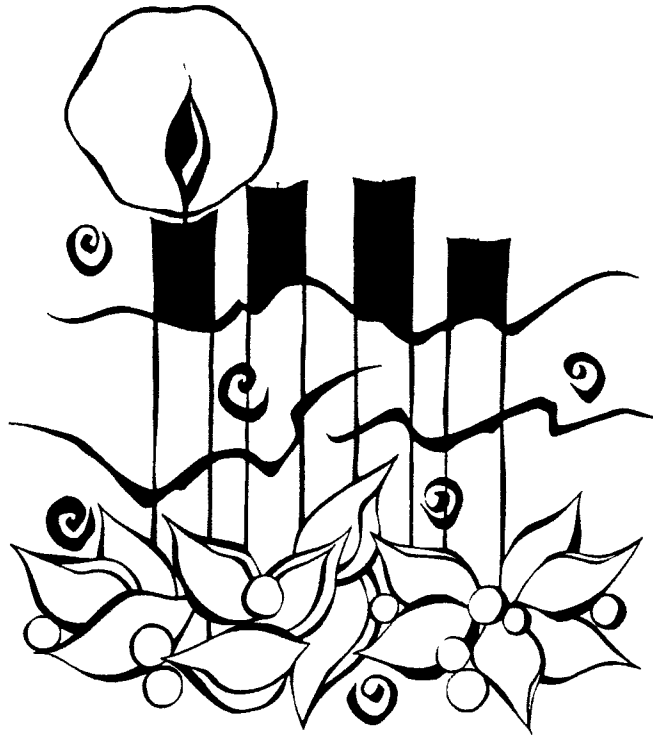


# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)**

**10:00 am**



**Please wear a mask and please sit in the designated seats.**

**Welcome**

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

*Once He Came in Blessing*

Johann Walther

*Celebrant  
People*

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.  
**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## Hymn 66 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord 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. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A reading from 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."

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



My God, I put my trust in you.

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### **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.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

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.

*Refrain*

**A reading from 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.

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

**Sequence Hymn 721 (WLP) Signs of endings all around us**  
*(see page 5)*

*Ton-y-Botel*

# Sequence Hymn 721 (WLP) Signs of endings all around us

*Ton-y-Botel*

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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."

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

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Joe Robinson

### **The 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 [and the Son], 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 in the Season of Advent

As we await the coming of the Eternal Word, we bring our prayers before God.

Stir up your whole church, O God, and with great might prepare our hearts to receive your Word, **that all your people may hear your truth. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Give grace to all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Lay ministers, especially Alan and Gayle our bishops, **that their lives and teaching may glorify your name through all the world. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Bring wisdom and patience to all in positions of authority, here and around the world, especially Joe, our President, and Charles, our Governor, **that a sense of community and harmony may be found in all their decisions and that all their actions may serve the common good. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Cast away the darkness of war in all the world, and teach us to put on the armor of Christ's peace, **that, living in unity with one another, all people of the earth may dwell in safety and look with confidence to the coming of your kingdom. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Swell our hearts, Lord Christ, with the love you make known to us in this season, **that we may take to heart the care of the poor, the outcast, and all who suffer from any grief or trouble. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send again the message of repentance, preached once by your prophets, **and give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins of prejudice, injustice, and greed. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Have mercy, O Lord, on all the sick, especially Robert Blanchet, Robin Bruckner, Eldine Equi, Joan Kirkby, Harry Pike, Donna, Jack, John, Lauren, Mike, Veronica and those we name now silently or aloud (*pause*), and with healing hands enfold them, **that they may feel your presence and be made whole. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Remember, O God, all those we love but see no longer, especially those we name now silently or aloud (*pause*), and all who find their delight in your kingdom, **that they may feast forever at a table we hope, one day, to share. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Remember all your saints, those whose journey is complete and those who labor still; **And bring us all to a blessed rest and peace in communion with them. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Prepare us. Purify us. Stir cold hearts and open blinded eyes, **that, watching, we may be ready to receive the gift that even now you prepare for Bethlehem's manger. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## Concluding Collects

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for all our ministries; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Absolution

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

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

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory**                      *Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      arr. J. Hunnicutt

Text: Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free. From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king. Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone. By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.



# The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 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 S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

**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,  
and 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

Text: Joseph Robinson (b. 1956)

Music: Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked with a quarter note equal to 60 beats per minute (♩=60). The dynamics are marked as mezzo-piano (mp) at the beginning, crescendo (cresc.) in the middle, and piano (p) at the end. The lyrics are: "Come, Ho - ly Child of light and be known: be known in bro - ken bread and of - fered lives; be known in this house as Lord and King; be known in our hearts to - day and for ev - er. A - - men." The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while we are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. As we receive you in spirit, we long to know your presence in the community of believers once again. Awaiting in hope, we rest in the faith that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*\*For Communion Instructions, please see the last page of the bulletin.*

## Communion Hymn 53 Once he came in blessing *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;  
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us  
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,  
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;  
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:  
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,  
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.  
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.  
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.  
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

## Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray. O God,

**Who bids us wait in this season of longing: As you have fed us with the body of Christ, make us hungry for Christ's justice in the world; As you have given us drink from the cup of salvation, make us thirsty for the fullness of your kingdom; In these days of expectation, stir our hearts and awaken hope that we may share the gifts of your reconciling love with all creation. Amen.**

## Advent Blessing

May the God who stoops to become incarnate grant us the grace to remember that the world is too broken for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love. **Amen.**

May God take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, and take our hands and work through them. **Amen.**

May God stir our hearts with yearning for the coming kingdom and open our ears to the voices of the prophets. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

## Hymn 57 Lo, he comes, with clouds descending

*Helmsley*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## Dismissal for the Season of Advent

*Celebrant* Prepare the way, O Zion,  
*People* **and God will raise up a redeemer for us all.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Postlude** *Helmsley* Alan Ridout

*Celebrant* The Rev. Gail Smith

*Preacher* The Rev. Joe Robinson

*Music Director* Joan Kirchner

*Readers/Intercessors* Kate Paradise, Brian Ridgeway, Tom Dewing

*Ushers* Sue and Jack Sasso

The new directives from our Bishops regarding re-gathering assume some special care be taken for the distribution of the sacrament. Please join us in honoring these directives to keep each other safe and our church able to meet for worship.

At Communion:

After the Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction anthem, those present but not receiving and those attending by Zoom will be led by the celebrant in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion, during which the choir will move from the dais to the altar for communion offered at two stations. As they finish, ushers will instruct members of the congregation when to approach the altar. Please go to the station on your side of the center aisle remaining masked, and allow the priest to place the consecrated host in the palm of your hand. Then, once returned to your seat, please remove your mask to receive the bread then replace it as we wait for others to receive communion. Once all have received, please stand as the celebrant instructs all to join in saying the Post-Communion prayer.

Thank you for being a part of today's service. It represents one more step toward normal gathering in our parish's life.

God's blessings,  
Joe+ and Gail+

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**We proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,  
welcome all people, and serve one another with love.**