

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 10:30 AM

**PRELUDE** | Lord Christ, the Only Son of God

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**ENTRANCE HYMN** | Savior of the Nations, Come!

*The Hymnal 1982, No. 54*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### CHILDRENS' MOMENT AND CANDELIGHTING

**SONG OF PRAISE** | People Look East Vs. 1

*Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 724*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. *Amen.*

### THE READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: Isaiah 64: 1 – 9

*The people sit.*

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL PSALM** | Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

*Remain seated. The Cantor sings the Refrain first, followed by the Congregation. The Cantor sings the verses.*



Re-store us, O God of hosts; show the light of your coun - te - nance and we shall be saved.

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

O Lord God of hosts,  
How long will you be angered  
Despite the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
You have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
And our enemies laugh us to scorn. [ANT.]

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

**THE EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence and stillness*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** | Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

*The Hymnal 1982, No. 68*

*All stand.*

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the soprano line, and the accompaniment consists of chords in the lower staves. The lyrics are: "I Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear! The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry."

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

*All stand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON** | The Rev. Canon Alissa Newton  
*Silence and stillness.*

**THE CREED**  
*All stand.*

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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*All remain standing.*

The Kingdom of God is upon us. Let us put away the works of darkness and be clothed in the brilliance of God's light, as we offer our prayers responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Come between the warring nations of the world, enter the chambers of government and the hearts of our leaders, and bring the peace that passes all understanding; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those suffering from addiction, free them from falsehood, shame, and guilt, fill them with courage that overcomes temptation, and give them an abundance of your grace; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to those who sit alone in empty rooms, who suffer from the pain of hunger and grief, and who live with anxiety and fear, and invite them into the glorious fellowship of the blessed Trinity; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, spare us from our deceit and selfishness, from our attachment to the false idols of our age, from our excuses for not living the gospel, and awaken us to your hope that we may keep watch for your appearing; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come in the Eucharistic Meal, that strengthened by your Body and Blood, we may proclaim your kingdom in our daily lives; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come and open wide the gate of heaven, that the faithful departed may find themselves in the arms of your mercy; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus, dwell in our hearts, as we continue the offering of our prayers. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray this week for the Church of North India. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray this week for Holy Spirit, Battleground and St. Matthew's, Castle Rock. We also offer our own prayers, either silently or aloud.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 our Savior 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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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**

*All stand.*

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

**OFFERTORY** | *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*  
(O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Arr. Katherine Crosier

**OFFERTORY HYMN** | Creator of the Stars of Night Vs. 1,4,6

*The Hymnal 1982, No. 60*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
\* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

Musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second and fourth are for the People. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

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:

## SANCTUS

*Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 853*

*Celebrant and People*

Musical notation for 'Sanctus' in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of five staves. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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,

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

*Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 861*

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is  
ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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**

*Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 862*

A - men. A -  
men. A - men.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

## FRACTION ANTHEM | Christ our Passover

*The Hymnal 1982, S-154*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Holy Things, for Holy People.

COMMUNION HYMN | Let Us Break Bread Together

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II, No. 152*

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our  
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our

1. knees).  
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

COMMUNION HYMN | All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

*Wonder, Love, and Praise, No. 761*



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.

COMMUNION HYMN | You're Called by Name

*Wonder, Love, and Praise, No. 766*

1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -  
 2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where  
 3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set  
 4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -

dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the  
 Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied  
 free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion  
 tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to

fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.  
 in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.  
 to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.  
 share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

*Refrain*  
 Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,  
 In your hands we place your own. Lord,  
 in their lives make your love known.

*Silence and stillness.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**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 Christ,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.**

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, who respond saying*

Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

*The Hymnal 1982, No. 57*

**DISMISSAL**

*The Minister dismisses the people, who respond saying*

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Praise to You Our Lord Jesus Christ

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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