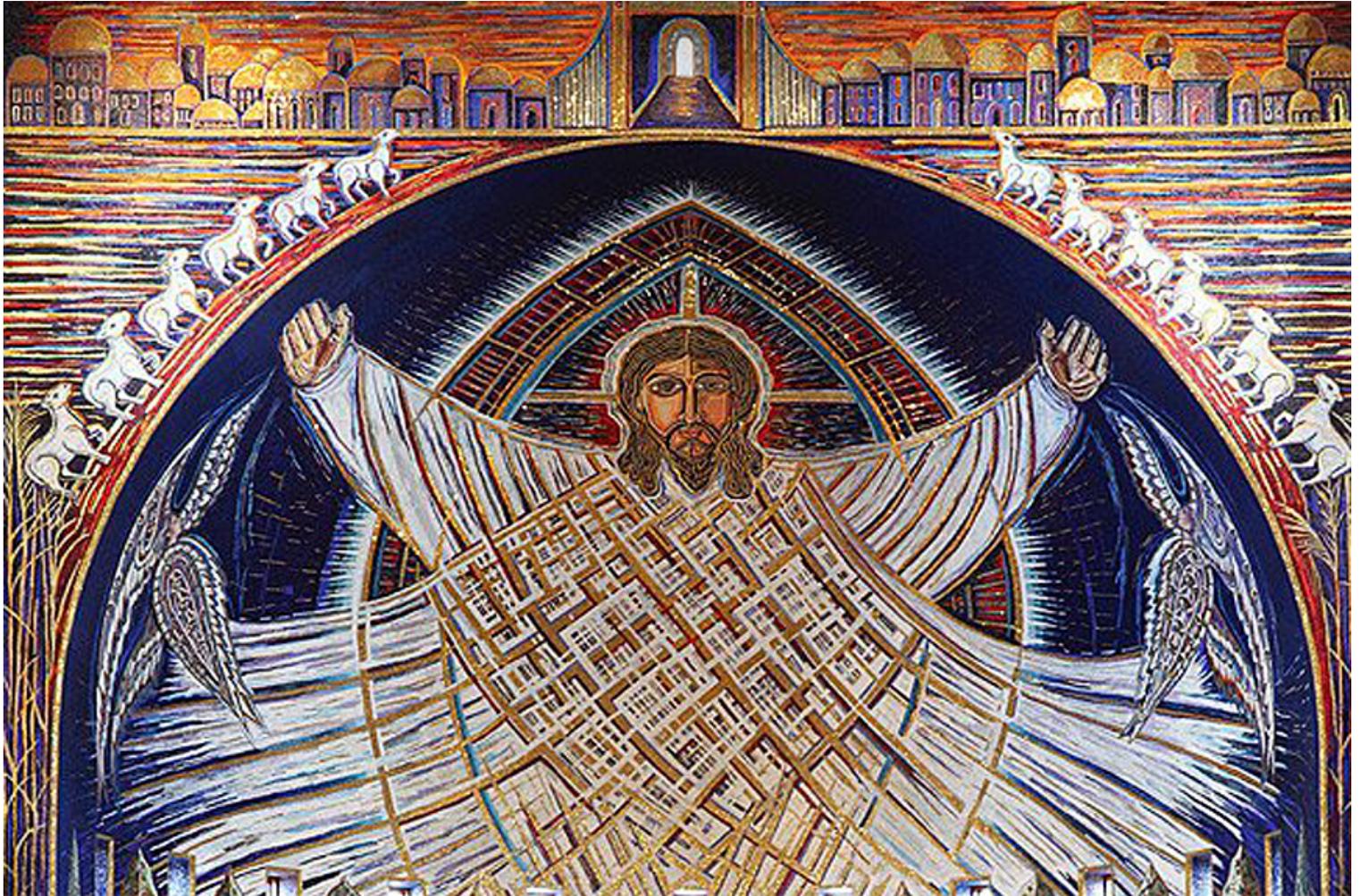


# The First Sunday of Advent



November 29, 2020



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

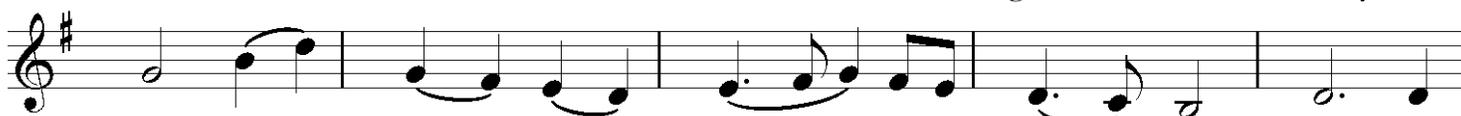
*Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme*, BWV 645

J. S. Bach

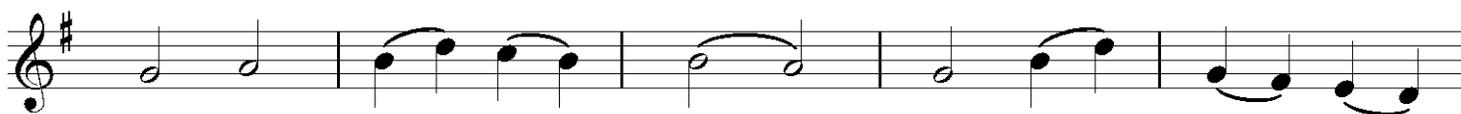
## OPENING HYMN

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Hymnal 57



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

*Enriching Our Worship*

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

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

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

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

*Lector* A reading from Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM**

Psalm 80:1-7,16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed hem with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Lector* A reading from First Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**GOSPEL**

Mark 13:24-37

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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 his 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Officiant* Together let us affirm our faith.

*All* **You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Advent hymns  
Emily Williams Guffey

*Reader* Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim:  
Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free:  
Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* O Come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind.  
Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* With the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy, let us name the blessings of our lives, especially those who celebrate birthdays this week, including **Barry Dickson, Josephine Powell, Emily Williams Guffey, Grace Henning, Ryan Tyler, Nicolas Galli**, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

You lift up our lowliness in many marvelous ways.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* Comfort all who sit in the darkness of illness, grief, or distress, especially *Marie Abdalla, Pat Ald, James Atwater, Sue Barber, Genet Barthwell, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Digory, Kate Latham Driscoll, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Grace, Hope Hoffman, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Matthew Klein, Kathryn Lincoln, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Paul, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shabby, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, John T., Bobbie Traxler, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, Bob Wright*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer, especially Anna Herold, mother of Linda Olivache, who died on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>; Cathy Zuker, sister of Eileen MacDonald, who died on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>; Doris Landrum, aunt of Ed Maki-Schramm, who died on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>; and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; comfort those who mourn, and give new hope to your people, who seek you and trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Officiant* In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*

## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

BCP 377

*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Please give generously at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving)  
or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us

J. S. Bach

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,  
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:

“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:

“The time has come, O maidens wise!

Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing;  
her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
she wakes and hurries through the night.

Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious  
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!  
We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;  
let saints and angels sing before you,  
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.

Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:  
through them we stream to join the’immortals  
as we with joy your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!  
Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say  
*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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Common Worship*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Common Worship*

*Celebrant* Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,  
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,  
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.  
*All* **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation  
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,  
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,  
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, stay with us. Assure us with and revive us in the truth that in you alone, we are  
and always will be one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the  
world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING



## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

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