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Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

Call to Worship

P: The advent of Christ brings the love of God's presence into our midst!

C: We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!

P: Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!

C: God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness, so we come to praise and worship our Lord and Savior.

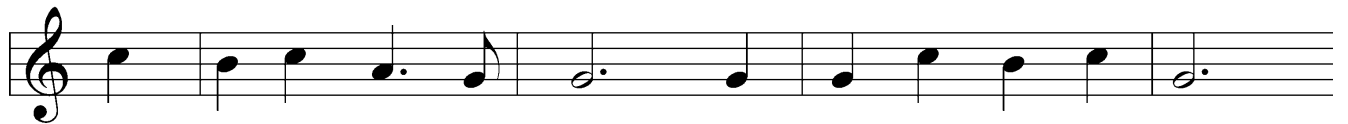
P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

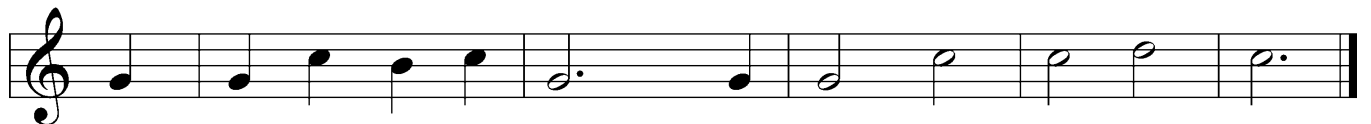
807 When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Confession and Absolution

Confession of Sins

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P Gracious God, we know we ought to be watching for signs of your presence and of your Son's coming. We are called to repent, and we admit there are times when we wonder if we're truly your disciples. Then we hear your call again, and we lift our voices to bless you. Thank you for your Word that confronts us with the truth that we need to face: we are lost, we are broken, we need you. Come, Lord Jesus, bring us mercy.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Prayer of Confession

P Let us pray:

C Merciful Savior, in our rush to Christmas joy, we confess that we would prefer to skip Advent's invitation to stillness, reflection and preparation. Shiny ornaments and twinkling lights are more appealing than looking at the ways we fall short of your will. Our busyness often numbs us to our failures. Come into our hearts with new mercies this hour, forgiveness that cleanses us from our guilt and sin, and grace sufficient for this day. We humbly pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Faith

P This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

C Hallelujah! Amen.

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in
 bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us cast with
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our
 Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD,
 I lift up my soul.
 O my God, in you I trust;
 let me not be put to shame;
 let not my enemies exult over me.
 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
 they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
 teach me your paths.
 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 for you I wait all the day long.
 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
 for they have been from of old.
 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
 according to your steadfast love remember me,
 for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
 Good and upright is the LORD;
 therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
 He leads the humble in what is right,



and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Luke 21:25-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

**God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



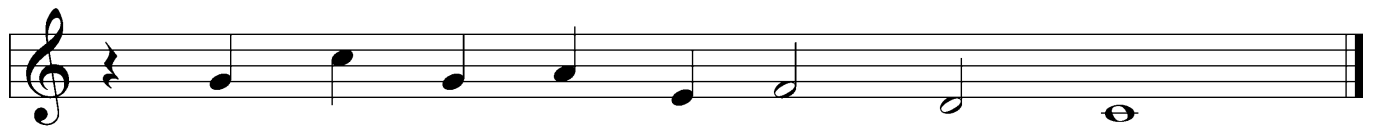
cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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SERMON: WATCHING LUKE 21:25-36

Please Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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 pres - ence, and
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Congregation

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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
 forever and ever. Amen.

Words of the Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

All Receive the Sacrament together

(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)

Please Stand

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Benediction

921 On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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The Dismissal


- P** Go in Peace, serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

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Wednesday Advent Services
Online Only at 5:15 p.m.
December 1, 8, 15, 22

2nd Advent Sunday, December 5
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
With Holy Communion

3rd Advent Sunday, December 12
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
With Holy Communion

4th Advent Sunday, December 22nd
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
With Holy Communion

Christmas Eve Services
Friday, December 24th
4:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service
7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

Christmas Day Service online only
Saturday, December 25th at 10:30 a.m.

