MUSIC: Creator God

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Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,
your glory shines in all that you have made;
you spoke the word, who broke into the darkness—
all earth replies: 'Majestic is your name!'

And who am I, though made below the angels,
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
as on the cross the Light was pierced with dark.
The word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
the one who spoke out stars now breathes his last.

And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,
that you would pay the price my sin deserves?
My maker scarred for those who marred his likeness,
and from his wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory—
death could not hold the one who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness
and in our hearts, his risen life now shines.

And who are we, that you would call us children
and raise us up from death to life with you
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
'O praise the one who's making all things new!'

And so we wait in eager expectation,
and join the song as all creation groans:
'Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
the Day you call your sons and daughters home.'

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WELCOME and NOTICES

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

One: Nothing is more precious
than your loving kindness, O God.
All people can find protection close to you.

All: **The fountain of life flows from you.
Your light lets us see light.**

(from Psalm 36: 7,9)

VIDEO: Jesus, the light

SONG: Longing for light (Christ be our Light)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/MT-p828ugOQv>

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light...

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PRAYER

ALL-AGE TALK (Joan)

SONG: You're the Word of God the Father

Watch video: <https://youtu.be/RfvyoFcQLU0>

You're the Word of God the Father,
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice:
let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!
*You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of every man;
and your cry of love rings out
across the land.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea;
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.

You're the Author of creation....

With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own.
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

You're the Author of creation....

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SONG: Here I am to worship

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Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you--
hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly you came to the earth you created;
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship...

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon the cross.

So here I am to worship...

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(Sung by: African Children's Choir)

BIBLE READING (Reader: Fiona Hutcheson)

John 1:1-11 (New English Translation)

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See *OPENING MUSIC* for the words.

PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES (led by Susan Wong)

**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.

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG: We wait with great expectancy (Tune: God rest ye merry)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/4Ke18fDNmU>

We wait with great expectancy
to see your Kingdom come.

We trust your word to be fulfilled
and pray your will be done.

So in our world of ache and loss
we're calling out, as one:

*Come Lord Jesus,
we hunger and we yearn for your return.
Come Lord Jesus, oh, we pray for your return.*

You came to us so long ago
and you will come again.

We long for heaven on the earth,
an end to grief and pain.

Lord, may our lives anticipate
and usher in your reign.

*Come Lord Jesus, we long to know you here,
come and draw near.*

*Come Lord Jesus,
oh, we long to know you here.*

So lead us in your patience, Lord,
and help us match your pace,
to walk the straight and narrow road
in rhythms of your grace,
and may this Advent way of life
all hurriedness replace.

*Come Lord Jesus, and teach us how to wait,
you are not late.*

Come Lord Jesus, help us worship as we wait.

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC: All Praise to Thee

Martin Luther (1483-1546) set by Elaine Hagenberg

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**Welcome to our service
today
Sunday, December 10th
2023**

**Second Sunday of Advent:
The Light that no-one can put out**

***John 1: 5
And the light shines on in the darkness,
and the darkness has never put it out.***

**Whether you come here regularly,
or are a visitor,
we are glad that you can be with us today,
and hope you'll join us after the service
in the hall for coffee and fellowship.**

**Next week: Nativity Service
God is Light (1 John 1: 1-10)**

Church website: penicuiktrinitycommunity.church

PRAYER

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St James.
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