

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 AT 11AM | ADVENT I

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | 60 EAST AVENUE | NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 06851

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto from Symphonie Gothique, Charles-Marie Widor

*During the Prelude the Choir processes down the west aisle, while the Congregation remains seated.
Please stand as the bell sounds.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Our God, Emmanuel, now draws near;

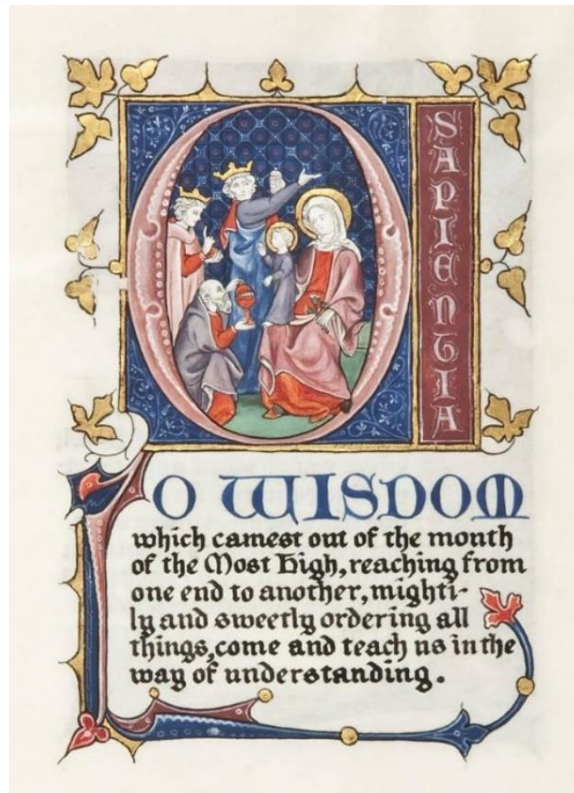
The People respond



THE INTROIT

sung by the Choir

O Antiphons



HYMN IN PROCESSION

On the First Sunday of Advent, the processional hymn will be sung without organ accompaniment. Please join in with the Choir to sing this hymn together.



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. | Re-joice! Re - joice!



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

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890)

THE OPENING COLLECT

Come, O come Emmanuel; you are the way, the truth, and the life;
you are the true vine and the bread of life.
Come, living Savior, come to your world which waits for you.
Praise to you, the one, holy, and living God, now and forever. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Throughout this service, the People's responses are marked in bold.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God our Savior, you utter a word of promise and hope and hasten the day of justice and freedom, yet we live In a world forgetful of your word, our watchfulness dulled by the cares of life. Keep us alert. Make us attentive to your word, ready to look on your Son when he comes with power and great glory. Make us holy and blameless, ready to stand secure when the day of his coming shakes the world with terror. We ask this through him whose coming Is certain, whose day draws near: your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you In the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

THE LESSON *seated*

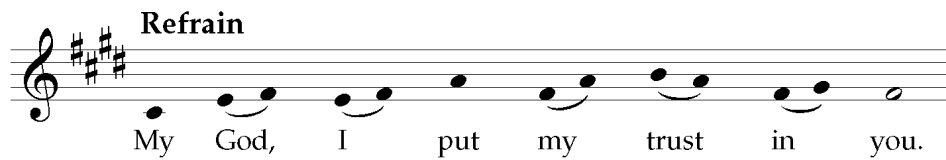
Jeremiah 33:14-16

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

(The cantor will sing the refrain once; the congregation repeats it)



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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.

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

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

REFRAIN

Setting: Plainsong

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL HYMN

standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People

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

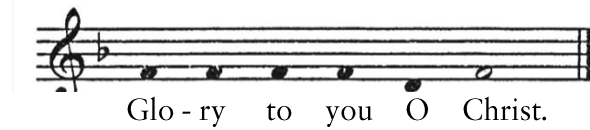
1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

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

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.
 Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

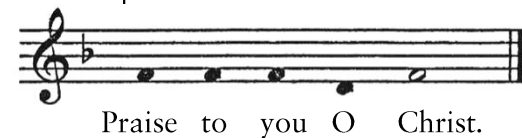
The Deacon or Priest intones:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



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."

