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Order of Service for

The First Sunday of Advent — November 28, 2021 — 11:00am

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

People: *And our spirits rejoice in you.*

Celebrant: We will praise you as long as we live.

People: *We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.*

Celebrant: We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

People: *But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth, the One who gives food to the hungry, the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.*

Celebrant: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

People: *As we worship you in this place, As we light this candle in hope, peace, and joy. Amen*

Reader: A reading from Matthew: Jesus said "you are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God. (The Candle is lit.)*

Celebrant: Lord grant us your light that we may come to the true light which is Christ.

**HYMN IN
PROCESSION**
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Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

(All Stand)

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: *You come to your people and set them free.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

KYRIE

Frank Boles

Cantor *All*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

All:

Cantor

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you. *People:* And also with you.

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD *(Please be seated.)*

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *People:* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

Plainchant, sung by the choir

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| <p>1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.</p> <p>2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.</p> <p>3 Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.</p> <p>4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.</p> | <p>5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.</p> <p>6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.</p> <p>7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.</p> <p>8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.</p> <p>9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies</p> |
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THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *People:* Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL
HYMN 61**

Wachet Auf

(Standing)

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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 Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

THE SERMON *The Rev. Tyler Jones (Please be seated.)*

NICENE CREED *(All stand)*

All: *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Subdeacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for ourselves and for our ministries, especially for our pastor, Tyler, our vestry, search committees, and for all of our parish family as we embark on the search for our next rector. Lord, you have called us to serve you. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially all who have suffered from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic; those who have died; those who have been infected; those exposed and isolated by this disease; and those who have experienced the loss of loved ones and concern for the infected. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. ***Silence may be kept.***

*All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

AT THE OFFERING

Audivi vocem de caelo venientem: Venite omnes virgines sapientissimae Oleum recondite in vasis vestris, Dum sponsus advenerit. Media nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit. Oleum recondite in vasis vestris, Dum sponsus advenerit.

I heard a voice come from heaven: Come all ye most-wise virgins Store up oil in your vessels until the Bridegroom comes. In the middle of the night the cry was made: Behold the Bridegroom comes. Store up oil in your vessels until the Bridegroom comes.

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

PRESENTATION HYMN 393



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;

Maoz Zur



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim:
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.

Standing



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;

THE HOLY COMMUNION



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

F. Boles

Cantor *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

All:

God of po-wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

- san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Cantor

Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est. Ho -

- san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

The people stand or kneel.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the

head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.* And now, as our Savior taught us to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

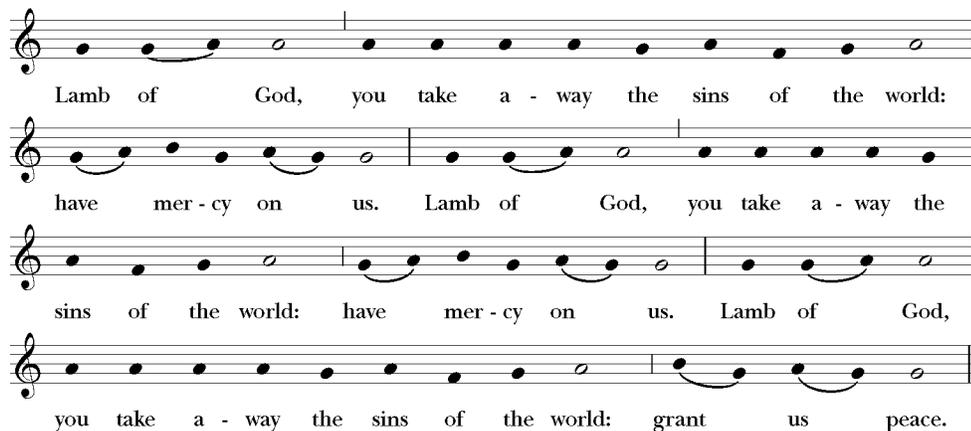
All:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

FRACTION ANTHEM

All:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. The congregation comes forward to receive communion while the choir sings an anthem. The choir receives after the congregation. All join in singing the hymns.)

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all both rich and poor.
The first thing which I do relate, Is That God did man create
The next thing which to you I tell, Woman was made with man to dwell.
Then after this was God's own choice, To place them both in Paradise,
There to remain from evil free, Except they eat of such a tree.
But they did eat, which was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin —
Ruin'd themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity.
Thus we were as to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose
And so a promise soon did run, That He would redeem us by His Son.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams
Text: Trad.

COMMUNION HYMN

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1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

*Gottes Sohn
ist kommen*



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us;
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(All Stand.)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,

*you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*

*Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with
gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

**HYMN
IN
PROCESSION
57**

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

VOLUNTARY Variation on “Creator of the Stars of Night”

Marilyn Biery (b. 1959)

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Liturgy has now ended. Let the service begin.

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