

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

10:30 AM



↑ = *Stand* **C**: *Congregation* **A**: *Worship Assistant* **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews.

Large-print hymns are available in the narthex as you enter.

Quiet Bags with books and soft toys, or Doodle Bags with markers
are also available in the narthex for children.

Prelude

Chorale prelude on WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome

↑ **Gathering Hymn**
St. 1–4

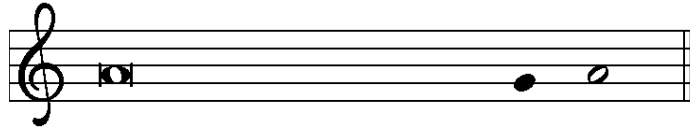
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
ELW Hymn 257

↑ **Greeting**

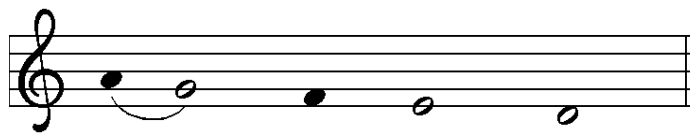
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G: And also with you.

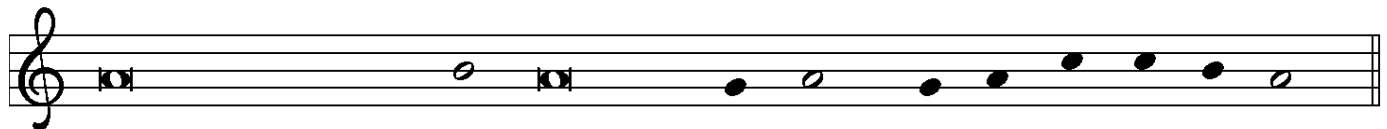
↑ **Kyrie**



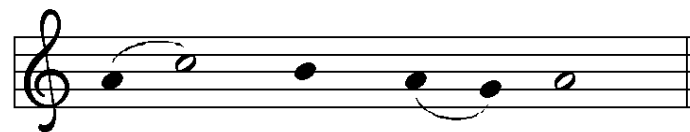
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



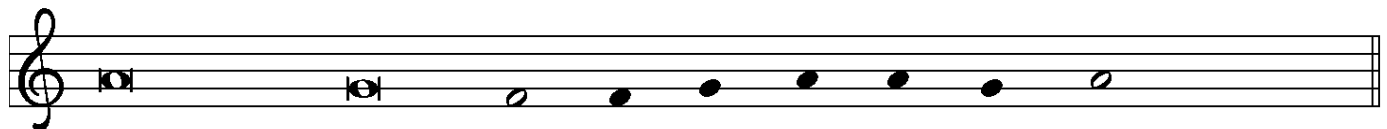
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

↑Prayer of the Day

☐: God of grace and peace,
you remember us according to your steadfast love.
Lift our eyes to the horizon as we anticipate the birth of your Son,
the ultimate symbol of hope in times of hopelessness.
For you live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☑: Amen.

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

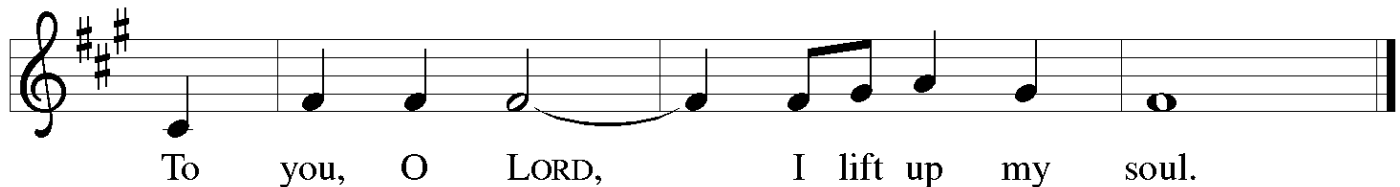
☐: Word of God, Word of life.

☑: Thanks be to God.

