



**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 28, 2021**  
**9:00 am**

**Prelude**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Gilbert Martin

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*Leader* We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

*People* **As we light the first candle of this wreath, arouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels.**

*Leader* Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

*People* **Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

**The Advent Litany** (*see insert*)

**Reading**

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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup> 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**Sequence Hymn**

*The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns*

Hymn 73

The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks;  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child,  
to bear, and fight, and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
and earth's dark night is past;  
O haste the rising of that morn,  
the day that e'er shall last;

and let the endless bliss begin,  
by weary saints foretold,  
when right shall triumph over wrong,  
and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
come quickly, King of kings.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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

[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 does not 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.”

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

## 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## The Peace

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

## Announcements

### Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

## Offertory

*Keep Your Lamps*

Andre Thomas

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Priest* 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A Proper Preface is said here.*

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **The Communion**

*Trained members of the prayer team are available for private and confidential prayer during communion.  
They are masked and fully vaccinated for your protection.*

### **Music at Communion**

*Veni Emmanuel*

Paul Manz

*Peace Before Us*

WLP 791

Peace before us, peace behind us,  
peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us,  
let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us,  
love under our feet.

Love within us, love over us,  
let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us,  
light under our feet.

Light within us, light over us,  
let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us,  
Christ under our feet.

Christ within us, Christ over us,  
let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **The Postcommunion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Clergy* May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. And May Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending*

Hymn 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluia!

Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:

Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

## Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in the peace of Christ. Serve those living in poverty.  
Proclaim the Good News Alleluia! Alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia.**

*Congregation remains in place until choir recesses*

## Postlude

*Finale on Veni Emmanuel*

Matthew Corl

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