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First Sunday of Advent



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 † 10:30AM

PRELUDE *My faithful heart rejoices,* Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *Lo, He comes with clouds descending,* Hymnal 1982, 57

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

SONG OF PRAISE Hymnal 1982, *56 v 1*

All O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom
captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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***.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON — Isaiah 64:1-9

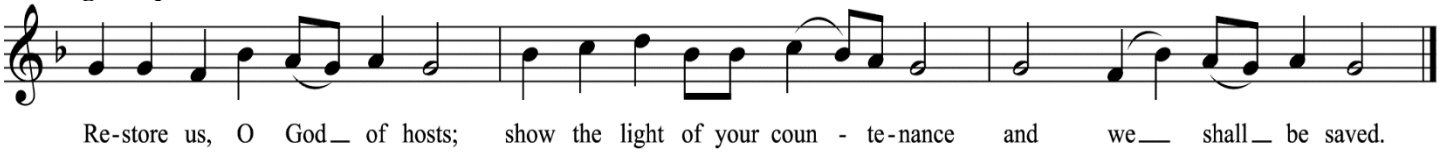
Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
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!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
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.
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.
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.
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.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

All sing Antiphon



[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
[2] In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Antiphon

[4] O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
[5] You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
[6] You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Antiphon

[16] Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
[17] And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Antiphon

THE NEW TESTAMENT  1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN  *"Sleepers, wake!",* Hymnal 1982, 61

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart guards surrounds us: "Awake, Jerusalem, a-rise!" Midnight's peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken: "The time has come, O maidens wise! Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."

Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing, she wakes and hurries through the night. Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious: her star is risen, her light grows bright. Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia! We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you, as harps and cymbals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the city's portals: through them we stream to join the immortals as we with joy your throne surround. No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia! Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 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.

"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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 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. 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Aidan Rontani

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Note: "Maranatha" is an ancient Christian prayer commonly used during Advent. It is a compound Aramaic word that primarily means "Come, O Lord!" but can also be translated as "The Lord has come!" and thus perfectly symbolizes our Advent hope that Christ is always with us, but will come again more fully in the age to come.

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, your advent was foretold by the prophets and even now you promise to come again. Bless our worship this day and teach us once more to pray that ancient prayer, Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you are the hope of your people throughout the world. Give patience and strength to every member of your church, and to every bishop, priest, and deacon, that they may proclaim your coming and serve your holy Kingdom.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, you are the Wonderful Counselor, the Prince of Peace. Bless our nation and all the nations of the world, and those who lead them, that your peace and love be known throughout the world. We pray especially for Ukraine, Sudan, Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, and Gaza.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, you once came as the Holy Child of Bethlehem. As we prepare to celebrate that first coming, enliven our hearts to the ways that you come to us each day. May we ever be watchful for your movement in the world.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, you promise to come again and to reign over your creation, like a spring of water flowing to eternal life. We beseech your mercy to bring seasonable rain to our valley and snow in the mountains, to refresh and restore the bounty of your land. Protect us from fire and from flood, and keep us safe here in our beautiful home.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, how we long for the healing and restoration that you bring. Bless all those who are sick or suffering, destitute or despairing, and help us all to be instruments of your healing grace, agents of your holy justice, and participants in your everlasting love.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, in you even our endings are but a new beginning, and the whole earth shares in the hope of new creation. Give us all the strength to face death with courage and confidence, whenever it comes, and bless all those who have already gone before us.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you come into our lives each day bringing a new dawn and new hope. Renew the faith and life of your church as we await the coming of your eternal Kingdom.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

The presider concludes with the following collect;

Presider 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 Emmanuel. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

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.