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

seated

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true: “I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.” —John 1:20

It is not true that we are victims of evil that seeks to rule the world—

This is true: “Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, on whom authority will rest; who shall be called the Prince of Peace.” —Isaiah 9:6

It is not true that we must wait for prophets to speak before we can be peacemakers—

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young ones shall see visions, and your elders shall have dreams. —Joel 2:28

It is not true that our hopes for liberating justice, human dignity, and peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: “The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.” —John 4:23

Merciful God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, and from hate to love. Lead us to your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A credal statement from the Episcopal Peace Fellowship of the Church of South Africa

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We respond now in prayer to God – God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

O come, Emmanuel:

Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

Blessed are You, who joins all things together in the communion of Christ’s Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a people of new birth, manifesting your divine love in our common life of praise and service. O come, Emmanuel:

Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. O come, Emmanuel:

Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life. O come, Emmanuel:

Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

O Dayspring from on high, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy. O come, Emmanuel:

Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

For whom and for what else shall we pray?

The People offer particular thanksgivings and intercessions aloud or in silence.

O come, Emmanuel:

Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

The Celebrant concludes

O God who has come among us; God who dwells within us; God who fulfills what is yet to come: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the healing presence, the gift of wonder, the birth of possibility. Let every heart prepare You room. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who comes among us now. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the Peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *seated; sung by the Choir*

Christ is the world's true Light its Captain of salvation:
The daystar clear and bright of every one and nation.
New life, new hope awakes where-e'er we own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting.
When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake our fear;
To ploughshare beat the sword to pruning hook the spear;
One Lord in one great name unite us all who own thee;
Caste out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee.
The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, Come Prince of Peace and reign.

Words: G. W. Briggs
Music: W. K. Stanton

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing; the gifts of bread, wine, and the offering are brought forward*



1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pri - sons to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816); harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you, wandered far away, and used your gifts for evil. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with all the earth and heavens in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, as we proclaim:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - - - ly, God of pow-er and
might: Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to you, O God most high. Bles - sed is he that comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san na in the high - est.

Setting: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880–1968)

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The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, holy and living God. You looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

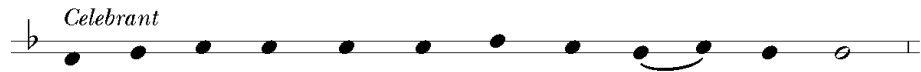
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we give glory to you, O God, now and forever.



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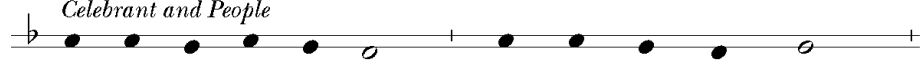
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

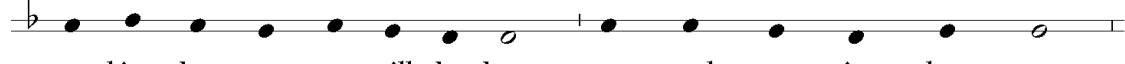


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


Celebrant and People



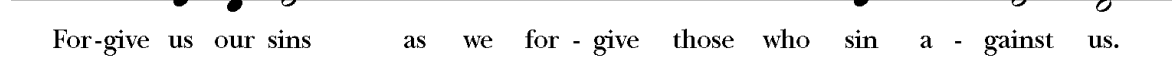
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



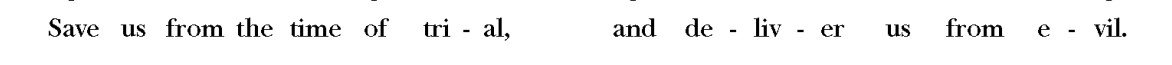
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



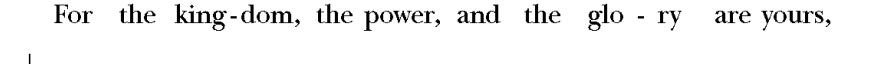
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



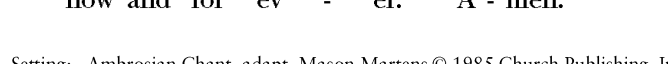
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying

God comes to meet us here and now;
Come Emmanuel, and find us ready to receive you.

THE COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives. All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.

Organ

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: "O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us your peace." The score includes measure numbers 6, 10, 14, 18, 23, 27, and 31. The music features various note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and accidentals. The final measure ends with a double bar line.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of
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world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, you take a -
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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

God is coming among us: in our past forgiving us, in our present loving us, and in our future, meeting us with everlasting grace. The blessing of God – Source of hope, Word of life, and ever-present Spirit of truth, be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION



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 Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God,
J.S. Bach, Arr. Virgil Fox

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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