

# The Jessie Tree

The History of Salvation



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**The 1st Sunday of Advent**

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You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near

### **Hymn 334 - Awake, awake, fling off the night**

**Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent his glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.**

**Awake and rise, with love renewed,  
and with the Spirit's power endued,  
the light of life in us will glow,  
and fruits of truth and goodness show.**

**Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before his cross for guidance kneel;  
his light will judge and, judging, heal.**

**Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for  
your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus  
Christ, the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,  
be king of our lives today. Amen.**



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### **1st Reading** - The Creation (Genesis 1)

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and  
made humankind in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in  
all your works, and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns  
supreme over all things now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Hymn 498** - Let us with a gladsome mind

**Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the LORD, for He is kind:  
for His mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Let us blaze His Name abroad,  
for of gods He is the God:  
for His mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**He with all-commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light:  
for His mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**He the golden-tressèd sun  
Caused all day his course to run:  
*for His mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***

**And the horned moon at night  
'mid her spangled sisters bright:  
*for His mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***



**All things living He doth feed;  
His full hand supplies their need:  
*for His mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***

**Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the LORD, for He is kind:  
*for His mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***

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## **2nd Reading - The Fall (Genesis 3:1-13)**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Hymn 24 - Come, thou long expected Jesus**

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a King;  
born to reign in us forever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**



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**3rd Reading** - The Election of God's People (Genesis 12:1-9)

Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call and rejoiced in your promise that, in him, all the families of the earth should be blessed:

give us a faith like his, that, in us, your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Choir - The Benedictus**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :  
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies :  
and from the hands of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :  
that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him :  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :  
for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God :  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of  
death :  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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#### **4th Reading** - The Promise of Redemption (Exodus 3:1-8a)

Lord God our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Hymn 455 - Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.**



**Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing streams doth flow.  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.**

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**5th Reading** - The Call to Repentance (Mark 1:1-8)

Almighty God, who called your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death: strengthen us by your grace that, as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and vice and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn 34** - On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For Thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.**



**All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost, forevermore.**

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**6th Reading** - The Annunciation to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: fill us with your grace, that in all things we may accept your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn 242** - The angel Gabriel from heaven came

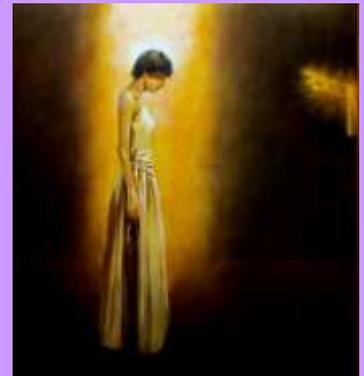
The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;  
Most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
Most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
Most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

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**7th Reading** - The Transfiguration of Christ (Mark 9:2-9)

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn 35 - People, look East**

**People, look East. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**



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## Hymn 31 - Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:

Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.



O God, you desire to enfold both heaven and earth in a single peace.  
Let the design of your great love  
lighten upon the waste of our angers and sorrows;  
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,  
peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**