

Holy Communion



Our Saviour

Lutheran Church
Warrenton, Virginia

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The 1st Sunday of Advent

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4
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GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister may comment briefly on the service of the day, and then invites the assembly to confess.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Beloved in Christ: Do you confess that by your own sins you have earned God's wrath?

I confess it.

Do you truly regret these sins?

I regret them.

Do you forgive all those who have sinned against you?

I forgive them.

Are you trying to live according to the will of God?

I am trying.

Do you believe that God forgives sinners for the sake of Jesus Christ?

I believe it.

Then may it be unto you according to your faith.

By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

KYRIE

Leader | Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. | Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

As the wreath is lit, we sing a stanza of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," ELW 257:

*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 you, O Israel.*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

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

The assembly is seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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 reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 146

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day
long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel
before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that
we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to
you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one
another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

¹³And 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 reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel*A solo voice sings the proper verse, and all join as the Alleluia is repeated.***GOSPEL***Luke 21:25-36*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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 concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
 4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
 send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.



THE 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

An assisting minister invites the assembly to pray for those in need

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Equip your church, merciful God. Root us in the soil of your word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Nurture our faith and let love blossom among us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sustain your creation, holy God. Water the parched soil. Preserve the forests and wilderness. Increase our love for the land. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let peace grow within us. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in your justice and mercy. Increase their love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Feed the hungry, living God. Gather our harvest into a feast for our neighbors. Bless all who are sick (*especially*). Receive the souls of those who have died, and grant them your peace, (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is received to support the ministry of Christ's church.

OFFERING CANTICLE

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As the offering is presented, we stand and sing.



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

The assisting minister offers this or a similar prayer.

Let us pray. *[A brief silence]*

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.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister invites the assembly 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

The presiding minister continues with the Preface of the season.

It is indeed right ... unending hymn:

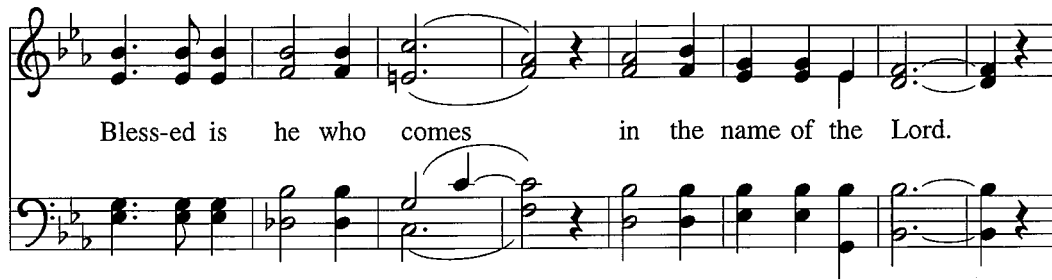
SANCTUS

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

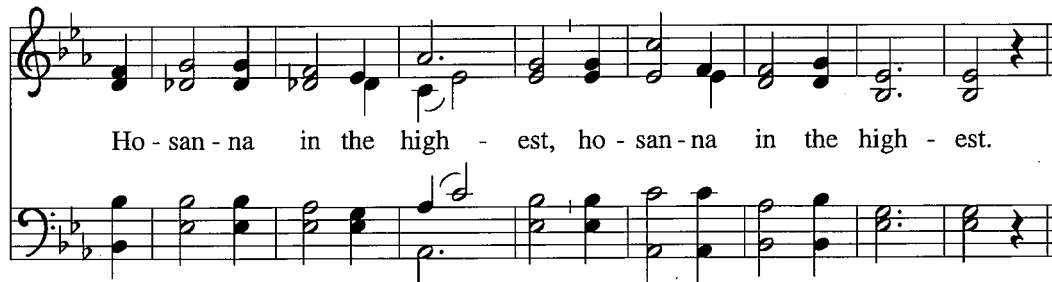
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End ... both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Savior taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister invites the assembly to the table in the words of Zechariah 9:9:

Rejoice, O Jerusalem
The King is coming.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Christ in his Supper. Those who do not receive may come forward with their arms crossed over their chest, and receive a pastoral blessing.

To learn about being baptized, please ask a pastor.

BLESSING

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister gives a table blessing.

Now may the body of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and his most precious blood, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers a prayer.

Let us pray. *[A brief pause]*

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

The presiding minister blesses the assembly in the name of the Trinity.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

*People, Look East
(Following Page)*

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DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Prepare your hearts.
Thanks be to God.

Bible Readings for Daily Prayer (Nov 29 to Dec. 4)

Monday

Psalm 90
Numbers 17:1-11
2 Peter 3:1-18

Tuesday

Psalm 90
2 Samuel 7:18-29
Revelation 22:12-16

Wednesday

Psalm 90

Isaiah 1:24-31

Luke 11:29-32

Thursday

Luke 1:68-79

Malachi 3:5-12

Philippians 1:12-18a

Friday

Luke 11:68-79

Malachi 3:13-18

Philippians 1:18b-26

Saturday

Luke 1:68-79

Malachi 4:1-6

Luke 9:1-6

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4 or Baruch
5:1-9

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

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.