

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Tree of Life at Sunset, sculpture by Kester, Hilario Nhatugueja, Fiel dos Santos, and Adelino Serafim Matéb

November 27, 2022

10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Of the Fathers Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

Welcome

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#257

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Opening Litany

At every beginning there is a yearning.

O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.

Awaken our hearts to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable.

O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.

We welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

Amen

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Family Choir

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

The Lord looks down and all around at every shining face.

He hears our call and loves us all; each color, creed, and race.

He sees us all, the great and small. He loves and understand,

As every day He guides our way with His loving hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands,
 He's got the whole wide world in His hands.
 He's got the whole world in His hands.
 He's got the whole world in His hands.
 He's got you and me brother, in His hands.
 He's got you and me sister in His hands.
 He's got you and me brother in His hands,
 He's got the whole world in His hands.

Children's Time / Lighting of the Advent Candles

Christ the Lord Is Coming



Advent 1: Christ the Lord is com - ing, bring - ing hope and light,
Advent 2: Christ the Lord is com - ing to this wea - ry land!
Advent 3: Christ the Lord is com - ing, sent from God a - bove
Advent 4: Christ the Lord is com - ing! Sing this hap - py morn



Re - a - wake - ning hearts now bur - dened by the night.
 Rise, re - pent, pro - claim the King - dom is at hand!
 to re - veal God's mer - cy, jus - tice, truth, and love.
 of the Word In - car - nate in whom we are re - born!



"No - ël" sing with glad - ness, "No - ël" sing with cheer, put a -



way all fear and sad - ness, Christ the Son of God is near!



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WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the
mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Romans 13:11–14

¹¹Besides this, 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Anthem

Wondrous Love

Larry Shackley

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great 'I am';
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**The Gospel for today is from Matthew the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Church

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

... God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

All Earth is Hopeful

David Cherwien

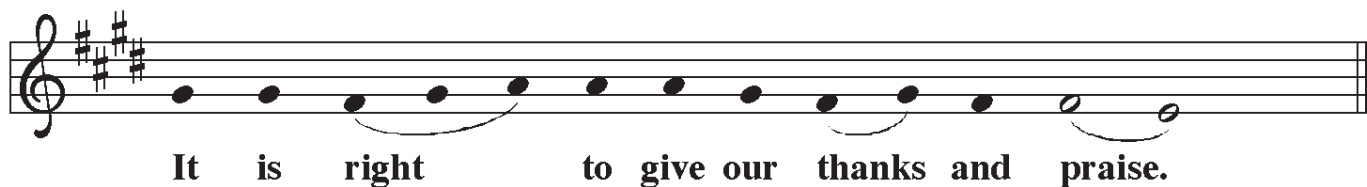
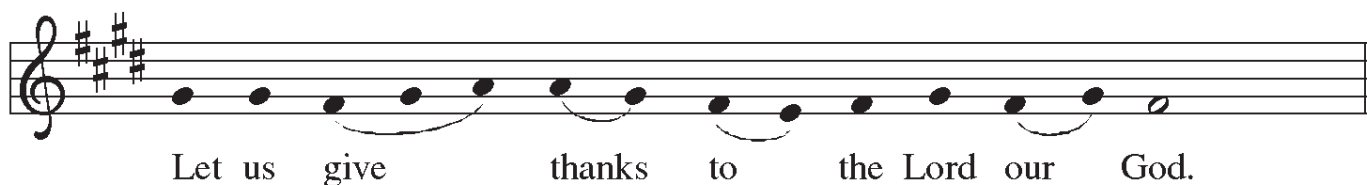
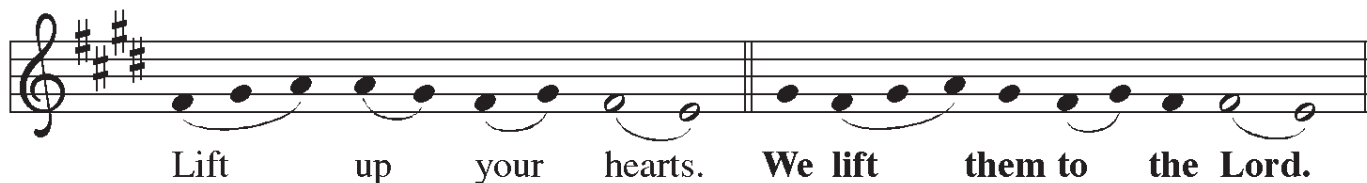
Offering Prayer

Eternal God,

you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy
mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
† bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

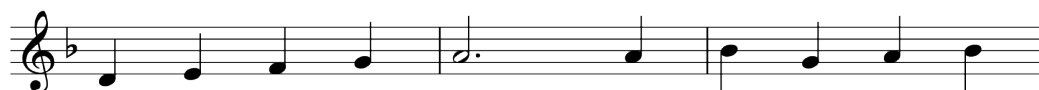
Unison:



1. I - sai - ah, proph - et, seer of old, re - spond - ing to God's
2. Pre - pare your heart, lift up your voice, join in this Ad - vent



call, pro - claimed the com - ing of the Lord to
song; walk in the light of God's own Son to



peo - ple, great and small. Now on this day we
whom we all be - long. A lit - tle child shall



hear God's word: de - clare good news to all! O
lead us all, his love will make us strong!

SATB (opt.):

Musical notation for the SATB part of the hymn, first line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the soprano and alto parts, and a bass clef staff for the tenor and bass parts. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time. The melody for the SATB part begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

Musical notation for the SATB part of the hymn, second line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the soprano and alto parts, and a bass clef staff for the tenor and bass parts. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time. The melody for the SATB part begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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Refrain: Traditional English carol (PD).

Tune: *GOD REST YE*, Traditional English carol (PD).

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccatà on Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Micheal Burkhardt

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