

Hebrews 1:1-2:4

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. **3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **4** So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. The Son Superior to Angels

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

7 In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."

8 But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy."

10 He also says,

"In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed.
But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

13 To which of the angels did God ever say,

"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

2 We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. **2** For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, **3** how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. **4** God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.



+ Ordinary time refers to the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent, a season in the liturgical year of growth in the life of the church.

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 102:18-22

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:
**that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
when all peoples and kingdoms gather together to worship the Lord.**

*Song of Praise: "Great Is He"

Altos: *Great is he who's the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
he is wonderful!*

Sopranos: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, he is wonderful!*

Men: *Alleluia, salvation and glory, honor and power, he is wonderful!*

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "O Love of God, How Strong and True" LUYH 583:1,2,4,5

**1. O love of God, how deep and great,
far deeper than man's deepest hate,
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.**

**2. O heavenly love, how precious still in days of weariness and ill,
in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless.**

**4. We hear you in the flowers, the trees,
the freshness of the fragrant breeze,
the song of birds upon the wing, the joy of summer and of spring.**

**5. We hear you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.**

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**God's grace is free to save sinners
who offer nothing but their need for mercy.**

Jesus ascended in triumph,
raising our humanity to the heavenly throne.
All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him.

**There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

*Benediction

*Song: "Sing! A New Creation"

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**1. Sing! a new creation calls us: God's Son, firstborn from the dead,
makes the drowning which befalls us into cleansing birth instead.
Singing water, wild with wonder, washing, more than what it seems,
baptizes and drags us under, lifts us as our Christ redeems.**

**2. Sing anew! Creation flowers as the Spirit draws us near,
safe from storming earth-bound powers
on this ark, though tossed by fear.**

**Sing as family, filled, forgiven, fed by joyous table grace.
Baptized, we receive God's leaven, rising in our time and place.**

**3. Sing, a new creation growing lifetrees by the Father's stream.
Go and teach, send justice flowing, quench dry souls, compose a dream.
Sing amens, alive and agile, answering God's creating song.
Baptize peoples, parched and fragile, in the Name that makes us strong.**

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Response

*Song of Response: "In Christ Alone"

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**1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song—
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.**

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

**2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh—fullness of God in helpless babe—
this gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God #23, 26, 27

Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself,
God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—the eternal Word made flesh.

**He is the long-awaited Messiah,
one with us and one with God,
fully human and fully divine,
conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

Being both divine and human, Jesus is the only mediator.
He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior.

**We are chosen in Christ to become like him in every way.
God's electing love sustains our hope:**

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess, although you have spoken clearly,
our ears have been attuned to messages of discord,
our eyes captivated by those things that divide
rather than fixed on the One who unites us,
our mouths satisfied with baby food when you have richer fare awaiting us,
our hands clasped too tightly around our comforts
in place of the cross you call us to carry.
We feel out of tune and out of touch with you, Lord, and not realizing it,
we take it out on one another.

Time for silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon (based on Hebrews 6:19 and Hebrews 4)

Song of Assurance: "Come to Me"

**You are weighed down; you are worried. Child I see you; child I know you.
Bring your burdens; bring your labor. Come to me.**

*Chorus: Come to me, come to me, come to me if you are weary.
I will give you, I will give you my rest.*

**I am gentle; I am humble. Let me teach you, let me show you.
Trade your burden; mine is easy. Come to me.**

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Presenting the Kindergarten Quilts and Prayer of Blessing

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-2:4 (printed on back page of bulletin)

Sermon: "Listen Live"

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