

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—NOVEMBER 28, 2021

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

–J. S. Bach

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father,
and of ✝ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

**We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.**

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✝ your sins are forgiven.
 You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients
 of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
Amen.

***KYRIE (ONCE HELEN; THEN CONGREGATION)**
(from the Greek "Kyrie Eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy")



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O. . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on



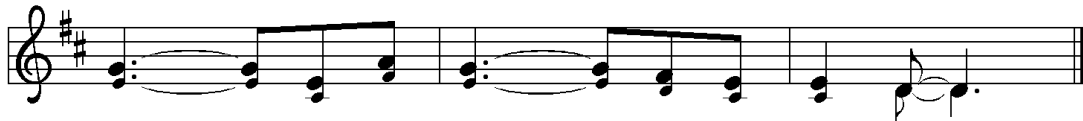
dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. *Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

*GLORIA



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

***BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Let us pray. Holy are you, God of power and glory; You promised to make your mighty presence known among the nations, and to strengthen your people to the end, when Christ will come in clouds to gather his people. As we light this candle, Open our eyes to see the sin that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again, that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Stir up your might and come to save us.

Reveal your face to us, and give us life. Amen.

Light one blue candle.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW # 257

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
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**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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.”

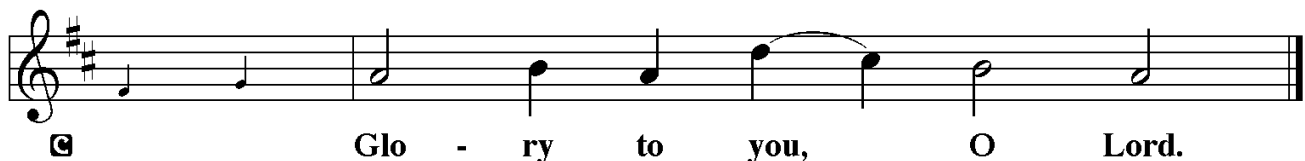
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING MOMENT

e) *GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

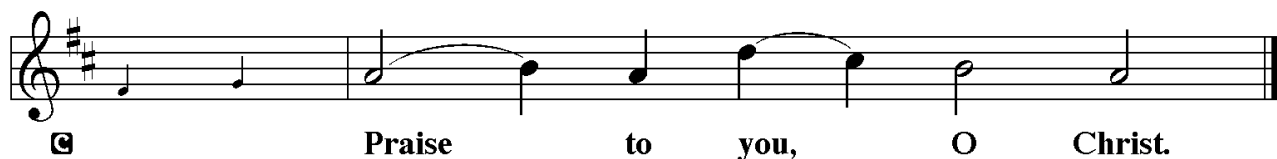


[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.



HOMILY “Mr. & Mrs. Fig Tree”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY** "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" ELW # 436 stanzas 1 & 2



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



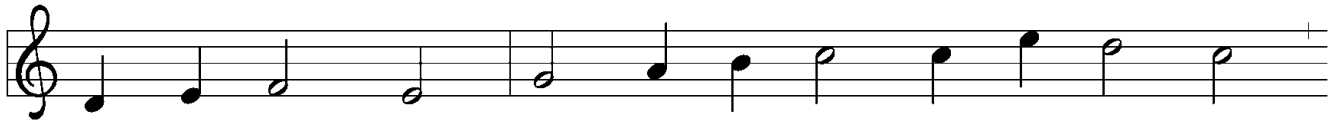
Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



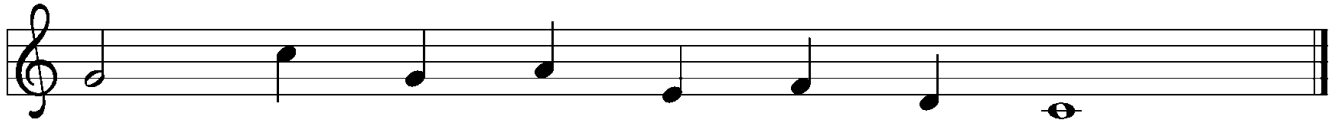
thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. We ask that your healing presence is also felt among those struggling with any illness in mind, body, or spirit and their families and caregivers.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

—setting by Cary Ratcliff

*Savior of the nations, come!
The Virgin’s Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
that the Lord has chosen such a birth.*

*Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child
of the virgin undefiled;
Mighty God and Mary’s son,
eager now his race to run.*

*Savior of the nations, come!
The Virgin’s Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
that the Lord has chosen such a birth.*

(end)

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets’ hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary’s openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW # 244

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**Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.**

**The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.**

**The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.**

**The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.**

**The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.**

**Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.**

**Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.**

**With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!**

COMMUNION HYMN “Fling Wide the Door”

ELW # 259

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

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**Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings**

**His great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.**

**He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;**

**He brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.**

**Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.**

**He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.**

**Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,**

**and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!**

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

***SENDING PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

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.
In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

–J. S. Bach

Lutheran
Church of the
RESURRECTION



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