

# *Season of Advent*



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# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE

Dr. Mark Pretzel

*Please stand*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### **"Hymn of Promise" #515 Green Hymnal**

Written by, Natalie Sleeth, 1930-1992, © 1986 Hope Publishing Company

**1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**2 There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**3 In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity;  
in our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

Celebrant      Blessed are you, †holy and living One.  
*People*        *You come to your people and set them free.*

**"Gloria to God" Blue Hymnal, S280.**

Composer, Robert Powell, 1932, © The Church Pension Fund.

*Glory to god in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.*

Celebrant      God be with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**

Celebrant      Let us pray.  
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.

**People**        **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

*The Lessons, as appointed, are read:*

*The first Reader saying...*

A Reading from the Prophet 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*

*The Psalm is read either in unison or responsively; please listen to the instructions from the reader.*

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

- 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.

### **1 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*

**GRADUAL HYMN "The King of Glory," Green Hymnal, #159, vs 1**

Written by, Willard Janusch, 1930-2018, © 1966, 1985 Willard F. Jabusch

**Refrain**

The king of glory comes,  
The nation rejoices  
Open the gates before him,  
Lift up your voices.

**Verse 1**

Who is the king of glory,  
How shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promise of ages.

**Refrain**

The king of glory comes,  
The nation rejoices  
Open the gates before him,  
Lift up your voices.

**THE GOSPEL**

*Please stand as you are able. Then, all standing, the Celebrant or Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:*  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**Luke 21:25-36**

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** *Praise to you Lord, Christ*

## THE SERMON

## NICENE CREED

*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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.*

*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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Deliverer, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to You; when we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget You, do not forget us.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Reader: For those who asked our prayers (*prayers from the Book of Intentions are shared*)

Reader: Dear people of God, what else, or who else, should we pray for? (*The People offer their concerns and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence, the reader ends with...*) Let every heart prepare You room.

**People:** *Hear us when we pray to you.*

Celebrant: O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus.

**People:** *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant or Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**People:** *God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.*

*We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, †forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People:** *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us share with one another the Peace of Christ

## *Announcements and Greetings.*

## THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE



**Doxology**

Thomas Ken "Genevan Psalter"

1. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship*

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 our 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 (say):

**“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,” S130, Blue Hymnal.**

Composer, Franz Peter Schubert, 1797-1828 © 1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

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 Saint Aidan and 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.

**People:            AMEN.**

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

***People and Celebrant:***

***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**

Celebrant:        God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**People:            *Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.***

*A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread.*

***Celebrant and People***

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to  
offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things,  
and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and  
Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,  
and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in  
the life to come. Amen.***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome to this Table.

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All lovers and seekers of God are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the bread, raise your palms, crossed and upward. To receive the wine, assist the minister in guiding the cup to your lips, or dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer instead to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

*The Bread is given with these words*  
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Dr. Mark Pretzel

### **POST COMMUNION HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” vs. 1, 2, 4 #154 Blue Hymnal**

Arranger, Thomas Helmore, 1181-1890, Public Domain

***1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.***

***Refrain:***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!***

***2 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]***

***4 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]***

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant: Let us Pray

***Celebrant and People:***

***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 for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **THE BLESSING**

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.

**People:** *Amen.*

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

**People:** *Amen.*

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

**People** *Amen.*

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

**People** *Amen.*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People," #67 Blue Hymnal**

Author, Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635-1711. Composer, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561 Public Domain

*1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.*

*2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth  
in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Let the valleys rise to meet him,  
and the hills bow down to greet him!*

**3 Straight shall be what long was crooked,  
and the rougher places plain!  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign!  
For the glory of the Lord  
now on earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that God's word is never broken.**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

Celebrant or Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!**

**Postlude**

Dr. Mark Pretzel