



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023

10:00am



VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN *standing*

Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Hymnal #59

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,
1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.
1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

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ENTRANCE RITE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

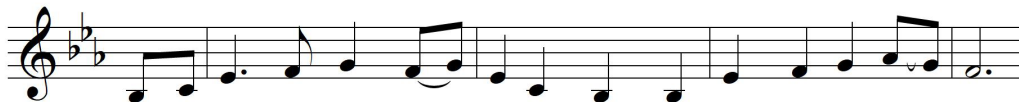
Andy Heald, Nate & Teddy

O come, O come, Emmanuel *Hymnal* #56, (vv. 1-2)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el,
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high,
and ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el,
who or - derest all things might - - - i - ly:
that mourns in lone - ly of ex - - - ile here
to us the path of know - - - ledge show,
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
and teach us in her ways to go.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - - u - el
shall come to you, O Is - - - ra - el.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, Holy and Living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**



5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard



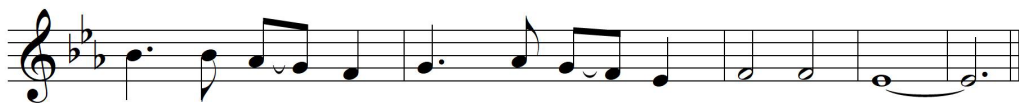
and loved and treas-ured, taught and claimed as words with - in the Word.



Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,



let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

<i>Lector</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 (*read in unison*)

**Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

**Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?
 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 Let your hand be upon those at your right hand, *
 those whom you have made so strong for yourself.
 So we may never turn away from you, *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE EPISTLE *seated*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I
 give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has
 been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in
 him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ
 has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any
 spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also
 strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our
 Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship
 of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector
 People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *standing*

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let my heart al-ways wel - come your love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *standing*

Mark 13:24-37

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Petty Anderson

*I will rise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

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THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

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 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.
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The intercessor offers the petitions, all respond, **Hear our Prayer.***

THE CONFESSION

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *standing*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People offer a greeting of peace to one another.

BUILDING A PLACE WHERE LOVE DWELLS TESTIMONY

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come Now O Prince of Peace

ELW #247



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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DOXOLOGY HYMN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

In the Holy Communion we experience the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All adults and children who desire to receive are encouraged to come forward to receive.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

The prayer continues until

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who
forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The prayer continues until

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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

The prayer continues until

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and
forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Christ teaches us we pray,

All

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPING AT HOME

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Hold your hands out in front of you to receive the bread and help guide the cup to your lips. Gluten-free wafers are also available by request.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

**God for whom we wait,
You come to us in the broken bread
and the cup we share.
Make us ready always to welcome Christ
into our hearts,
and send us forth to be your people in the world,
announcing your coming among us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING *The Celebrant blesses the People.*



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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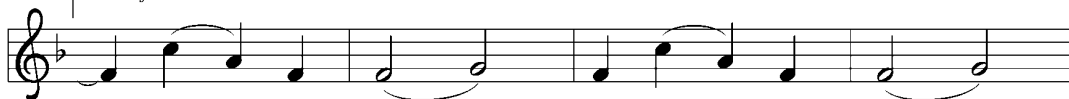


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soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the People, who respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Building a Place Where Love Dwells

What a joy it has been to visit with so many of you in the past few weeks!

If you have not yet been contacted and would appreciate a visit, please call or email the church at office@stlukesseattle.org and we'll set something up!

Commitment of Giving cards and Campaign booklets are available and have been mailed to folks who did not pick one up previously. An online form is currently available on the website (stlukesseattle.org/building-a-place-where-love-dwells/). If you would like a booklet or pledge card, just let us know.

Next Sunday December 10 we will joyfully present our pledge commitments, then celebrate with a catered luncheon after church. Bring your pledge card--or simply yourself--we will bless the contributions, give thanks for everyone's participation, and share in gratitude with a catered lunch (taco bar!)

Now - December 10 | *Building a Place Where Love Dwells* Campaign

Now | Giving Estimate cards are available for you to complete

December 10 | Celebrate! We'll gather the cards, bless them, and have a great party!

Talk to anyone you budget with, think on it, and pray to decide what gift God is calling you to make for the annual giving campaign and to the capital campaign for *building a place where love dwells*. *Thank you for your support!*



TODAY! Advent Wreath Making, Cookie Decorating, and Crafting

This is an event for all ages to get ready for the season of Advent. We have wreath making supplies--candles, greens, wire, ribbon, etc.--along with other Advent crafts. We also have devotions and information on keeping Advent at home. Bring your own Advent wreath form or any greenery you would like to share.

A Good Word!

Our community is blessed by many excellent writers in various genres. One of the most wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit is creativity, and we're inviting you to share yours by contributing short pieces of original poetry, narrative, memoir, flash fiction, Haiku etc. to our weekly online newsletter and the website. Children are especially invited to contribute! We are simply looking for a good word that inspires, encourages, challenges, and/or delights the community.

The Good Word will run each week through Advent. You can submit your writing piece to office@stlukesseattle.org. If you'd like assistance or support, or someone to review your piece, please contact Rody Rowe at rodyrowe@gmail.com.

Giving Tree for Vision House

This year we will host a Giving Tree for Vision House. Come by and pick up a tag during the weeks in Advent and give a gift to support families. Visit visionhouse.org for more information about the organization.

Register Today for the Advent Retreat December 9

The World is About to Turn, a diocesan Advent retreat for 20s & 30s, Saturday December 9th. Explore the many facets of Advent with dynamic speakers from around the Diocese, and enjoy fun, food & friendship with other young adults. Register at <http://tiny.cc/gewcvz>.

2024 Civil Rights Pilgrimage: Living Justice | September 30 - October 9, 2024

Join Canon Britt, Pastor Bryon and Canon Carla Robinson for a 9-day pilgrimage from Atlanta to Memphis, stopping at the iconic sites where the Civil Rights Movement and the current fight for racial justice continue. This all-inclusive trip is open to members, friends, family and traveling companions. The trip is very personalized and unique, with contacts and locations chosen by the trip leaders. For information and registration, <https://circlesofcolor.org/crpilgrimage/> or contact Canon Britt. *Spots are filling up, so consider joining this exceptional opportunity!*

There will be an information session hosted by the Diocese December 12 at 7pm. Register at ecww.org/event/civil-rights-pilgrimage-info-session-2/.



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