

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 + 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

From *Das Orgelbüchlein*

BWV 599 – *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the nations, come)

—J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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 - joi - ce_ in God my
Sav - ior! Re - joi - ce 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 Isaiah (2:1–5).

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 plowshares, 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!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122 *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

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

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:11–14).

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.

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 *Rheinfölsches Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, 1666

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36–44).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Maddie Bell and Angela Lister 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: Your salvation is near, O God; let us walk in your light.

Leader: We pray for the Church throughout the world, that the work of her people might be a sign of God's hope to a broken world. Your salvation is near, O God;

People: Let us walk in your light.

Leader: We pray for the nation and all those who lead, that they may be guided by God's spirit of wisdom and understanding. Your salvation is near, O God;

People: Let us walk in your light.

Leader: We pray for the world, that the way of the Lord might be prepared for all to follow. Your salvation is near, O God;

People: Let us walk in your light.

Leader: We pray for the lowly and hungry throughout the world, that they may be assured of God's promise of mercy. Your salvation is near, O God;

People: Let us walk in your light.

Leader: We pray 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

LISA Martin

THE STAPLETON FAMILY

BEVERLY Burns

NATALIE McNutt

DENISE Tivedo

DAVID & NANCY Cazalet

PAT Pagni

IDALEE Vogel-Jackson

RON Dearolf

KENT Parish

SUE Wager

DANA Downey

ALLAN Philp

ALICE Wegmann

DOUG Emblar

MARILYN Randall

MICHELE Welsh

BEVERLY Guiler

JANE Reed

and

MARGE Hudson

ERIN Sangster

GRADY Williams

FRANCIS Lloyd

RARA Schlitt

Leader: Your salvation is near, O God;

People: Let us walk in your light.

Leader: We pray 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. Your salvation is near, O God;

People: Let us walk in your light.

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*)

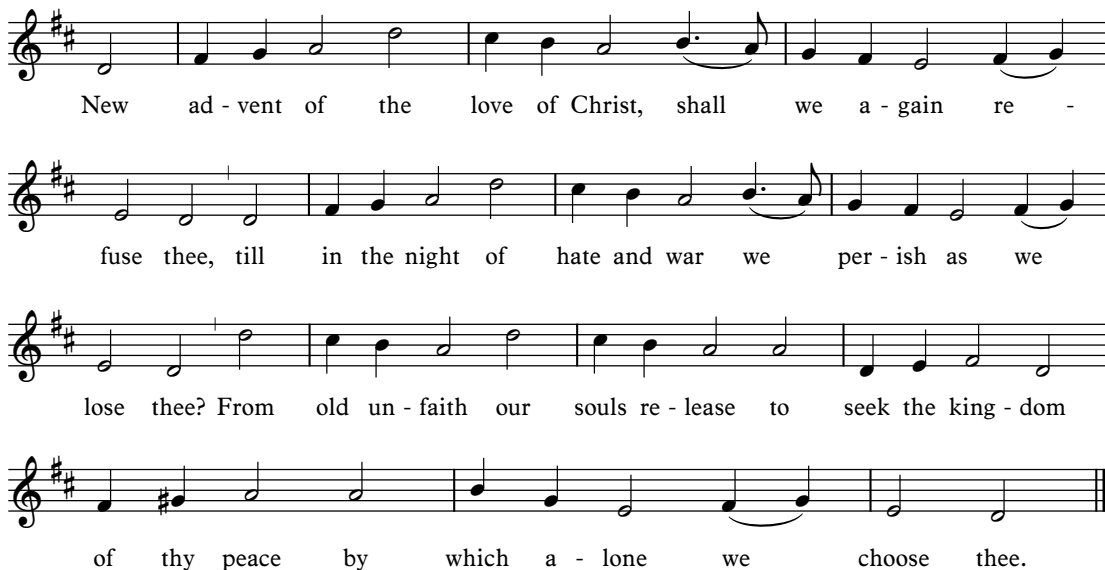
ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

A Canticle of Peace

And it shall come to pass in the latter day that the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountain, and many shall go and say: Come ye, and let us go into the house of the Lord, and he will teach us his way, and we will walk in his paths. And he shall judge between the nations, and shall reprove many nations. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, nations shall not lift sword against nations, neither shall they learn war any more. Come ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

—Words: Isaiah 2:1–5
Music: Joseph Clokey (1890–1960)

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 genitille,” 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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and 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, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Everyone sings:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and God of might,
Heav - en and earth are 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: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, based on *Veni Emmanuel*
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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon 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 to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, 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, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our 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 saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 "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. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

—Words and Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (1934–2025)

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn (Lord Christ, the only Son of God)

—J.G. Walther (1684–1748)

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