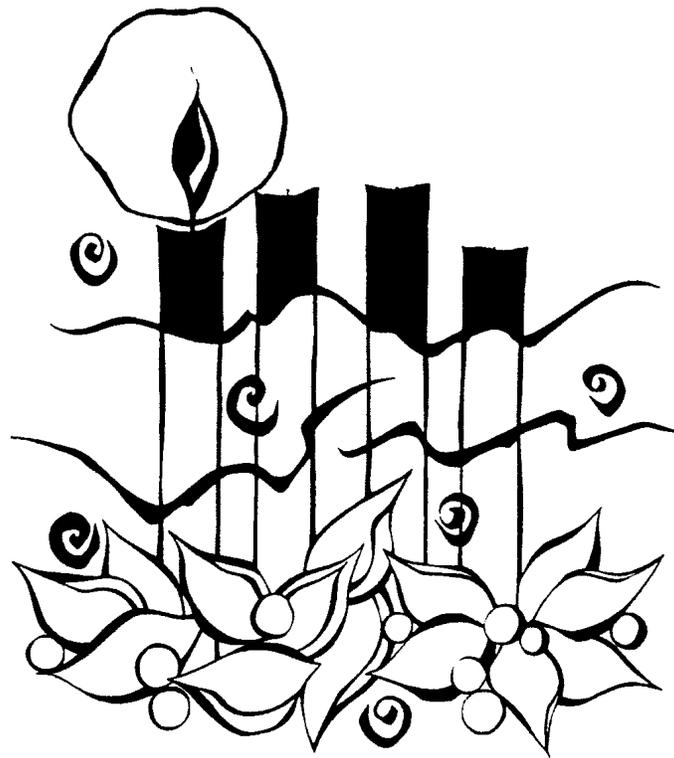


First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

*Wachet auf*

J.S.Bach

## Opening 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.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

### Collect for Purity

**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.**

### 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 Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 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. 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. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

### Psalm 122     *(Prayed responsively, by whole verse)*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \***  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,**  
**the tribes of the LORD, \***  
**the assembly of Israel,**  
**to praise the Name of the LORD.**
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
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 quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \***  
**I pray for your prosperity.**
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

**A reading from Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**Sequence Hymn 724 (WLP) People, look East**  
*(see page 5)*

*Besancon Carol*

Sequence Hymn 724 (WLP) People, look East

*Besancon Carol*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



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

### **Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

### **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

God of Love, as we await together the coming of your Eternal Word, we lift our prayers to you, saying: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace across your world, that instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that all may live in safety and security. We hold before you all regions of your world torn apart by war and conflict, including Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken us to the ancient message of your prophets, to deeper regard and care for those who are poor, to more generous use of our own gifts, and to more courageous resistance to injustice. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church, here and in all places, that we may become more and more a means of renewal, grace and welcoming love in the world. We pray this week for those who serve on our Finance Committee and give thanks for their care of our common life. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. John's Church and the Church of Our Savior in Arlington, as well the Sisters of St. Anne, the Bethany House of Prayer and the Standing Committee of our Diocese. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We name before you all of those who have asked for our prayers, and pray also for those, unknown to us, who are in any kind of sickness or trouble. Don Beall, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Robin Bruckner, Emmett Collins, Joy Egan, The Gallahue Family, Mary Beth Guiliano, John Hollywood, Ruth Evans Jones, Ed Mason, Jack McElhinney, Callie O'Brian, Diana Oliveira, Jennifer Peters, Joan Proctor, Helen Richardson, Gail Silva, Linda Smith, Linda Staab, Bill Wahlquist, Sarah Catherine Wallace, Brian Young, Peter Young, Timmy Young, Bob, Donna, Grace, Jack, John, Marlene, Mike, Tom L. and those we name now, silently or aloud. [PAUSE]. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all of those whom we love but see no longer, that they may live forever in your light and love -- especially those we name before you now, silently or aloud [PAUSE]. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your love in the world. Open our hearts and minds to the power of that love, which will come again to us in Bethlehem's manger in the advent of one who rejected power, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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

*As the Dark Awaits the Dawn*

Carl Schalk

Text: As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light. O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright till shades of fear are gone. As the blue expectant hour before the silvering skies, we long to see your day arise, whole and wise, O lucent Morning Star. As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease, may we your healing light release, living peace unto your holy dawn. Shine your future on this place, enlighten every guest, that through us stream your holiness, bright and blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

## Ingathering Response

*At the end of the offertory anthem, the celebrant steps forward to the ushers who are presenting the offering plates, and says*

*Celebrant* All good gifts come from you, O God,

*People* **Teach us to give as we have been given.**

*Celebrant.* Accept these offerings as symbols of our life and labor.

