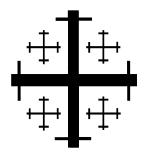
# **Advent I**

3 December 2023 8 & 11 am





# The Liturgy at Calvary

ADVENT I Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore.

When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

#### Prelude

[8] Two Variations on Wachet Auf Edward W. Beals [11] O Come O Come Emmanuel arr. Whitney Dobyns Harp Duo

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

# **Confession & Absolution**

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen
- P It is time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! Let us make confession to God.
  - Silence for reflection and self-examination.
- P Faithful God,
- C we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you. We have not eagerly expected your coming. We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor. Restore us, O God of might. Let your face shine upon us, filling our hearts with your light and love. Amen.
- P Lay aside the works of the night; put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins. Almighty God grant us forgiveness, keep us in the grace of Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill us with joy and hope. C Amen

#### **Entrance**

# Fling Wide the Door



Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

# **Apostolic Greeting**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, \* the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.



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men.

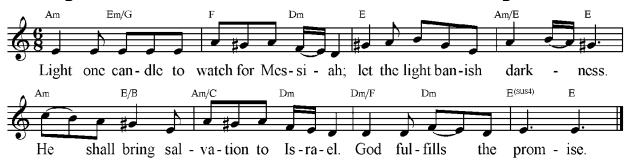
#### **Canticle of Praise**



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# **Blessing & Lighting the Advent Wreath**

We sing the verse below before and after the blessing.



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P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated for today's readings.

#### First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,

or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

L The Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

# [8] Refrain Cantor/Choir sing refrain, all echo & sing ff. verses



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#### Verses

- 1. O shepherd of Israel hear us. Shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.
- 2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
- 3. May your hand be on the one that you have chosen, the one you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.

# Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

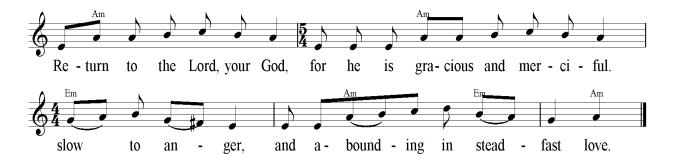
<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

# **Advent Verse & Gospel Acclamations**



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.



[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

# P The Gospel of our Lord.



**Sermon** Pastor Kyle

### Hymn of the Day

# All Earth Is Hopeful



clear ev - 'ry gate-way, in haste, come out in haste!

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946 Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé, b. 1932

# [11] the service continues on p. 12

# [8] Creed

Let us profess our faith in the Triune God

ALL 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

# [8] Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen

# [8] Peace

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

# [11] SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

# Presentation

#### Promise

- P People of God, do you promise to support Evalynn & Gentry and pray for their new life in Christ?
- C We do.

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Concluding with

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord
- C Amen.

# Thanksgiving over Water

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

### Renunciation of Evil Profession of Faith

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was

buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptism, Anointing with Oil & Signing with the Cross of Christ Blessing Presentation of Baptismal Candle Prayer Proclamation

- P Through Baptism God has made these new sisters members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offertory [8] Offertorie Pastorale Anonymous – 1715

[11] The Moon of Wintertime arr. Karissa Dennis Handbell Choir

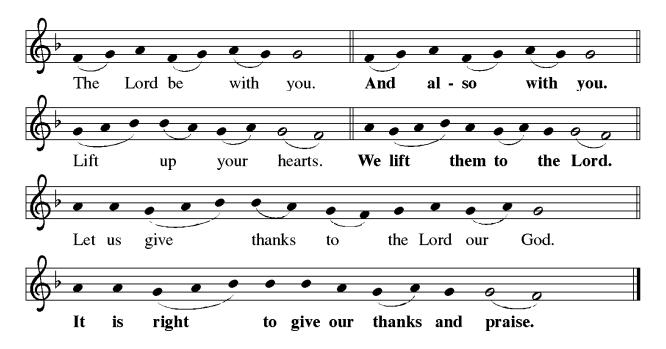


Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



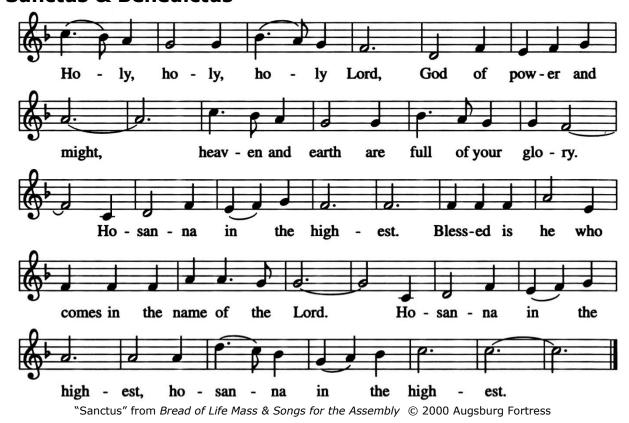
- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# **Great Thanksgiving**



P It is indeed right our duty and our joy... with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **Sanctus & Benedictus**



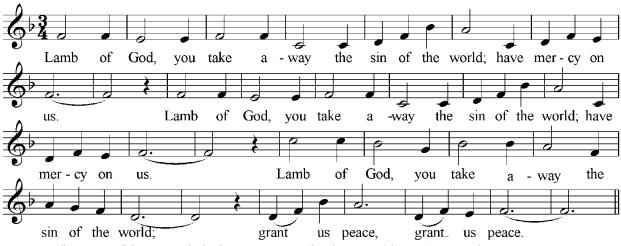
# **Eucharistic Prayer**

**Eucharistic Acclamation** 



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- C 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, forever and ever. Amen

#### **Agnus Dei**



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# **Holy Communion**

In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.
Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other. Bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

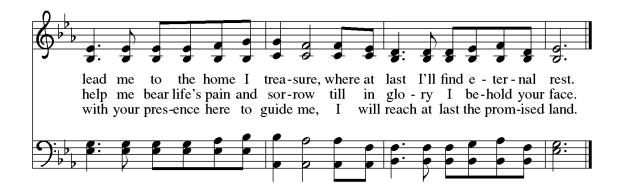
# Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament



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# Day by Day



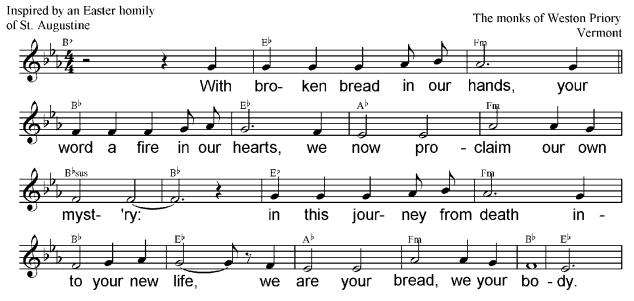


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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

#### C Amen

#### **Post-Communion Canticle**



A Let us pray... Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

#### C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

#### C Amen

Please turn in place, facing the cross carried by the crucifer.

#### Recessional

# He Came Down



Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God!

# Postlude Partita on "People Look East", Joseph Bertolozzi

# <u>Upcoming Commemorations</u> Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552 Sunday, December 3, 2023

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

# John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

# Monday, December 4, 2023

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

# Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342 Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

# Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397 Thursday, December 7, 2023

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

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