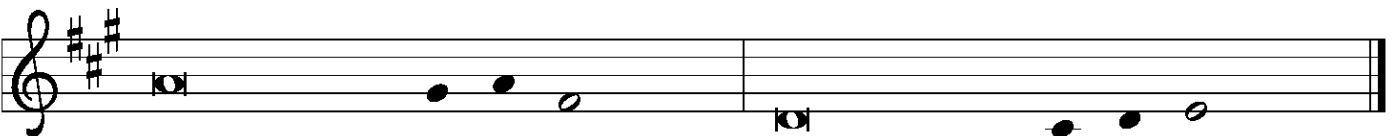
Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

Refrain: The choir introduces the refrain; all repeat. Then all repeat the refrain as indicated.



Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses.



¹To | you, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths. REFRAIN**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**6Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. REFRAIN**

**7Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.**

**8You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

**9You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.**

**10All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. REFRAIN**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

A: Word of God, Word of life.


G: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation

Preceding and following the verse, the assembly sings the Alleluia:



G: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

↑ **The Holy Gospel**

John 18:33-37

ℙ: The Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

☩: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Following the reading

ℙ: The Gospel of the Lord.

☩: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Dan

↑ **Hymn of the Day**

Creator of the Stars of Night

The hymn is sung without accompaniment as follows: **ELW Hymn 245**

Stanza 1 = Leader/soloist

Stanza 2 = All

The choir sings an additional stanza/interlude:

Stanza 5 = All

To you the sorrow deep was known
That made the whole creation groan
Till you, Redeemer, came to free
Your own in glorious liberty.

↑ **Apostles' Creed**

**☩: 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 again 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 the Church

A: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

G: hear our prayer.

Processional Offering

What is a Processional Offering? A communal recognition of, and response to, God’s abundant grace in our lives! Despite our challenges this year, we have much to be grateful for: the recent confirmation of six young people in our church, the hope that comes with the season of Advent, and a general time of Thanksgiving for all of God’s blessings to us. Now we have an opportunity to give something back, to help our community enter the new church year in good shape.

All are invited to come forward to place an offering in the basket. Please come down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Please be mindful of social distancing. For those without a monetary offering today, the enclosed “Processional Offering” card may be brought forward as a response to God’s presence in your life. The card may also be inserted into a pew envelope to accompany a donation.

Offertory Music

“Come, Lord Jesus”
Oliver Tarney (b. 1984)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light to be,
Come, Lord Jesus, set your people free,
Come now with wisdom from above
and fill our hearts with peace and love.

Come, Lord Jesus, make all things new,
Come and bring us light and life in you,
a light no darkness can destroy,
bring us your justice, hope, and everlasting joy.

Offertory Prayer

P: God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C: Amen.



