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[0 : 00] ■■■ the prey of the fusion hill, underlying the sea with cold and sweat, the breath of bosque will and fresh, in the forward ■■■■, The promise to you, to man his way.

O God, be safe and open thee, That royal home of purity.

So praise in God of all stars and stars, Rejoice in thou this most love.

O people to thy Father, thou,.

But dont dwell in the rest of the world, The real star■m of y flaming Matthias, Disguido bases in Him holy sahe. Thank you.

[2 : 06] Thank you.

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[4 : 12] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Please be seated for the first reading. The service will proceed unannounced.

The first lesson is taken from the book of Isaiah, the 40th chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries, A voice says, cry, and I said, what shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

[5 : 54] The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it. Surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings. Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings. Lift it up, fear not. Say to the cities of Judah, behold your God. Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him. Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs in his arms. He will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

The word of God. Thanks be to God. The wheat of the du■o men, he will carry them in his arms.

Thank you. Thanks be to God.

[6 : 57] Having no doubt how to cook. Just follow, and also follow, and also follow, and please- I stop to cook.

We shall receive the free of Christ, God's give the angels glory.

This time of the kingdom I see, For what will the joy shall be, The love of Satan may be, The peace with the love of heaven.

In the life of Satan will change things, DNS will change the faith and mirrors again, To bring the father to his son alive and hippos, balances for the charity.

Peter Weber, Thank you.

[9 : 16] Thank you.

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[11 : 34] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you. so foreign With all His light and special shadow, His world will be alive.
Glory to Son as you bring, Salvation is a cry.
[13 : 08] And glory shall have all the dreams, You will be alive.

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[16 : 58] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. And now, you know. Amen. Amen.
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[21 : 18] Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. The fourth lesson is taken from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 1, beginning at
verse 26.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a
virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph of the house of David.
[23 : 32] And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one, the
Lord is with you. The Gospel of Christ.

The Geneva is APPLAUSE. Now Kevin, let me take a■■■ run back to Cuma.
Amen. Amen.
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Amen. Amen.

[27 : 13] Amen. He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.

Make straight the way of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the
Pharisees.

They asked him, Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the
prophet? John answered them, I baptize with water, but among you stands one whom you do not
know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.
This took place in Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day he saw
Jesus coming toward him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
The Gospel of Christ. Thanks be to God. He's still there. I- Preening I'm A- Play God of God. Hop
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emotional Cutter, Convert to the man of Jesus■■■, gliel stands Amen.

Amen. Amen.
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Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be
found acceptable in thy sight.

O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen. Amen.

[32 : 17] There was a box which was about four feet long and two and a half feet wide and stood
two and a half feet high. It was made of acacia wood and it was covered with beaten gold.

And on either side of it, there were big rings through which long poles could be inserted in order that
the box might be carried.

And it was in the course of David establishing Jerusalem, Mount Zion as his city and the center of his kingdom, where he had built himself a house, that he pitched a tent.

Because God had always dwelt in a tent among his people. The presence of God was associated with this box, which was four feet long, two and a half feet wide and two and a half feet high, and was covered with beaten gold.

And it had stayed for a long time in the farm of a man named Obed-Edom. When David has built his house and pitched the tent, he went down to Obed-Edom with the Levitical priests, took their poles and lifted this holy box, and with great rejoicing, brought it up to Jerusalem and placed it in the tent.

[34 : 04] Verse 16 of 1 Chronicles says, They brought in the ark of God and set it inside the tent which David had pitched for him.

And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord, and distributed to all Israel, both men and women, to each a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins.

Moreover, he appointed certain of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the Lord, to invoke, to thank, to praise the Lord, the God of Israel.

Asaph was the chief, and second to him was Zechariah. They were to play harps, lyres. Asaph was to sound the cymbals.

Asaph and Jehaziel, the priest, were to blow trumpets continually before the covenant, the ark of the covenant of God.

[35 : 37] Then on that day, first appointed, thanksgiving be sung to the Lord by Asaph and his brothers.

So there was a great festival of food and song and thanksgiving for the coming of the ark of the covenant into the city of David.

The city where David had built himself a house. One day this past April, we were on a hill called Megiddo, looking over the plains of Jezreel.

There we were shown a horse trunk, which was about that long, and that wide, and stood about that high.

And it was believed, and so we were told, such was the manger, which like the law that had come, had been preserved in the ark of the covenant.

[37 : 04] So this manger came, the God of Israel. He said, God, come upon his people. Come, come, Emmanuel.

After years of singing that, God, indeed came upon his people. The person of Jesus Christ.

Again, there is another sense in which God is coming.

We are, as we are, as we are said, an Advent people. And all that is, and all that has been, is not to be compared with what will be when he comes again.

We live our life. We live our life. Not spinning up the tale of years that belongs to us.

[38 : 28] Joyfully anticipating his coming again to judge the world. Joyfully anticipating his coming again to be the Lord of the Lord of the Lord. Joyfully anticipating his coming again to be the Lord of the Lord of the Lord of the Lord. So we are an Advent people waiting for our Lord to come. The chief thing in our life is that expectation.

And if you turn to the end of the scriptures, you will find, as God has come to us, so we will ultimately come to the Lord of the Lord of the Lord of the Lord. And if you turn to the end of the scriptures, you will find, as God has come to us, so we will ultimately come to him.

We will, as we're told, among the living creatures, give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever.

Four and twenty elders will fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.

They will cast their crowns before the throne. Sing. Worthy art thou, our Lord and God.

[39 : 57] Receive glory and honor. Thou didst create all things. By thy will they existed and were created.

And so it was in the time of David when he danced before the ark of the Lord as it came into Jerusalem.

And as the angels sang in the sky above the hills of Bethlehem, and as we prepare to sing the eternal song of the worship of our eternal God standing before his throne, we celebrate his coming

by singing with all our hearts.

We are very much blessed tonight. We are very much blessed tonight. By those people who like the sons of Asaph are our choir.

Who have given them to themselves, who have taken to themselves the discipline and the demands. And they have given the gifts that they have been given to the work of teaching us all to worship.

[41 : 20] For the students of Asaph, we might all be gathered together as we are on this Advent Sunday. To sing with all our hearts the praise of our God who has come, who will come, and to whom one day we will come singing.

And it's that priceless privilege that belongs at that time. We are called to them.

Probably in a strange and wonderful weather. We may have a little stomach aching. We are very close to heaven indeed.

We are gathered as we are as the people of God. To sing his praise. To celebrate his presence. And to acknowledge his coming.

The celebration for which the loaf of bread, the piece of meat, the cake of raisins was given. Ended with a tremendous hymn, which is recorded in 1 Chronicles, chapter 16.

[42 : 37] And that hymn ends with these words. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Then, at the end of that hymn it says, All the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord.

Amen. So I would ask you. As I end this brief talk. To join with me in those words of worship. Amen, and praised the Lord.

And so, as then, so now. May it be said, that all the people said, Amen.

And then I'll see you next day.