

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 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**

*Carol Sing*

**Welcome**

↑ **Gathering Hymn**

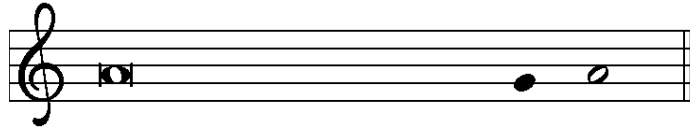
*Canticle of the Turning*  
**ELW Hymn 723**

## ↑ Greeting

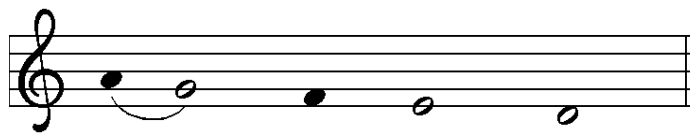
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G:** And also with you.

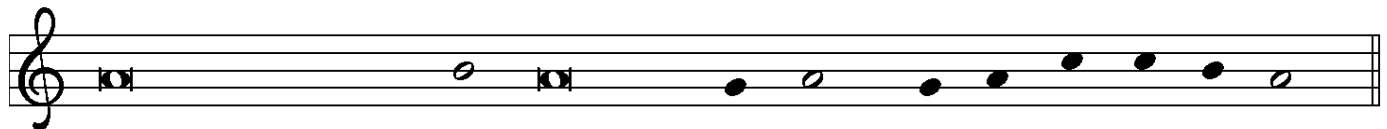
## ↑ Kyrie



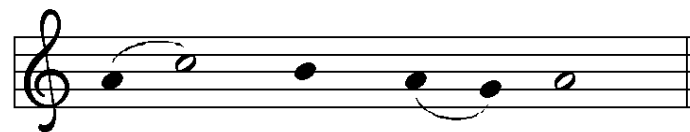
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



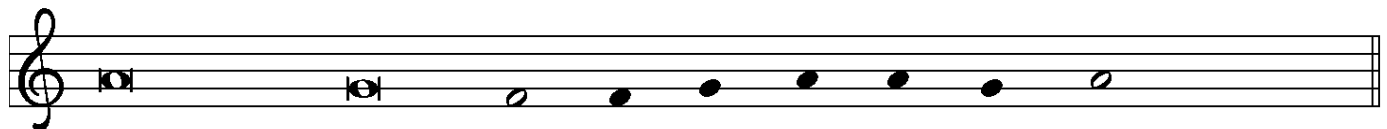
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



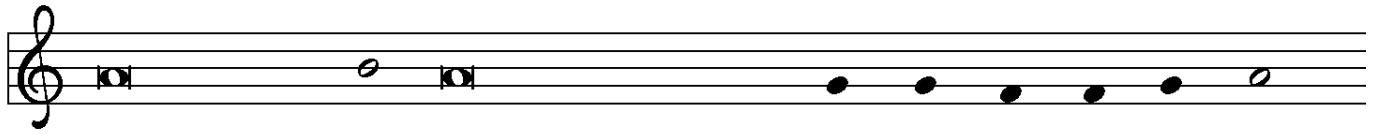
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



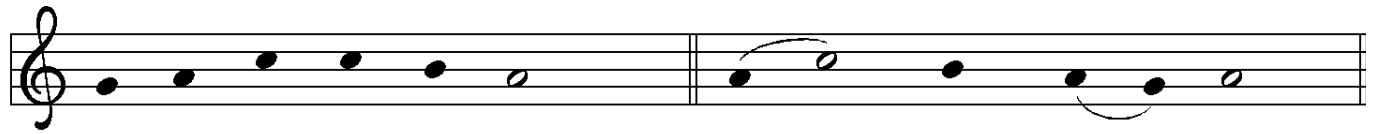
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

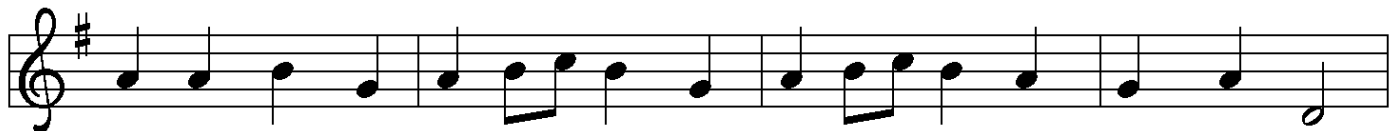
### ↑Gloria



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## ↑Prayer of the Day

**P:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.  
With your abundant grace and might,  
free us from the sin that binds us,  
that we may receive you in joy and serve you always,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

**A:** Word of God, Word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Luke 1:46b-55

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



You, Lord, have lift-ed up the low - ly.

*Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses.*



<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will | call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.

<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation. REFRAIN**

<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,  
<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.

