

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**



**KEEP  
AWAKE!**



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*The days of Advent point the people of God toward the three comings of the Lord Jesus. He came among us at Bethlehem. He comes among us now in the scriptures, the waters of baptism, the eucharistic meal, and the community of faith. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Keep awake, for his coming is certain and his day draws near.*

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

**P** The Spirit and the Church cry out:

**C** Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** All those who await His appearance pray:

**C** Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** The whole creation pleads:

**C** Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true hope who comes into the world to give hope to everyone, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and so enkindle our hearts with the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(as we sing the hymn, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.)*

HYMN                    “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (v1, 2)

1 O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive  
2 O come, Thou Wis-dom from on high, Who or-d'rest all things

Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here  
might-i-ly; To us the path of knowl-edge show,

*Refrain*  
Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.  
And teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice Rejoice

Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

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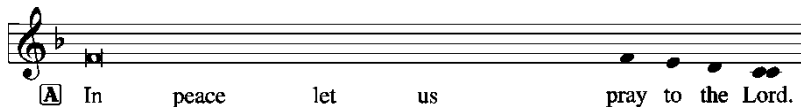
## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Introduce yourself to those around you, greeting them with the greeting of peace.*

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

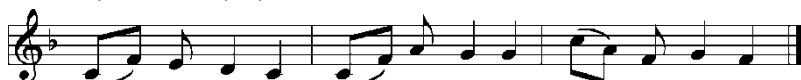


**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. **P** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

*This communal lament comes from a people who have had their hopes and dreams shattered. The great visions of a restored Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account--to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

**R** O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses many problems that had arisen in the early church. Still, he sets these problems within the context of thanksgiving for the grace and faithfulness of God.*

**R** Paul writes: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in

him, in speech and knowledge of every kind--just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



**HOLY GOSPEL** [P] The Holy Gospel of Mark, chapter 13, beginning at verse 24. .

**[C] Glory to You, O Lord.**

*In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

[P] Jesus said: "In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.  
Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from  
the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts  
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things  
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this  
generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and  
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the  
Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time  
will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his  
slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the  
watch. Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house  
will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he  
may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all:  
Keep awake."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C] Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,**



the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

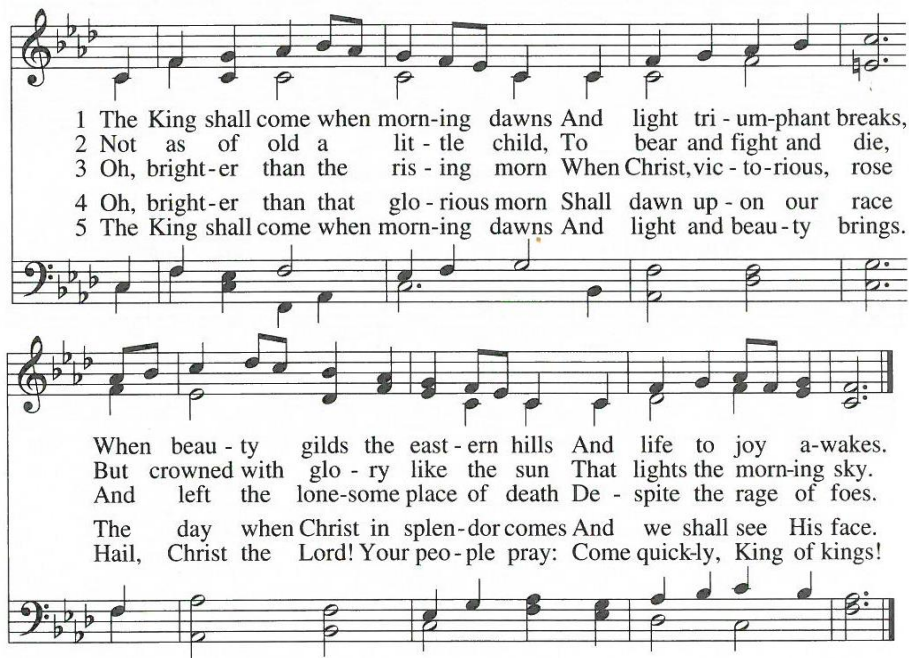
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## MESSAGE

## "No One Knows"

Stand

## HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.

When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.

The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**[P]** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."*

*The prayers conclude:*

**[P]** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**


Sit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



 Give Now

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

**[P]** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PREFACE

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

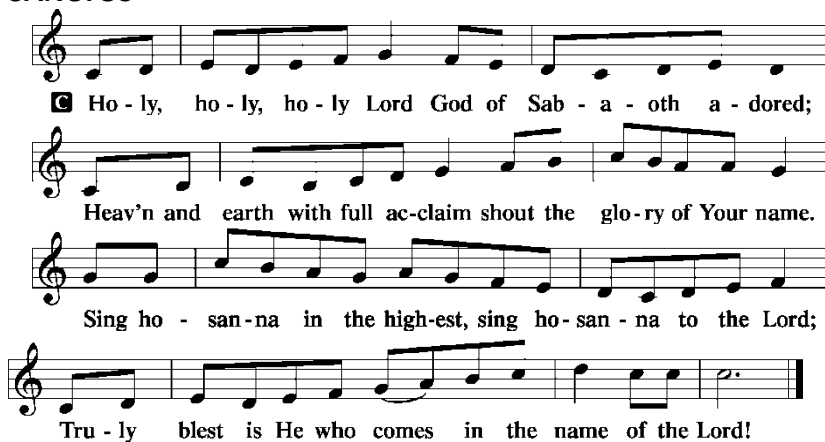
**[P]** Lift up your hearts. **[C]** We lift them to the Lord.

**[P]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**[C]** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**[P]** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



**[C]** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**C** 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.

**LAMB OF GOD**

**1** O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
**2** O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *You may approach the altar as space is available to receive pre-packaged communion elements or from the common loaf, and an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.*

**HYMN**                    **“My Lord What A Morning”**

*Refrain*  
F

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

F B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>7</sup> Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> F

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

F F B<sup>b</sup> F C F C

1 You'll hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You'll hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,  
3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout,

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> F *Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'My Lord What A Morning'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The piano part uses a simple harmonic style with block chords and moving bass lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score includes a 'Refrain' section at the beginning and end. Chord symbols (F, Bb, C7, Dm) are placed above the piano staff. The lyrics are: 'My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh, my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall. 1 You'll hear the trum-pet sound, 2 You'll hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground, 3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout, look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.' The score ends with a 'Refrain' section.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: African American spiritual

BURLEIGH  
6 8 7 7 and refrain

**[P]** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace. **[C]** **Amen.**

# NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- [P]** Let us pray.
- [P]** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in the Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- [P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **[C] Amen.**
- [P]** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God!**

# CLOSING HYMN

## "Savior of the Nations Come"

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,

That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

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# POSTLUDE

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## Our Confession about Communion

### Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.
2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."
3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

- a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;
- b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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