Presider 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.***

THE PEACE

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER BCP p. 830

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Remember, O Thou Man,* arr. Todd Marchand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing, as able*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider 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:

Presider and People say: *S-125*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider 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,

Presider and People:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

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. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

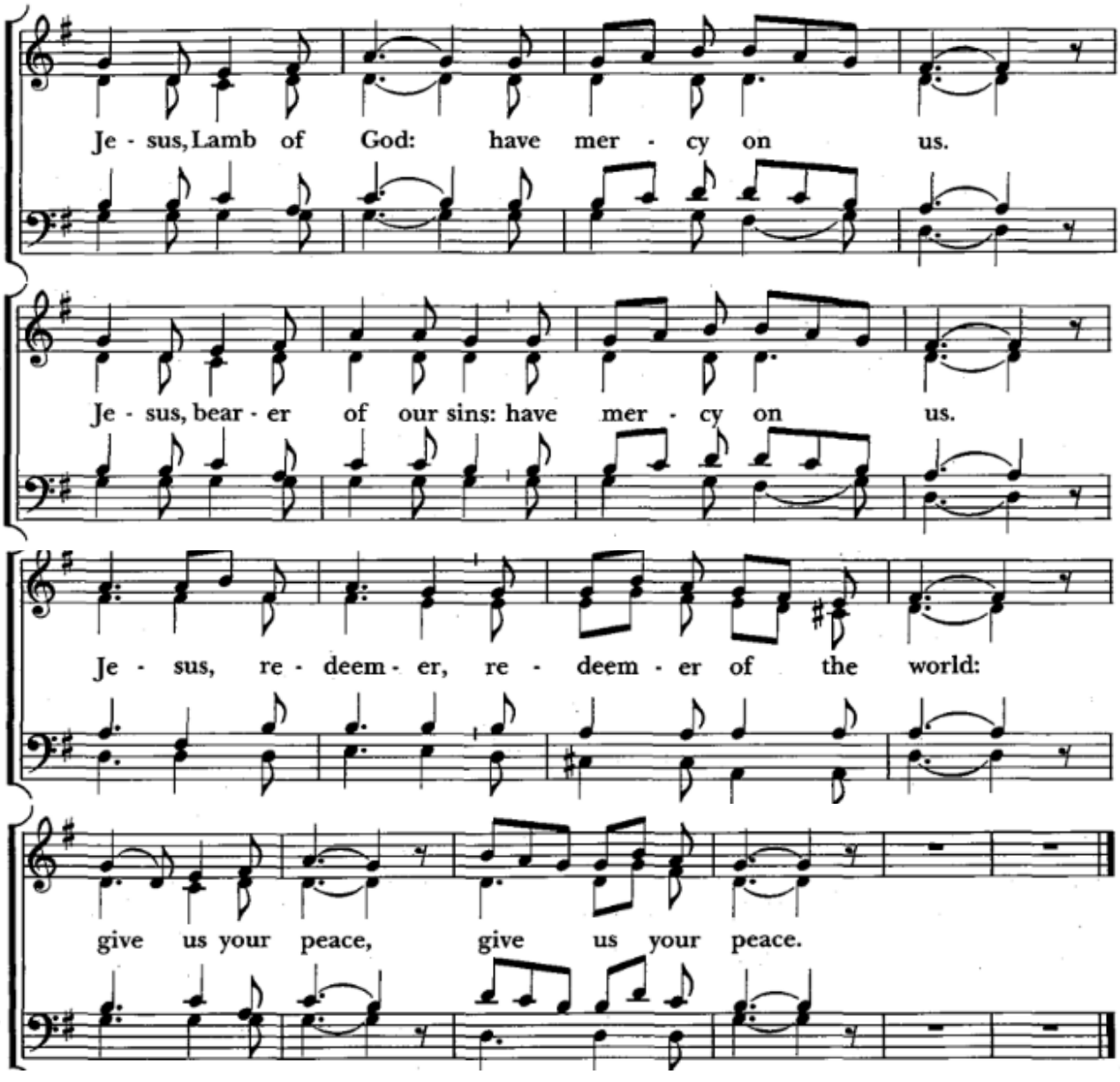
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AT THE FRACTION *S-164*



The Presider says the following Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.

If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.

COMMUNION HYMN *Communion*, Camil van Hulse

Come, risen Lord, Hymnal 1982, 306

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

Presider May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen***.

CLOSING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Hymnal 1982, 616

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go forth in the name of Christ! Maranatha! Maranatha!
People **Thanks be to God. Maranatha! Maranatha!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Verses from the Te Deum, anonymous

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