

Welcome to  
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*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
December 2, 2018 + 10:15 a.m.

**P- Pastor, C-Congregation**

*\* All who are able please stand.*

Prelude “Sleepers, Wake” (Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme) - J.S. Bach  
Welcome and Parish Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, The Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** To you, O God,

**C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**P:** Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation.

Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of ✠ Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering

\*Opening Hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" LBW 31

Greeting

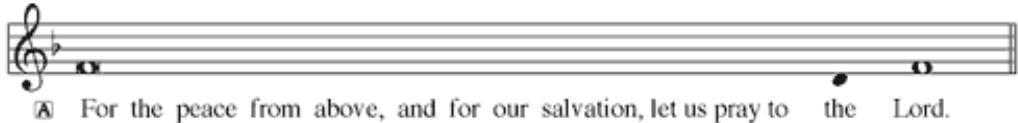
P: From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



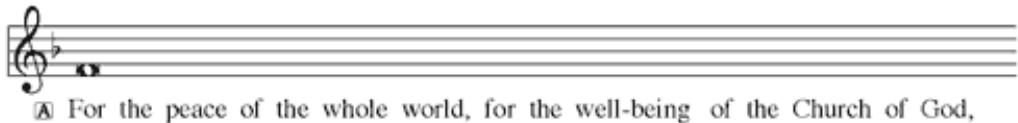
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



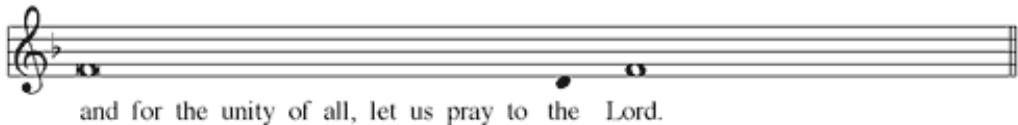
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** 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.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. **C** A - men

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**P:** We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**C: Amen**

*Word*

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

The First Lesson is from the 33<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

*In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.*

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.”

Here ends the reading.

PSALM: 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.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;**  
**remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good- | ness,**

**O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

<sup>8</sup>**He guides the humble in | doing right**  
**and teaches his way | to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The Second Lesson is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.*

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Here ends the reading.

\* Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.



*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“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.

<sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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

<sup>34</sup>“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, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Message

*Silence for Reflection*

\*Hymn of the Day “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!” LBW 37

\* The Nicene Creed

**C: 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.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who 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 Intercession

### *Meal*

\*Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with one another.*

Choir Anthem “Creator of the Stars of Night ”

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

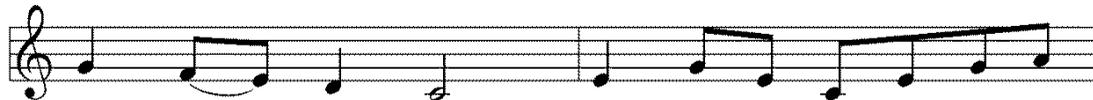
Organ Offertory: “Savior of the Nations, Come”

- Michael Burkhardt

\*Offertory Hymn



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



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.

Distribution Hymns: WOV 627, 701

\* Table Blessing

\* The Post-Communion

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

\* Benediction

P: 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. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*Hymn "People, Look East" WOV 626

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude Fanfare on "Sleepers, Wake" - Michael Burkhardt



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