

Brief Service of Holy Communion
First Sunday in Advent – Sunday, November 28

WORDS OF WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

-SONG- 436 *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying*

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite
 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Apostolic Greeting

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 25:1-10

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

²**My 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.

⁴**Show 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.

⁶**Remember, 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.

⁸**You 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.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

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

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.”

This is the gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ

The Message

-SONG- ACS 906 *No Wind at the Window*

No Wind at the Window

1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
 3 This child must be born that the king - dom might come;
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;

no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.

no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,

just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.
 and . . . you are re - quest - ed to . . . moth - er God's Son."
 both . . . vic - tor and . . . vic - tim, both . . . yours and di - vine.
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell . . . God I say yes."

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: COLUMCILLE, Irish melody

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PRAYERS

Into our troubles and weaknesses,
 Into the barren places of our souls, Come Lord,
Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the war-torn and the refugee,
 Into those who live in conflict, Come Lord,
Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the homeless and the unemployed,
 Into those who feel abandoned, Come Lord,
Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the sick and the disabled,
 Into those with chronic illness, or long-term pain, Come Lord
Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the poor and the starving,
Into those who are oppressed or abused, Come Lord
Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into the lives of loved ones,
Into those from whom we are estranged, Come Lord,
Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

Into our joys and celebrations,
Into our work and our achievements, Come, Lord
Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.

O Christ we long for your coming. Hasten that day when those who seek you in every nation will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south and sit at table in Your Kingdom. Hasten the day when your Kingdom will come in all its glory and suffering and pain and sickness and oppression and death will be overcome forever. Hasten the day when we will be resurrected as a great multicultural family and live in peace, harmony, joy and love together in your kingdom. **Amen**
(<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/12/advent-intercessions.html>)

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you! **And also with you**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Blessed are you, Creator of infinite variety....

Using words familiar to you, let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught:

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

We share Communion from where we are

Time of reflection

-SONG- 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Lexy solo)

Post-Communion Blessing

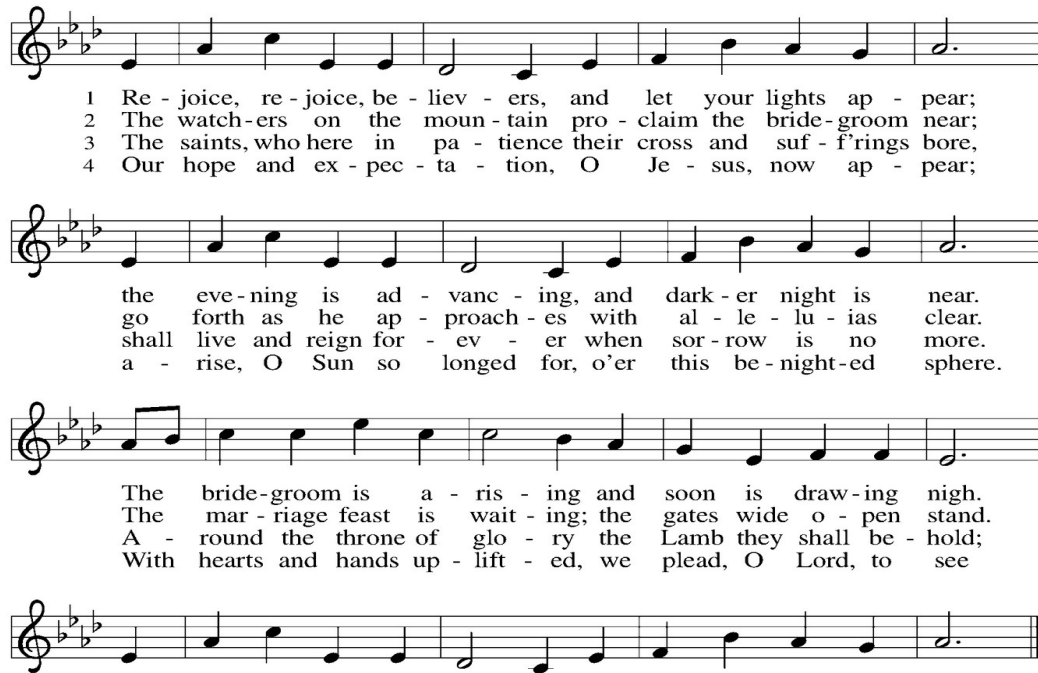
Let us pray:

We give you thanks, loving God, that we have met your son Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Send us from this table to tables throughout our world to love and serve in Jesus' name. Amen

Blessing

-SONG- 244 *Rejoice Rejoice Believers*

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

**Go in peace, Christ is near.
Thanks be to God!**



PRAYER LIST

We hold in prayer this today...

Pastor David,
Stuart (friend of Pastor Dave)
Pastor Lanny and LeeAnn Knutson,
Gabriel (friend of Pastor Dave)
Ed (spouse of member of the Friday Art Group)
Jan, Karin & Joe (friends of Irene Snell)
Signe (friend of Karen I.B.)
Sheilagh (friend of Audrey & Merv Fitz)
Florence (friend of Al & Marlene Herman)
Edgar (father of Tim Lach)
Emile (husband of artist, Freda P.)
Barb (friend of Karen I.B.)
Donald (brother of Kim Dorn)
Lawrence (brother of Al Herman)
Angie, Don (friends of Marlene Herman)
Lil (Barb I's mom)
Doris (Jerry's sister)
Art, and Beth (friends of Sandra and John)
Papa, Nana, and Leah (close friends of Jennifer Rz)
Andrew and Cindy (Jennifer's father and his partner)
Irene (Cathy's friend)
Health care workers tending to the sick in this pandemic time

In our congregation:

Audrey F.	Jennifer R.
Matthew H.	Christa M.
Linda H.	Barb M.
Roy N.,	Alma R.
Jerry B.	Doreen Kletke
John F.	Kara T-R
Patty C. & family	Darlene W
Shirley A.	Pam R
Dorothy B.	
Anastasia M.	
Don K.	
Ilona O.	
Jenifer S.	
Lori Ebbling Treon	