<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,  
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup>the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

**REFRAIN**

## Second Reading

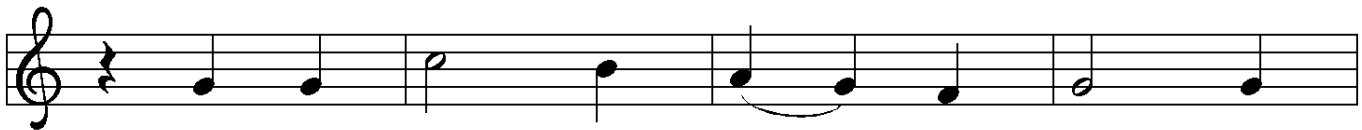
**Hebrews 10:5-10**

**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

**Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

**P:** The Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**G:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Following the reading*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

*Today we hear readings and reflections from our youth and sing the carols below. To conclude, Cantor Kyle will invite all youth, children, and parents with small children to come forward and learn the first stanza of "Silent Night" in preparation for Christmas Eve.*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
ELW 279

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
ELW 290

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
ELW 272

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*  
ELW 281, st. 1

## ↑ 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

- Ⓐ: ... Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓑ: hear our prayer.

↑ The Great Thanksgiving

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

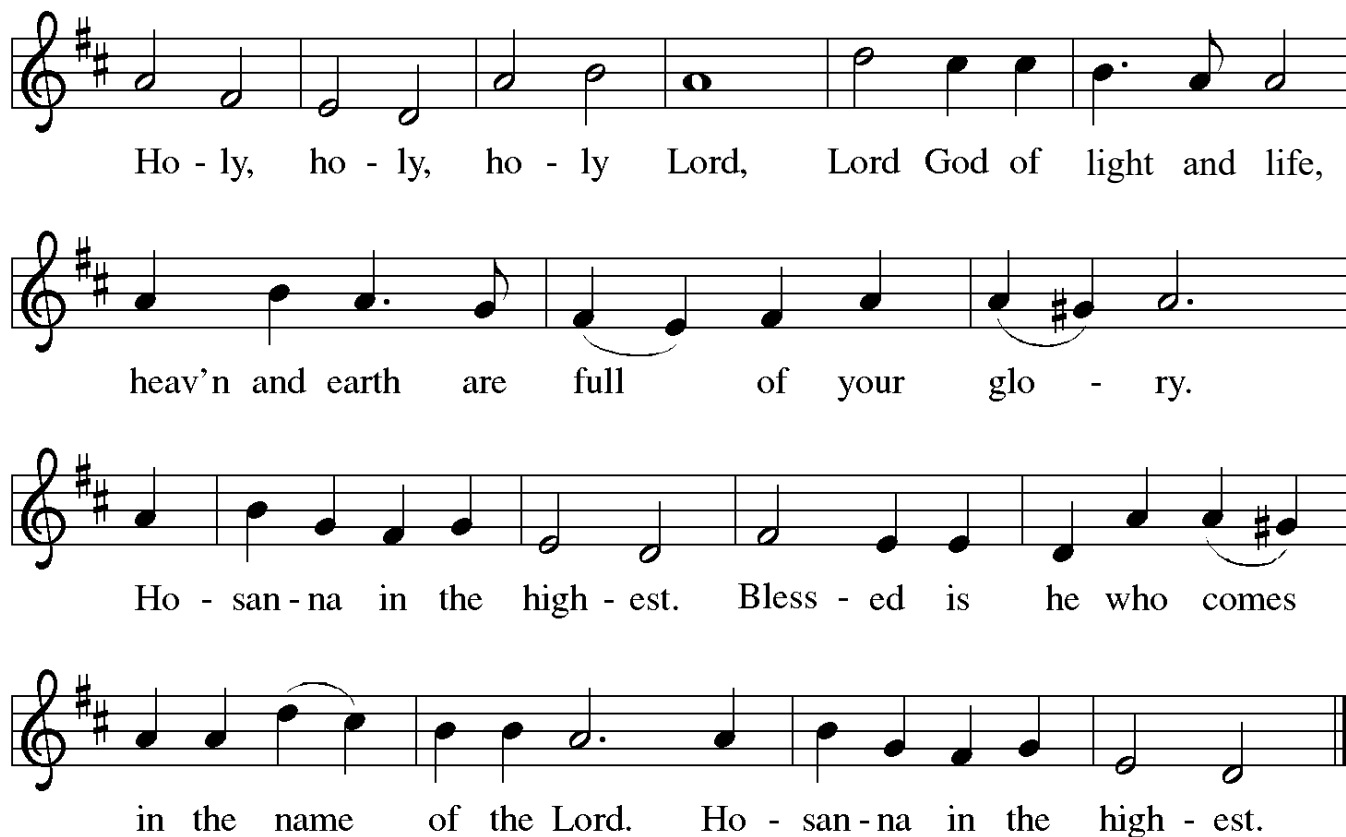
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ⓐ: 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

☐: Lord, help us work toward your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑: **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.**



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**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.

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### ↑ 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

*Joy to the World*  
ELW Hymn 267

### ↑ 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

*Chorale prelude for organ and trumpet*  
*on WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME*  
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

### About today's music

We close our Advent season of preparation with a melody heard during the prelude at the First Sunday of Advent. Today's postlude is one of the several settings of WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME (ELW 436) for organ and solo instrument by Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780). Krebs studied in Leipzig at the St. Thomas Church with Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750). Like his mentor, Krebs composed a significant output of church music for organ, choir, and instruments. Perhaps because his compositional style stayed closer to the earlier fashions of Bach and the Baroque, his music fell into relative obscurity until the 1900s. – Cantor Kyle