*People* **Multiply them, that they may become the work of your kingdom.**

*Celebrant* Give us grateful hearts for all we receive from your hands, O God, and the wisdom to share what is ours for the good of others and for the life of this community. Bless these gifts and all our lives that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*People* **For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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-130      Holy, holy, holy Lord      F. Schubert**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,

<sup>1</sup> ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are fu - ll

<sup>1</sup> full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high -

<sup>2</sup> est Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na

<sup>2</sup> in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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, Lord God, 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 God, 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,  
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

### Hymn S-164 Agnus Dei

F. Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us Je - sus bear - er

6  
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re deem - er of the

12  
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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. Awaiting in hope, we know 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.**

**Communion Anthem:**

*Christ, be our Light*

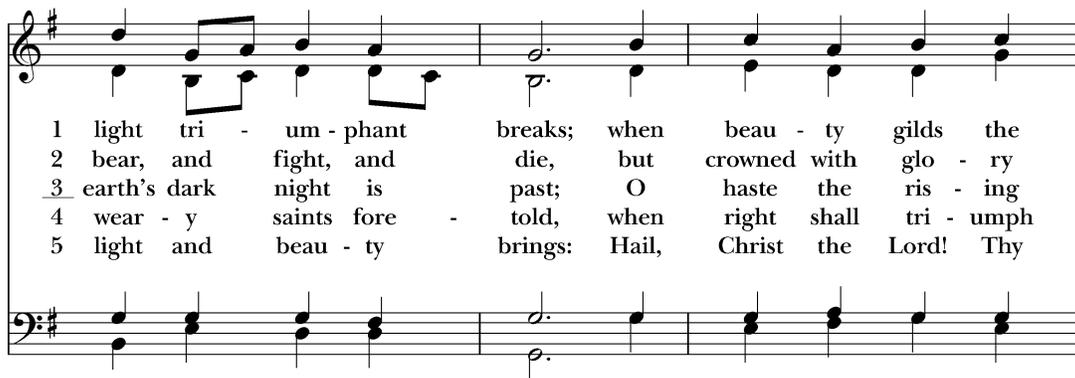
B. Farrell

Text: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.* Longing for peace, our world is troubled, longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us, make us your living voice. *Refrain.* Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain.* Longing for shelter, many are homeless, longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain.* Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

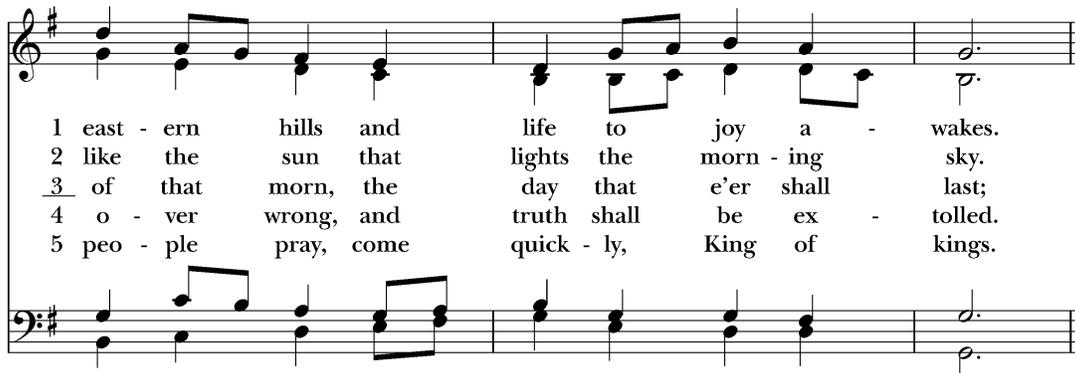
**Communion Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns** *St. Stephen*



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

## **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.**

Closing 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** *Wachet auf* arr. Max Drishner

*Celebrant and Preacher* The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

*Music Director* Joan Kirchner

*Eucharistic Ministers* Brian Ridgeway, Sue Sasso

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*Ushers* Mary Anne and Don Bragdon

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