



Christmas TREES

A MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES

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Midweek Advent Service 2

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THE TREE OF LIFE



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INTRODUCTION & GREETING

HYMN# 2

P: In the name of The Father, and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit!

C: Amen

P. Advent is a special time of year; a time to once again examine our hearts and lives, as we prepare for the coming Christ!

C. We prepare our hearts and lives as we meditate on God's Word, and as we gather to watch and pray, with God's people.

P. Prophets, priests, and kings, have longed for our Savior's coming, and we long for His coming again.

C. Come, O precious Savior, come-- only hope for sinful mortals.

P. Come, O Savior of the world; open are to You all portals.

C. Come, Your beauty let us view; anxiously, we wait for You!

"Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"- Hymn# 23

Pastor: Let us pray! Lord God, You have brought us safely to this hour of evening worship. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins, remove our fears, strengthen our faith, and restore to us the joy of Your salvation! As we gather in Your name, we pray that You bless our time together. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and energize us to do Your will. May our words of prayer, and songs of praise, be pleasing in Your sight. As You led Your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ. In Your light, we see light! Live in us, that we may live for You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and The Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Genesis 3:16-24(page 5)

*To prevent Adam and Eve from living forever in a broken world, full of pain and sorrow,
God lovingly blocks their access to the Tree of Life.*

To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Pastor: The Word of The Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

"In Adam We Have All Been One"- Hymn# 396

Revelation 22:1-5(page 1,899)

Through the work of Christ the curse of sin has been removed and access to the tree of eternal life has been restored.

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Pastor: Please stand for our Gospel reading. Our Gospel is recorded in John chapter 20.

John 20:30,31(page 1,675)

The gospel is written so that we might have faith in Jesus Christ and, through faith in him, obtain eternal life. And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Glory to God on high!

CHRISTMAS TREES

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MIDWEEK ADVENT OFFERINGS

ADVENT PRAYER(page 123)& THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

APOSTOLIC BLESSING:

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ(+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of The Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen

"Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"- Hymn# 6

Special thanks to Guest Pastor, Christian Marquardt, St. James, for leading us in worship!