

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The First Sunday of Advent

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - 9:00 & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

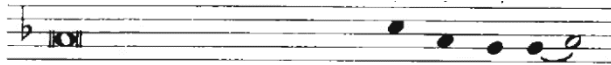
Please stand as the bell sounds.

ADVENT LITANY

As the Church Year begins again, we enter it with a litany of penitence and hope, preparing ourselves to receive and be the Light of Christ. Join in the sung responses as together we renew our commitment to listen and follow where God is leading us on this great pilgrimage of faith.

Please stand as the bell sounds.

The Cantor sings



God the Father, Creator of hea-ven and earth,

The People respond to each petition:



Have mer-cy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

Organ interlude.

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.



For-give us, O Lord.

We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Forgive us, O Lord.

We have squandered the resources of your creation and been insensitive to the needs of generations yet to come.

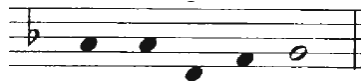
Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Organ interlude.

Help us to prepare your way, opening our hearts to the transforming grace of your Word.



Pre-prepare us, O Lord.

Lead us in the way of John the Baptist, that our hearts may be open to receive the gift of the One who is to come.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Let us hear again the message of Gabriel and ponder anew the miracle of life.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Like Mary, let us sing with joy as we give thanks for the coming of the Savior.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Fill us, O Lord, with the desire to observe this holy season, so that we might come to the birth of your Son in joy and expectation.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Organ interlude.

Your will is justice and respect for the dignity of all people.



Re-mind us, O Lord.

Your will is empowering love, giving us courage to bear the burdens of life.

Remind us, O Lord.

Your will is peace, comfort to the troubled conscience and hope for new beginnings.

Remind us, O Lord.

Organ interlude.

In all our life, O Lord, enliven our hopes, inspire our dreams, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.



Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us expectant, O Lord, to see new possibilities for life and ministry through the eyes of your Son.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower us to reach out in love to the forsaken, the destitute and the oppressed.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for direction in our community of faith, for the ministry of laity and clergy, and in all authority in the nations of the world.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all humanity, for peace, for good-will among nations and for your spirit of love in our hearts.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill and those in trouble and adversity.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and all who are the vessels of God's grace in every generation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

The Organist plays an interlude.



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.



Words: Carl G. Carlozzi
Music: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014), edited by Carl Crosier
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The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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. Many 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. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *sung by the Choir or Cantor*

Psalms 122

I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of God."
Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Holy One, *
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of God.
For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
For my kindred and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Holy One our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

Setting: plainsong

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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *standing; all turn toward the Gospel as the Choir or Cantor sings*

O Oriens,
*splendor lucis aeternae,
et sol justitiae:
veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris,
et umbra mortis.*

O Morning Star,
splendor of light eternal,
and sun of righteousness,
come, enlighten those who dwell in darkness,
and the shadow of death.

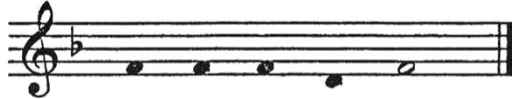
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you O Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore 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

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon, then today's service continues directly with the Peace.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am*

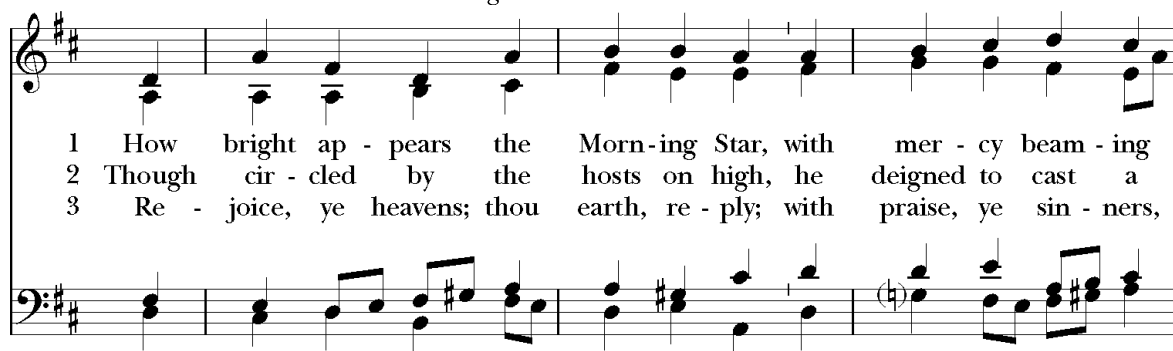
There shall a star from Jacob come forth

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Words: Numbers 24:7 and Psalm 2:9

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,
and a scepter from Israel rise up.
and dash in pieces princes and nations.
How brightly beams the morning star!
With sudden radiance from afar
with light and comfort glowing!
Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'er flowing!


HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying the eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811–1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608)
 Music: Wie schön leuchtet, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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.

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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, 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)

The Celebrant continues

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, our grace and peace, the Word that we proclaim, the source of all our strength, and the giver of every good gift. In Christ's body, we have received fellowship with you, our God. In Christ Jesus, you drew near to us for our salvation, teaching us to live in faith and to seek the good of all. Through his dying and rising, you brought life to the world. Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom present and yet to come, at supper with his disciples Jesus took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

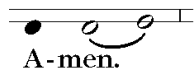
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world. Keep us faithful and alert for the hour of Christ's coming. Let us live courageously as children of truth and light, so that we may eat and drink together in your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People



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.

Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

THE COMMUNION

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

God bids us now draw near;

O Come, Emmanuel, and find us ready to receive you.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.

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 organ and voice. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of one octave. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score is divided into systems of five staves each, with measure numbers 6, 10, 14, 18, 23, 27, and 31 marked at the beginning of their respective staves. The final measure of the piece is a whole note chord consisting of F#, A, and C, which serves as a cadence.

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.

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

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Hymn: Creator of the stars of night

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

Music: Conditor alme siderum, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956) Copyright: Words: © The Church Pension Fund

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

The blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - jice! Re - jice!
 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

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); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE DISMISSAL

May the One who is coming find us watching and waiting,
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

POSTLUDE

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland - Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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