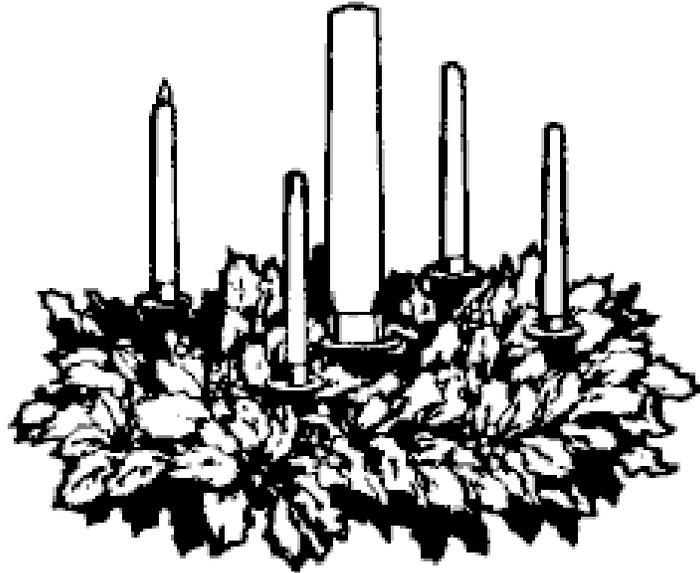


First Sunday of Advent

“O come, O come Emmanuel”



HOPE

Jesus said...Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Church of Our Saviour

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November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett, Rector
Peter Wright, Choir Director
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Church of Our Saviour Episcopal

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We invite you to experience God's love and ours. We are a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are bound together by our common liturgy, not a rigid set of doctrines. So how we sing and pray and relate to one another is very important to us. Wherever you are on your journey, we have a place for you and invite you to make your place with us. Come share our joys and sorrows as we share in yours. God is alive for everyone here regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or life history. Join singles, couples, partners and families of every description that make up our community of faith. Rejoice with us in our diversity.

Parish Prayer

Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of Our Saviour be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Welcome, Guests

If you are joining us online or in-person for the first time this morning, we hope you will consider making Church of Our Saviour your church home during this period of transition.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

First Sunday of Advent

♪ Prelude:

Ringing of the "Welcome" Bell

♪ Opening Hymn

Hymnal #73 The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Liturgy of the Word

**THE CANDLES OF ADVENT -
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE**

VOICE: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

Light the First Candle

We sing: O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for Purity

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.

Response: **Amen**

♪ Hymn of Praise Christ is coming: Prepare the way

LEVAS II #6

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves: a vocal line in the treble clef, a piano accompaniment in the right hand in the treble clef, and a piano accompaniment in the left hand in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Christ is coming: Prepare the way." The music features a simple melody with some grace notes and a piano accompaniment with chords and some melodic lines.

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Christ is coming: Prepare the way.

Christ is coming. Christ is coming.

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

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.*

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

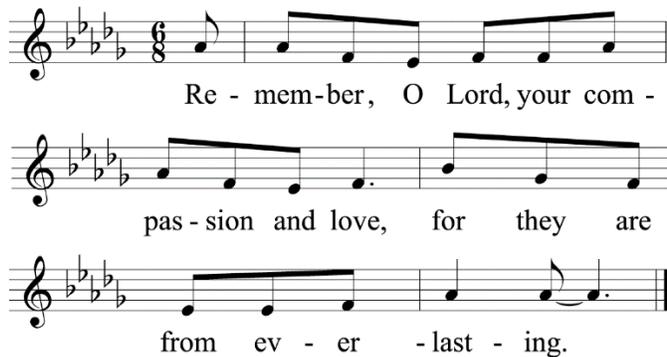
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will 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: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 25:1-9 Cantor will sing refrain and congregation will repeat, subsequent refrains will be sung by the congregation.

Psalm 25



Re - mem-ber, O Lord, your com -
pas - sion and love, for they are
from ev - er - last - ing.

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Ad te, Domine, levavi

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.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Refrain

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

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.

Refrain

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

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.

Refrain

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Refrain

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: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal #57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



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 (1710-1788)
 Harmony : Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Holy Gospel – The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

People’s Response before the Gospel Proclamation: **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

Luke 21:25-36

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.”

People’s Response following the Gospel Proclamation: **Praise to You, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett

The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP p. 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

The 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:
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

Intercessor: Waiting and watching for our sure and certain hope, let us pray for the world redeemed, the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one.

