



Order of Service for
The First Sunday of Advent — November 27, 2022 — 11:00am

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

People: *And our spirits rejoice in you.*

Celebrant: We will praise you as long as we live.

People: *We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.*

Celebrant: We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

People: *But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth, the One who gives food to the hungry, the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.*

Celebrant: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

People: *As we worship you in this place, As we light this candle in hope, peace, and joy. Amen*

Reader: A reading from Matthew: Jesus said "you are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God. (The Candle is lit.)*

Celebrant: Lord grant us your light that we may come to the true light which is Christ.

**HYMN IN
PROCESSION**
57

Helmsley

(All Stand)



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People: *You come to your people and set them free.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

KYRIE

Frank Boles

adapt. from
*Conditur alme
siderum*

All:

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." The second staff is for the All, with lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son." The third staff is for the All, with lyrics "Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son." The fourth staff is for the All, with lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." The fifth staff is for the All, with lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you. *People: And also with you.*
Celebrant: 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.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD *(Please be seated.)*

THE FIRST READING

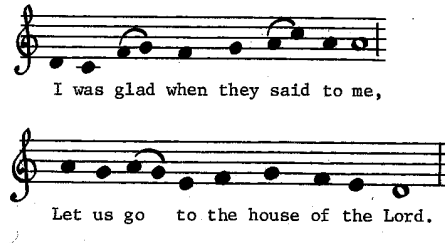
Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *People: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 122

Antiphon
(sung before
And after



- 2 Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND READING

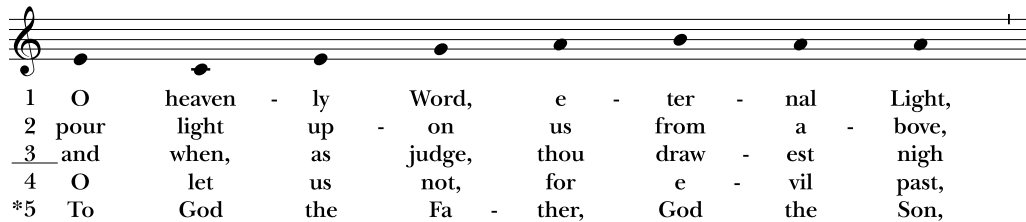
Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

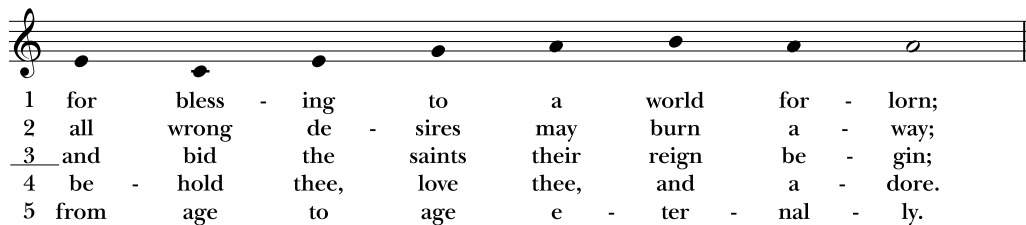
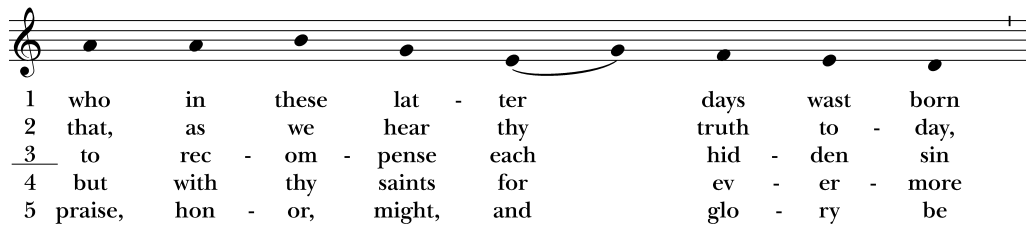
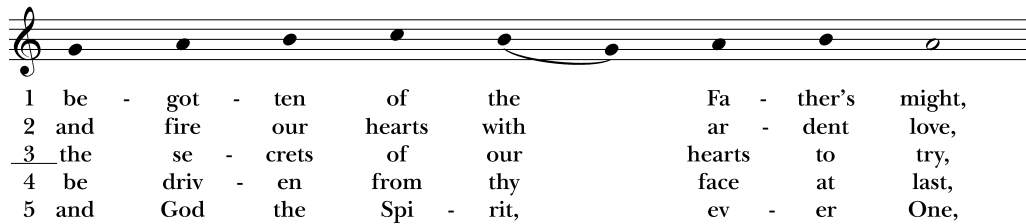
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 63

*Verbum
supernum
prodiens*



(Standing)



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:36-44

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

THE SERMON *The Rev. Judy Ferguson (Please be seated.)*

NICENE CREED *(All stand)*

All: *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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Subdeacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray for ourselves and for our ministries, and for all of our parish family as we prepare to welcome our new rector. Lord, you have called us to serve you. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Subdeacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Subdeacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Subdeacon: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Subdeacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Subdeacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. ***Silence may be kept.***

All: *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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. People: *And also with you.*

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

AT THE OFFERING

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls And plenteousness within thy palaces.

Music: Herbert Howells

Text: Psalm 122

PRESENTATION HYMN

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1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;

Maoz Zur



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim:
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.

Standing



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;

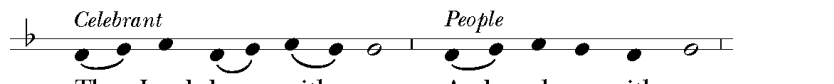


how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

THE HOLY COMMUNION


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*




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

Celebrant *People*



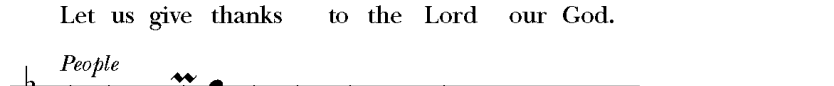
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

F. Boles

Cantor *All*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

All:



God of po-wer and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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

Cantor



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All



Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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



- san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: 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.

The people stand or kneel.

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,

All: 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 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 taught us to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

(The celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. All then sing:)

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of, God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

David Hurd

All:

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. The congregation comes forward to receive communion while the choir sings an anthem. The choir receives after the congregation. All join in singing the hymns.)

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter, Thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, An apple that he took. As clerkes finden, Written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our ladie, Abeen heav'ne queen. Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen. *Deo gracias!*

Music: Boris Ord
 Text: ca. 15th Century)

COMMUNION HYMN

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and
 2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but
 3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly
 4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and
 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing
 al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus
 I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in
 rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus
 Christ the ap - ple tree.

Apple Tree

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Stand.)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 61

Wachet auf

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing; she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

VOLUNTARY *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Liturgy has now ended. Let the service begin.

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