↑ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

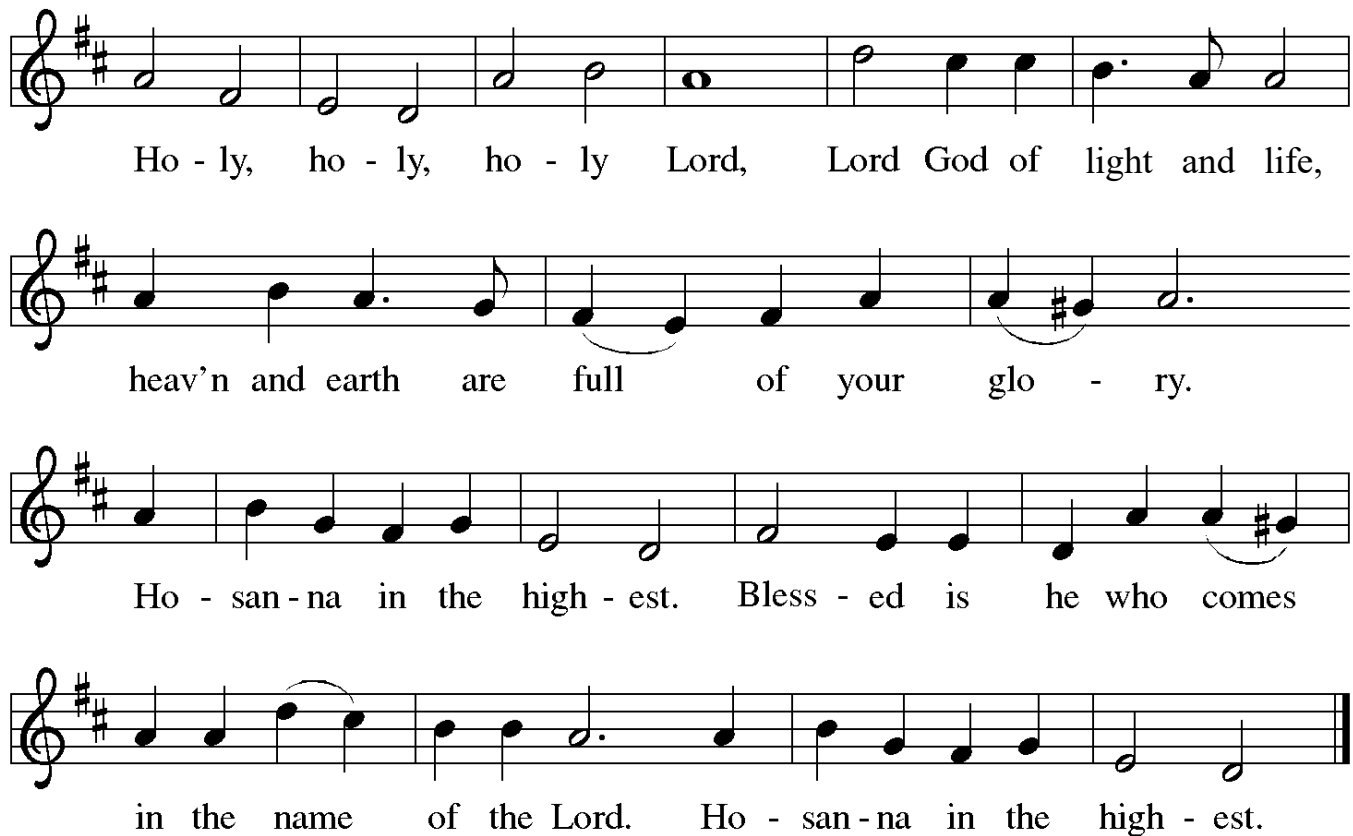
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .
. . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ **Sanctus**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of light and life,
heav'n 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.

↑ **Words of Institution**

↑ **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion – All baptized Christians who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacraments.

We confess and believe that Christ in his risen form is truly present in the Sacrament of bread and wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's resurrection.

The ministration of the Sacrament will take place in the pews with individual elements. These are available as you enter; if you missed picking one up and need one, please signal an usher now with a raised hand.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

↑ Invitation to the Table

☐: God invites you to this meal of grace.
Receive the food of forgiveness.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received your food of forgiveness in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
accepting us before you without condition,
strengthen us to love one another as you first loved us.

G: Amen.

Announcements

↑ Benediction

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

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

G: Amen.

↑ Sending Hymn

St. 5-8

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
ELW Hymn 257

↑ Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Be a force for good in the world.

G: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you from your pew, in order to maintain social distancing as we exit. On your way out, put your bulletin and hymns back in the baskets on the table if you do not want to take them with you. Offerings may be put in the offering plate as you exit. Pastor Dan will greet you. You may remain in fellowship with one another as long as you like; please respect others' need for social distancing.

Postlude

Prelude in D minor
Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

About today's music

The beloved Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (ELW 257) is adapted from the seven "O antiphons." (An *antiphon* is similar in function to a *refrain*.) These antiphons were sung at the end of Advent, from December 17 to 23, at Vespers (evening prayer), one set each day before and after the Magnificat (Mary's song in Luke 1). Their original Latin text dates from the eighth century, if not earlier. Each antiphon begins with the vocative "O," such as "O Wisdom..." or, "O Root of Jesse." In the original Latin, the first letters of the second words form an acrostic. Read backwards, the words "*Ero cras*," emerge, meaning "I will be tomorrow" (Christmas Eve).

Hymnologist Paul Westermeyer notes: "Because you have to read the acrostic backwards, the opposite direction is [also] suggested: 'I was yesterday.' Because we sing these antiphons in the present, that is, 'between the times,' with the knowledge of God's past and future presence in Christ, the paradoxes that Advent highlights emerge: Christ is to come, but was and is. The hymn itself suggests the same thing." We both long for Christ's return and for the full fruits of his first advent as God-with-us. And so we sing today, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." – Cantor Kyle