

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

DECEMBER 5, 2021



Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

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WE WELCOME YOU to historic Trinity Church. We are blessed by your presence and pray God's richest blessing upon you. We invite you to receive the Risen Christ at the Lord's Table. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

P Presiding Minister **A** Assisting Minister **C** Congregation

CARILLON

WELCOME

CHANTED INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Hannah Long, cantor

*A solis ortus cardine
ad usque terrae limitem
christum canamus principem,
natum maria virgine.*

From lands that see the sun arise,
To earth's remotest boundaries,
The virgin born today we sing,
The Son of Mary, Christ the King.

*Enixa est puerpera
quem gabriel praedixerat,
quem matris alvo gestiens
clausus ioannes senserat.*

That Son, that royal Son she bore,
Whom Gabriel's voice had told afore:
Whom, in his Mother yet concealed,
The Infant Baptist had revealed.

P Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,

C Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen

Please stand.

GATHERING HYMN

254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Hannah Long, Cantor

Cantor: Turn to us again, O God our Savior, let your anger cease from us.
Lord, have mercy.

C



Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the notes, with "mer" and "cy." connected by a hyphen.

Cantor: Show us your compassion, O God our Lord, grant us your salvation.
Christ, have mercy.

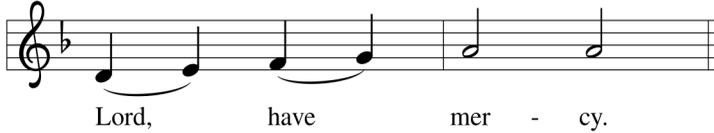
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Cantor: Come and bring salvation; we wait, O God;
 may your glory dwell in us.
 Lord, have mercy.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☐ **Amen**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

- ☐ Word of God, word of life.
- ☐ **Thanks be to God.**

LUKE 1:68-79

The psalm is sung by the congregation and the choir by alternate verse. The congregation sings the refrain after the choir and again where indicated.



The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the words "In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God". The second line contains the melody for the words "the dawn from on high will break up - on us." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high will break up - on us.

Blessed are you, Lord, the ¹ God of Israel,
you have come to your people and ¹ set them free.
You have raised up for us a ¹ mighty Savior,
born of the house of your ¹ servant David. [℞]

Through your holy prophets,
you promised of old to save us ¹ from our enemies,
from the hands of ¹ all who hate us,
to show mercy ¹ to our forebears,
and to remember your ¹ holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our ¹ father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our ¹ enemies,
free to worship you ¹ without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days ¹ of our life. [℞]

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,
to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.

In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. ☩

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

256 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

FREU DICH SEHR

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**

Please kneel or sit.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Following the introduction, and after each petition, the congregation sings the response.



O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Mar - a -
na - tha! Mar-a - na - tha! O come, Lord Je - sus, come.

Text: Traditional

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After the final response:

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect.
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C Amen

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please greet one another from a distance and then be seated.

OFFERTORY

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Henry Hugh Bancroft
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

For text, see ELW 255.

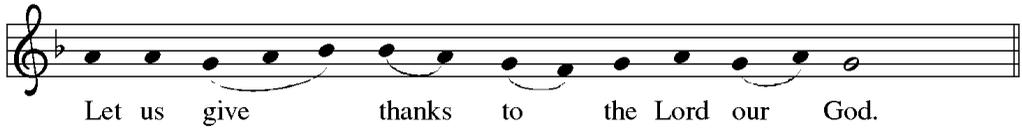
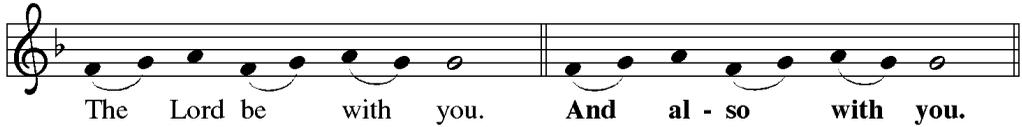
The Trinity Choir Kim Webster, oboe

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,
C we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE

Ⓟ It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en 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.



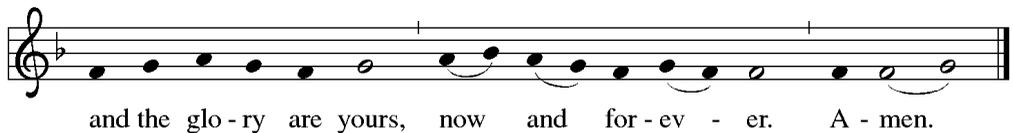
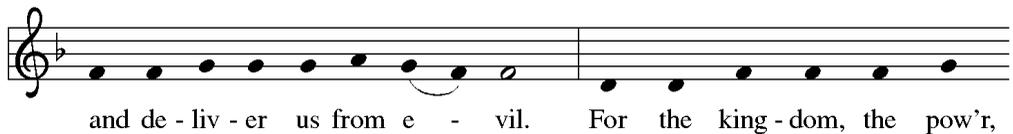
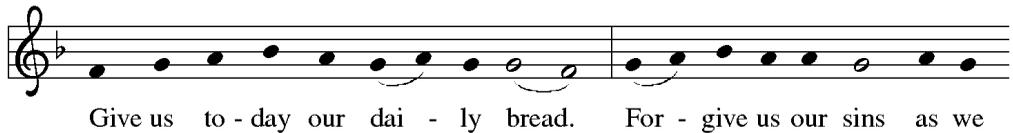
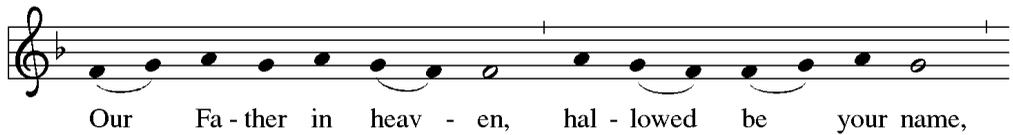
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Holy One...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P** With this bread and cup...We look with hope for his coming.
- C** Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** Holy God...Bring us the gift of peace on earth.
- C** Come, Holy Spirit.
- P** All praise and glory...one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

C Amen

Be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

We invite all who wish to receive the Risen Christ in this meal to join us at the Lord's table. Coming to the altar, following the direction of the usher, be sure to maintain a safe distance between households. If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer or would prefer grape juice to wine, please ask your server. Returning to your seat, please deposit the used glass in the baskets provided. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, tell the usher and the sacrament can be brought to you. God bless you with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation!

After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
- C** Amen

BLESSING

- P** The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
- C** Amen

SENDING HYMN

249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PUER NOBIS

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

Egil Hovland



The chanted words of the invocation were written in the 5th century by Caelius Sedulius and set to music by Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina (ca. 1525-1594); edited by Charles H. Giffen.

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