A brief silence

Intercessor: God of righteousness, you call your people to live out your ways in the world. Give to the church your spirit of compassion and love, and increase our love for one another and for all. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishops Mark, Bill and Arthur, and our Priest Debra in their proclamation of the Gospel. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of restoration, by your hand the heavens and the earth and all their inhabitants are continually being fashioned. Strengthen us to care for your creation and steward its resources faithfully Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of promise, your intention for the world is peace, justice, and righteousness. Keep this hopeful vision in our hearts, and strengthen us toward its fulfillment. We pray for all those serving in the military; and we pray for President Trump, the U.S. legislature, and our local government Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of hope, you know the fears and terrors we face. Be the strength of the weak, the addicted, the anxious, and those immobilized by fear. We pray especially for David, Pam, Susan, Christine, Joe, Chris, Derwood, Ruth, Judy, Glynn, Patricia, Patty, Tom, Danny, Emily, Rob, Jeff, Mikey, Anthony, Norma, Clarence, Dan, Steve, Leslie, Nancy R., Marilyn M., Bill, Marsha, Roger, William, Mitchell, Bob, Kym, Kelly, Stephanie, Joslyn, Mia, Virginia, Michelle, Chris D., Randy and Helen, Raymond, Katie, Robin, Susan S., Judy, Richard and Joyce Metz, Shirley W., Sandy, Ramon, Tim, Dianne, Nakiim, Hannah, Mary, Julie, Amy, David, Karly, Christina, Jeff, Richard D., Tammy, David S., Michael D., Eve & Katie, Rita, Donna C, Seti, Jim, Deidre, Dot, Chester, Janice, Ron, Eric, Karla, Bree, Phil, Fred, Laura, Nancy G., David, Jo, Jim, Harold & Claudette, Gail, Diante, David, Eve, Janice, Judith D., Shawn, Christopher, Lisa, Jordan, Scott, Vince, Frank, Allen, Susan TB., Nicole H., Ed, the Palm family, the Dabney and Williams families, the Gonel family, David, Gerald, Jim E, Courtney, the victims and families of the Houston concert stampede, the people of Haiti, the people of Afghanistan, and the people of Cambodia especially those living in Prey Lang Forest Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Bring comfort and grace to all those affected by the COVID-19 contagion, especially parents of children home from school, people dependent on food pantries, the homeless, the unemployed, students & teachers, health care workers & first responders, daycare workers and funeral directors, especially Mo and Rita. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for all seminarians as they continue their discernment toward ordination, especially Marla. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for all those who are currently serving in the military, that they will be safe and may know the peace that only you can give. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of grace, your word is a constant lamp for our feet and a light to our path. Lead this congregation in your ways, keep us mindful of the needy and forgotten, and strengthen our service to them. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of prayer, you call us to pray for one another. We pray for our seminarians Megan and Jon and all seminarians as they continue their discernment toward ordination Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor says: (*You may add other intercessions - silently or aloud*), Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of eternal life, the generations rise and pass away before you. As we remember the lives of all your saints, inspire us by their witness and support us by their communion as we continue in your word that will not pass away. We pray for all the faithful departed. Let light perpetual shine upon them Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Celebrant: Alert and on guard for the coming of the Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Absolution

The priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

The Peace “The Peace of Christ be always with you”

Response: “And also with you”

Commemorative Prayers

The priest offers prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events

The Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome at God’s table. Please come forward for Holy Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms across your chest.

Offertory Sentence

♪♪ **Offertory Anthem** Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. Drake

