

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 3 December 2023 ♦ 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



GATHERING TOGETHER

This service is live-streamed and recorded for future viewing.

PRELUDE

Chorale prelude on MERTON

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

WELCOME

HYMN

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

MERTON



- 1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
- 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn-ing, from earth's bon-dage let us rise;
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heav'n;
- 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
- 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - giv'n;
may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider

Blessed are you, ✠ holy and living One.

People

You come to your people and set them free.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TRISAGION *(sung three times)*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 forever.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection is kept.

THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Response (*sung by choir, then by all*)



Re - store us, O God of hosts; show the
 light of your coun-te - nance, and we shall be saved.

Verses on next page. >>>

- 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;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray? *Response*
- 5 You have fed them 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;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- 17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself. *Response*
- 18 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. *Response*

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection is kept.

Pleased stand, as able, to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

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 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.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

Fr. Tom Crittenden

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief (*pause*). Deliver all in any need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a

place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence (*pause*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ, you call us to be one community. Look upon this your Grace Church parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your one holy Church. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Presider Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **Amen.**

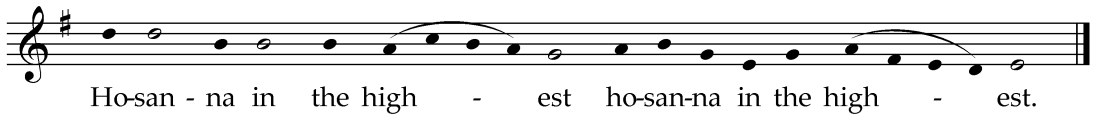
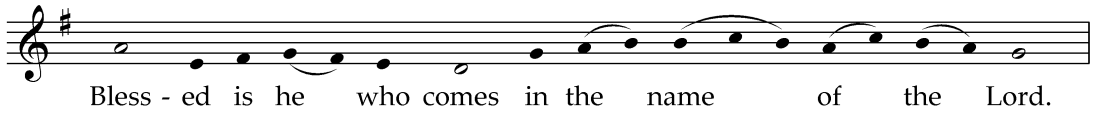
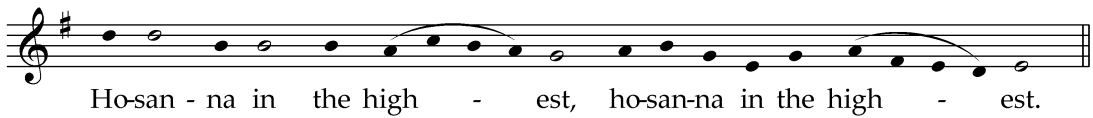
THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

All **God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider 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. **Amen.**



Presider

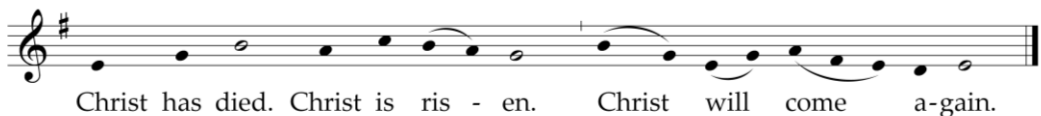
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

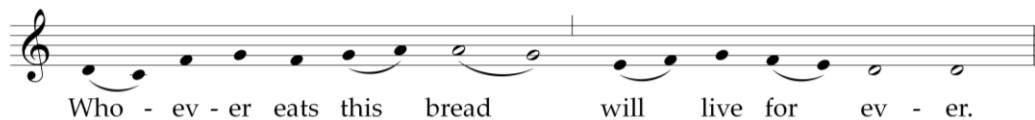
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Fraction Anthem

Refrain (*sung first by cantor, then all*)



Verse (*sung by cantor*)

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (*all repeat refrain*)

The Invitation

From a sermon by St. Augustine

Presider Behold what you are;
People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.

You are invited to the Chapel to receive healing or other prayers for yourself or on behalf of others.

Communion Hymn

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

STUTT GART

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
 by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty and ever-living God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

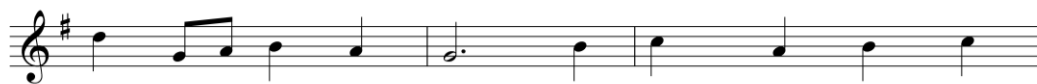
HYMN

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

ST. STEPHEN



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

THE DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fughette (Op. 123a, No. 9) Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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if you're here, you belong!*



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