

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

Make us, O Lord our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of your Son Christ our Lord; that when he shall come and knock, he shall find us not sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in his praises; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” *Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing, "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ing, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
let us haste with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

—Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.
Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

During the hymn, Elliott Kim places the empty manger in the stable.

ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God:

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

Celebrant: Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him,

People: And on that day there will be a great light, hallelujah.

Celebrant: Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope, through which we dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and for the well-being of all creation.

SONG OF PRAISE “Magnificat”

The choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat:

Pro - claim_ the great - ness of God; re - joice_ in God my
Sav - ior! Re - joice in God my Sav - ior!

The choir sings:

1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed.
The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Antiphon

The choir sings: Proclaim the greatness of God! Rejoice!

—Setting: James Chepponis, para. of Luke 1:46–55.
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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 LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1–9 *Everyone sings.*



—Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945);
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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “O heavenly word, eternal Light” *Standing; everyone sings.*



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
* 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1982. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

Music: O *Heiland, reiss*, melody from *Rheinfelsisches Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, 1666

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25–36).

People: Glory to you, Lord 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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Erin Keck for Children’s Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be lieve_ in God al might - y, Au - thor of___ all things that be.
2 We be lieve_ that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
3 We be lieve_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all___ the saints with - in



Mak - er of___ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of___ the sky and sea.
tak - en from_ the cross, was bur - ied. True_ Life there_ had tru - ly died.
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where_ for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be lieve_ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us___ both Lord and Christ,
We be lieve_ that on the third_ day, Christ was raised_ up from the grave,
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born_ to bring_ a - bun - dant life.
then as - cen - ded to God's right_ hand. He_ will come_ a - gain to save.
gives the life_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This_ the faith_ that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.
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Music: *Greensleeves*, traditional English melody, adapted

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: As we yearn for the coming of Christ and the time when all of creation will be made new, let us pray, saying: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Leader: For the Church throughout the world, that the work of her people might be a sign of God's hope to a broken world. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: For they are from everlasting.

Leader: For the nation and all those who lead, that they may be guided by God's spirit of wisdom and understanding. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: For they are from everlasting.

Leader: For the world, that the way of the Lord might be prepared for all to follow. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: For they are from everlasting.

Leader: For the lowly and hungry throughout the world, that they may be assured of God's promise of mercy. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: For they are from everlasting.

Leader: For those in our community marking celebrations, especially birthdays and anniversaries; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; and for our parishioners who have asked our prayers;; that the gift of this community may sustain us all. We pray for:

ED Archer

ANGELA Lister

NICK Richards

CHIP Beets

FRANCIS Lloyd

TOM Schlitt

JOANNE Calhoun

ANN McClain

DENISE & ROGER Tivedo

GAIL Cox

DALE Oakley

JENIFER van Tol

LOIS & RON Dearolf

PAT Pagni

SAM Venable

DANA & DEWELL Downey

KENT Parish

and

DOUG Emblar

BELLE Parman

ALICE & FRED Wegmann

THE GREELEY FAMILY

ALLAN Philp

MARGE Hudson

JANE Reed

Leader: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: For they are from everlasting.

Leader: For all those who already rest in the eternal light of Christ, that we may one day join them in that place where the wolf and the lamb lie down together.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: For they are from everlasting.

Silence is kept for a space.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

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.

Celebrant: 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.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Advent Carol

Desert, blossom as a Rose
Rising, radiant as it grows,
All arrayed in crimson show;
Come to us, O God of Hope.

Thirsty land, become a stream,
Flowing fountain, calm, serene.
Clear cascade from heaven above;
Come to us, O God of Love.

Weakened hands, be now made strong;
Silent tongues, break forth in song;
Blinded eyes, your sight employ;
Come to us, O God of Joy.

Soon a pathway shall be found,
For the faithful, Holy Ground;
Safe from angry, warring beast,
Come to us, O God of Peace.

Sing God's praise, Jerusalem;
Hope, joy, love, and peace shall come;
Sorrow, sighing now dispel;
Come to us, Emmanuel.

King of Glory, Soul of Bliss,
Everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, thy power to prove,
Thus to sing, and thus to love!

Alleluia.

—Words: Carol McClure (b. 1955)

Music: *Orientis partibus*, medieval French traditional melody,
attrib. Pierre de Corbeil (d. 1222), arr. Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

HYMN “New advent of the love of Christ” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

New ad-vent of the love of Christ, shall we a-gain re -
fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war we per-ish as we
lose thee? From old un-faith our souls re-lease to seek the king - dom
of thy peace, by which a-lone we choose thee.

—Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882–1969), alt..

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une Pastourelle genette,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng die Heubartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

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.

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:

Everyone sings:

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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords and single notes, with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics. A long horizontal line under the word 'might,' indicates a sustained note or a long rest.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system of musical notation concludes the phrase. It includes a treble and bass staff with lyrics. Similar to the previous systems, it uses a treble staff for the melody and a bass staff for accompaniment, with a long horizontal line under 'might,'.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

—Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The people stand or kneel.

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 Father,

All: 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 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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 All: 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

—Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Wait for the Lord” *Everyone repeats the ostinato refrain.*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has a melody that starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and ends on G4. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a melody that starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and ends on G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, ending with a double bar line.

As the people continue the refrain, a cantor sings the verses over it.

Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.
Prepare the way for the Lord.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
All the earth will see the Lord.

I waited for the Lord.
God heard my cry.

—Setting: Jacques Bertier, Taizé

HYMN "I want to walk as a child of the light" *Everyone sings.*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Hymn, "I want to walk as a child of the light," continued

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

—Words and Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

ADVENT DOXOLOGY “All praise, eternal Son, to thee”

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.

All praise, e - ter - nal Son to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple
free, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; whom with the Fa - ther we a -
dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

—Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. C.W. Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler, (1806–1876); alt.
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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, Father, 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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

HYMN “Lo! he comes with clouds descending” *Everyone sings.*



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 Anne (1710–1778)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God.