



1st Sunday Of Advent

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES:

O Come, O come Emmanuel v1. (ACAPPELLA)

#34 (LBW)

L: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. Particularly in this time of uncertainty, so many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight.

C: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer—and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight.

L: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.

C: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope.

Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.

L: Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

GATHERING HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway*

#26 (LBW)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS. p.10 (WOV)

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of

life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen

GREETING

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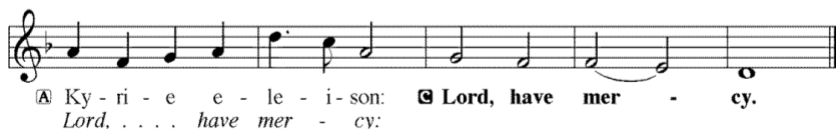
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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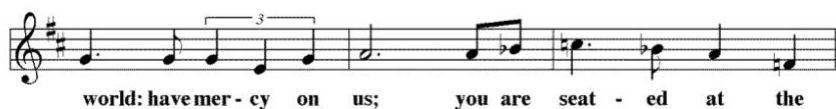
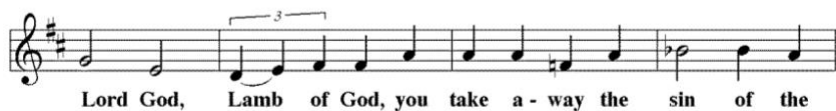
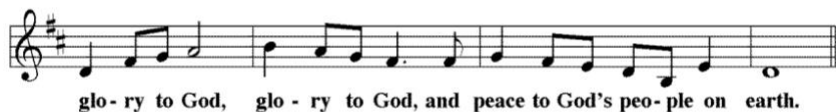
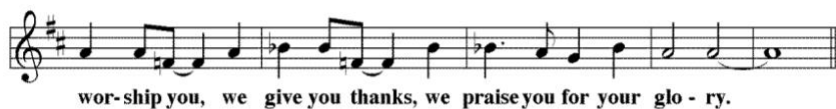
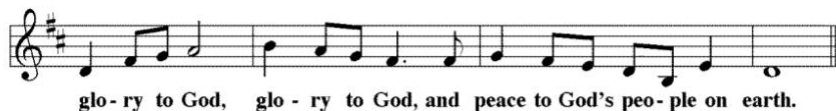
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ACAPELLA



HYMN OF PRAISE ("Glory to God")
ACAPPELLA

p.28 (WOV)



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.....

C: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING - Isaiah 2:1-5

L: The First Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Isaiah.

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 122

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

2 Our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem—built as a city

that is bound firmly together.

4 To it the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord,

as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
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 security within your towers."

8 For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, "Peace be within you."

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

L: The Second Lesson is from the 13th chapter of Romans.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL VERSE

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ACAPPELLA

The musical score is written for three voices in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff concludes the phrase with a final double bar line.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter.



Matthew 24:35-44

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 36 "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 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. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Ann Auten

SONG AFTER SERMON: *Mighty to Save*

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 worshipped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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 CHURCH

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: 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

RECEIVE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry v1*

LBW #36

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope.

C: And we give in hope.

L: Hope for your coming reign;

C: Hope because of your presence with us even now.

L: Receive these generous offerings,

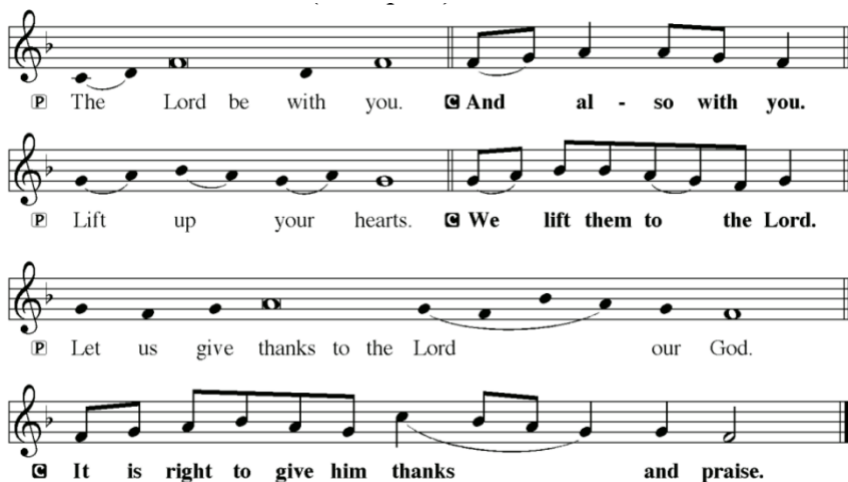
C: And use them for your work of healing and hope in our world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

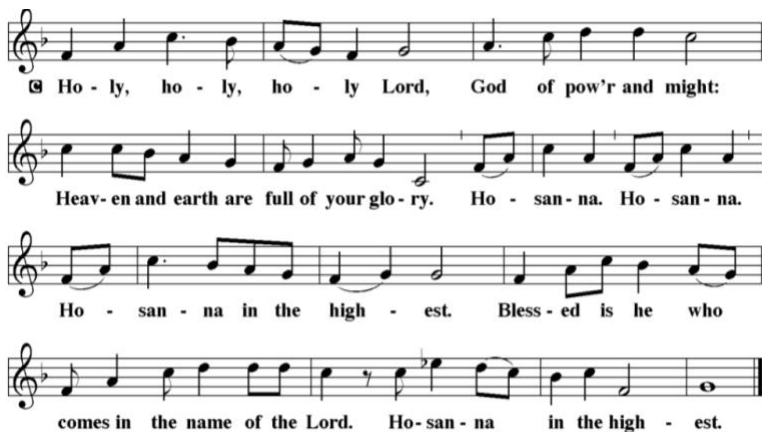
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ACAPELLA



PREFACE

L: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for

the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

The Thrill of Hope

Come Lord Jesus

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

BENEDICTION & AMEN

p. 221 (ELW)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG: Hark, the Glad Sound.

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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