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

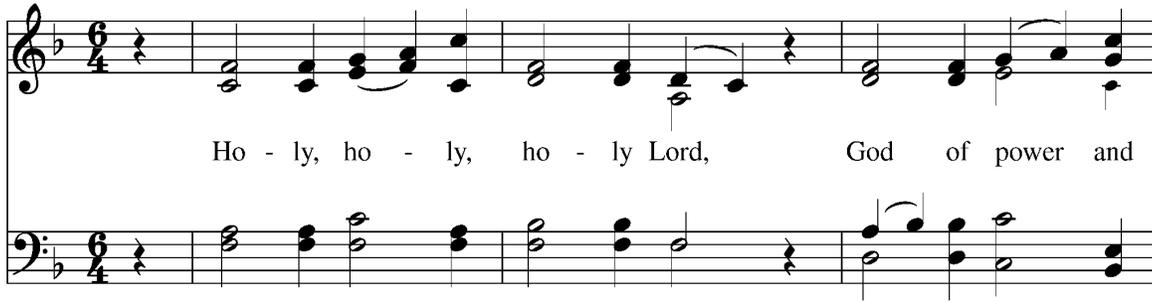
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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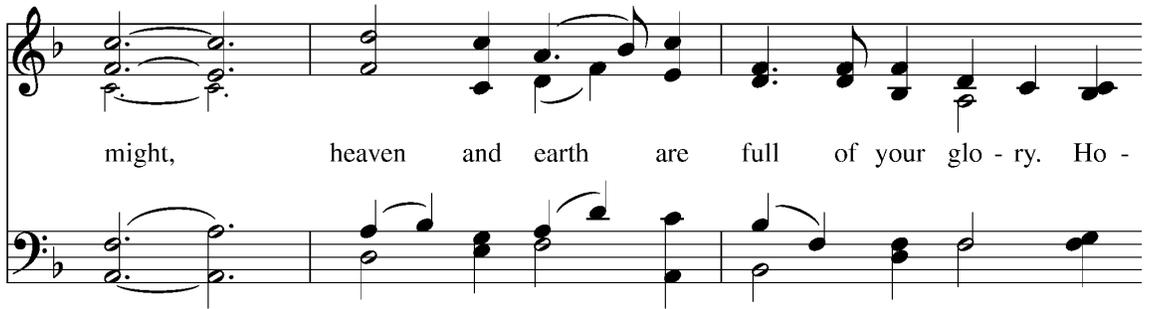
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, and may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

after which the celebrant continues

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:



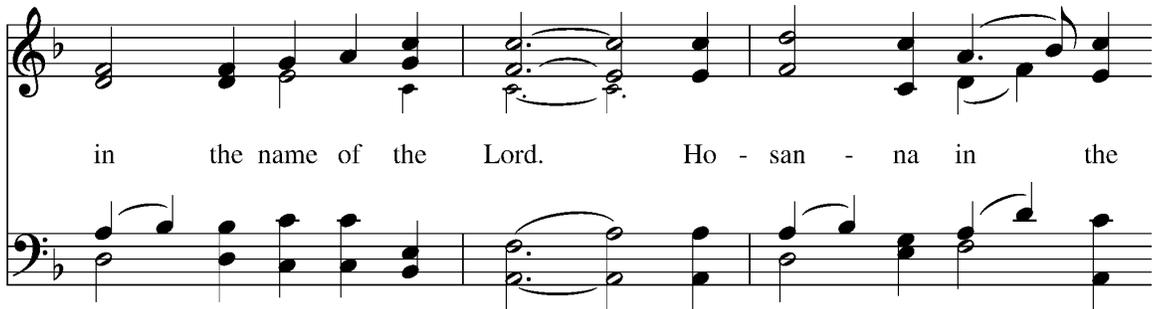
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



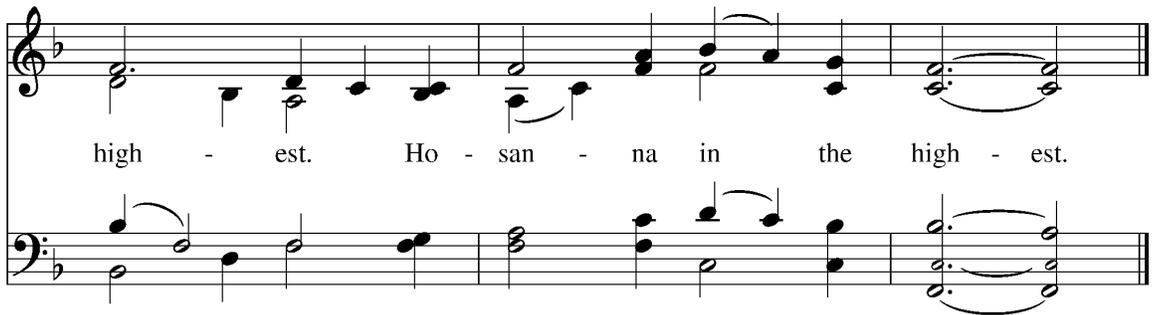
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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

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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.

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 God,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant: 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, and 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 forever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

People and Presider

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,
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The following is then sung.

Fraction Anthem

WLP #876

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses

of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
 2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu

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All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

♪ Hymn During Communion

LEVAS II #13 My Lord, What a Morning

Negro Spiritual

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn - ing, My Lord, what a morn - ing, O
my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the stars be - gin to fall.

