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**First Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 2018**

**“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”  
(Jeremiah 29:11)**

## Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.

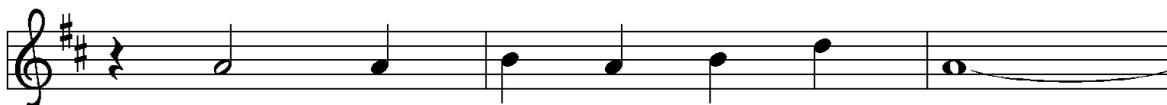
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

*Light the first candle.*

As the candle is lite we will sing *verse one only* of song below.

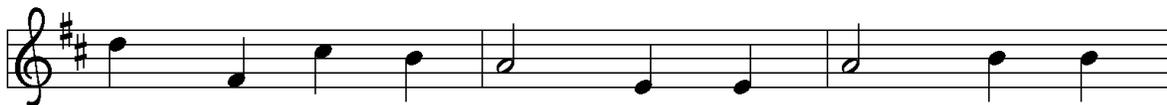
### As the Dark Awaits the Dawn



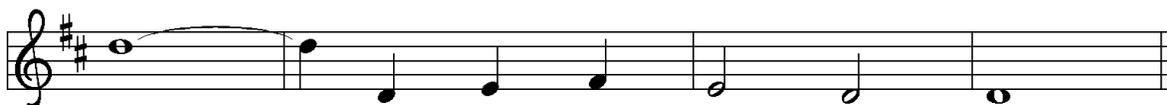
1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,  
2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour  
3 As the moon re - flects the sun  
4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of  
be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to  
un - til the night's de - crease, may we your  
en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing  
see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and  
heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing  
stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.  
wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.  
peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.  
blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.  
Amen.

Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

To you, O God,  
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.

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.  
Amen.

**GATHERING SONG: “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” ELW 436**

## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

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The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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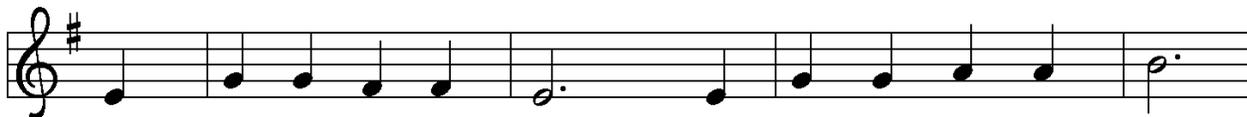
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## GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The First Reading comes from Jeremiah the Thirty-third chapter beginning at the Fourteenth verse.

<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."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

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

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</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>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

The Second Reading comes from First Thessalonians the Third chapter beginning at the Ninth verse.

<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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord**

[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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "He Came Down" ELW 253

### He Came Down

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 7/8. The treble staff contains a melody with two triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures. The bass staff contains a bass line with two triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures.

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It features the same treble and bass clef staves, key signature, and time signature. The treble staff has triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures. The bass staff has triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures.

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The treble staff has triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures. The bass staff has triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures.

he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures. The bass staff has triplet markings over the 3rd and 6th measures.

## 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 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 INTERCESSION

### THE PEACE

*All stand. The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your child(ren)\_\_\_\_, O Lord as (his/her/their) days increase; bless and guide (him/her/them) wherever (he/she/they) may be. Strengthen (him/her/them) when (he/she/they) stand(s); comfort (him/her/them) when discouraged or sorrowful; raise (him/her/them) up if (he/she/they) fall(s); and in (his/her/their) heart(s) may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of (his/her/their) (life/lives); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we commend to your care\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Knit them together in constant affection for each other. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, patience, and godliness so that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Name, when you were baptized,  
you were marked with the cross of Christ forever.  
Remember your baptism with thanksgiving and joy.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the new life you give us through holy baptism. Especially, we ask you to bless name on the anniversary of *her/his* baptism. Continue to strengthen name with the Holy Spirit, and increase in *her/him* your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

### GRACE MOMENTS

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
During this time, the table is set and a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung*

## OFFERING SONG ELW 184



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 dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.*

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives.

Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need  
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and  
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on  
earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to join hands with the persons next to you:*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.  
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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God fills the hungry with good things.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

We believe and trust that in this sacrament - Christ is truly present to heal our brokenness and empower our lives.

*The ushers will guide you to the Altar to receive the Sacrament. The Minister will distribute the host (bread) to all communicants.*

**Grape juice and wine are in individual cups...light color is juice.**

**The common cup is wine.**

**We also offer gluten free wafers... please indicate your desire for one to the pastor.**

***Note:** The bread is received in the open palm. Eucharistic Ministers will present the wine and/or juice available in small communion cups as well as the **Common Cup**. You may also choose to intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice of wine or sip from the **Common Cup** (as is your custom). If you are unable to come to the altar – please inform an usher and our celebrant will come to you. Crossing your arms indicates your desire for the celebrant to bless you in lieu of receiving the bread and the wine.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. [Amen]

The blood of Christ, shed for you. [Amen]

*The ministers commune either after or before others commune.*

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray,

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.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: “People, Look East    ELW 248**

*Please face the flame that the acolyte takes off of the altar candle as we reorient ourselves to going out into the world in service.*

## People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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*Today's flowers are by Christine Ware in celebration of her son Garret's birthday.*

Of Note:  
December 2nd through December 8th

### **Birthdays**

1 Dereck Knight  
8 Ed Owen

### **Anniversaries**



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