Fine

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound,
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the
3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout,

na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right
hand, When the stars be - gin to fall. *D.C.*

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Announcements

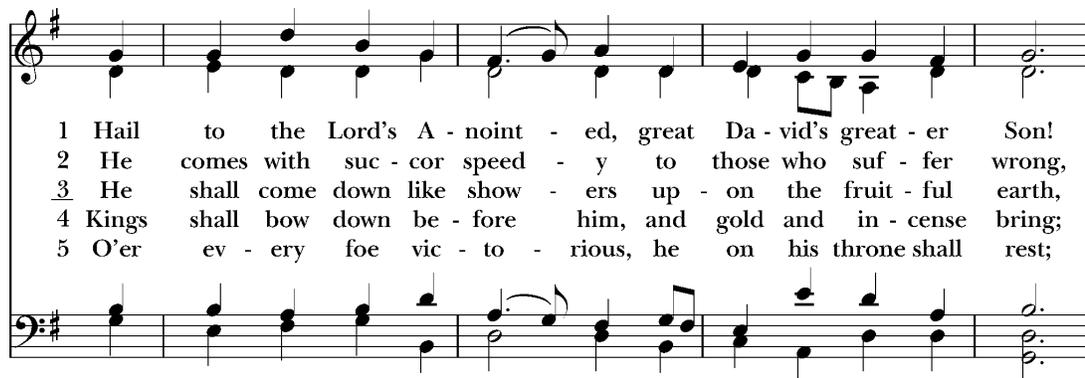
Seasonal Blessing of Advent

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

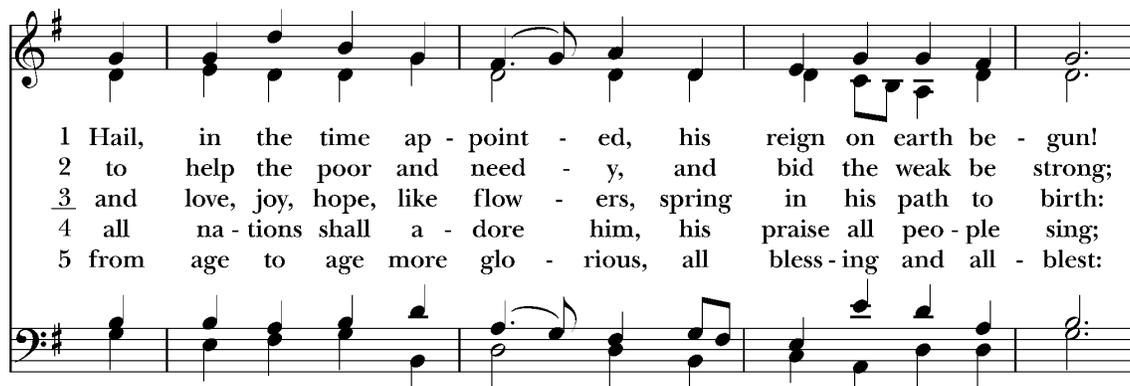
♪ Closing Hymn

Hymnal #616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

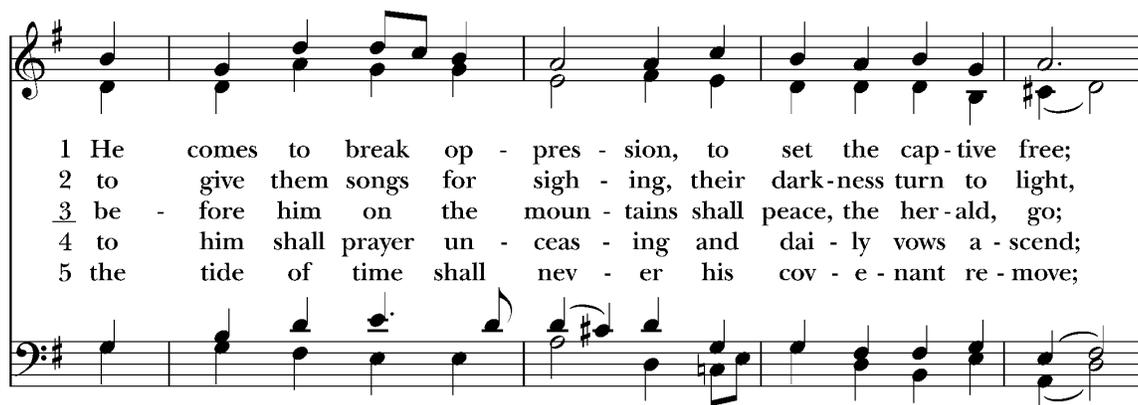
Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

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1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Today's Lectors: Deidre S-J., Vicki S.

Birthdays This Week

December 2—Beth Britton, December 4—Jeannine Jones

Happy
 Birthday