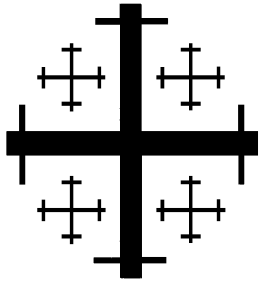


Advent I

30 November 2025

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Prelude *Wachet Auf* (Wake, Awake) Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608 Setting: Edwin T. Childs, b. 1945

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

Confession & Absolution

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**

P It is time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Faithful God,

C we confess that in thought, word, and deed, we have turned away from you. We have not eagerly expected your coming. We have been slow to serve you and our neighbor. Restore us, O God of might. Let your face shine upon us, filling our hearts with your light and love. Amen.

P Lay aside the works of the night; put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen your hearts, for God is with us to save us from our sins. Almighty God grant us forgiveness, keep us in the grace of Christ Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit fill us ☩ with joy and hope. **C Amen**

Entrance Hymn ELW 242 *Awake, Awake*



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: Marty Haugen
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Apostolic 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 Eleison

ALL *Capo 1* D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ B⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷ (sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A⁷ (sus2) B⁷ (sus2) D⁷ (sus4) E⁷ (sus4) Bm Cm

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

Em Fm A⁷ (sus2) B⁷ (sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ B⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷ (sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR D E⁷ F⁷ Gm G A⁷ A B⁷

For peace throughout the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

Em Fm A B⁷ Em Fm A⁷ (sus2) B⁷ (sus2)

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ B⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷ (sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A⁷ (sus2) B⁷ (sus2) D E⁷ G A⁷

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

Em Fm A B⁷ Em Fm A⁷ (sus2) B⁷ (sus2)

lift up their hearts in wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Bm Cm Em Fm A B⁷ Bm Cm G⁷ A⁷ B⁷ Em Fm A⁷ B⁷ (sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son

CANTOR D E⁷ F⁷ Gm Em Fm G A⁷ B⁷ D E⁷

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL D E⁷ Em Fm A B⁷ D⁷ (sus4) E⁷ (sus4)

A men.

Music: Viktor Andersson © 1999 Calvary Lutheran Church

Hymn Of Praise *Stir Up Your Pow'r O Lord and Come*

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. A - gain we
 2. Is hea- ven's mo - ment far or near? And when will
 pray, "Your will be done." May Ad- vent blue to us for -
 Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -
 tell the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.
 light in this, the dark - est hour of night.
 3. We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground
 watch - ing for the rain. We could de - cide to sit and
 wa - it, as Je - sus we an - ti - ci - pate.
 4. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is
 both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall
 do. May Christ re - turn and find us
 true. May Christ re - turn and find us true.

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Blessing & Lighting The Advent Wreath

*We sing the verse below before **and** after the blessing.*

Light one can- dle to watch for Mes- si - ah; let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el. God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Chords: Am, Em/G, F, Dm, E, Am/E, E, Am, E/B, Am/C, Dm, Dm/F, Dm, E(sus4), E.

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P We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Please be seated for today's readings.

First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

I Was Glad

Refrain

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,
3 Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed.

gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;
mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly word,
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named.

God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
here will be re - peat - ed; peace to all pro - claimed,
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong.

Refrain

make the walls and raf - ters ring.
shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.

Text: Psalm 122:1, refrain; Jay Beech, stanzas.

Music: PSALM 122, Jay Beech © 1999

Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

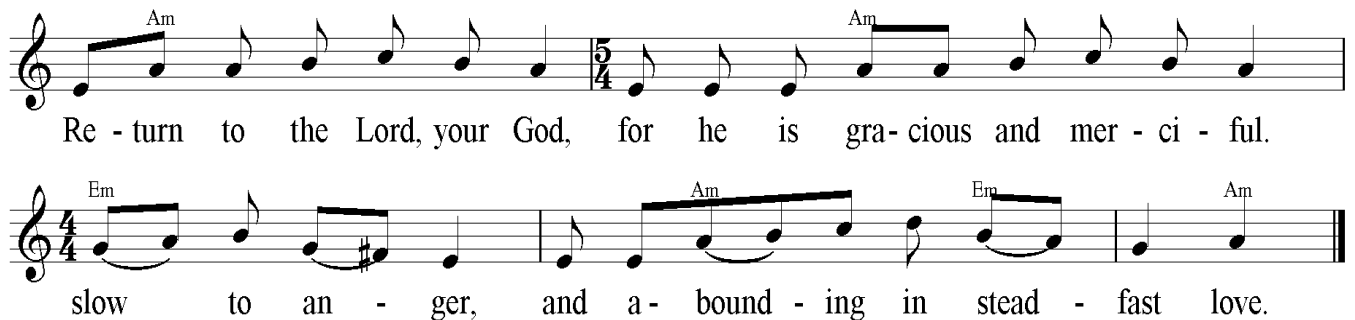
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

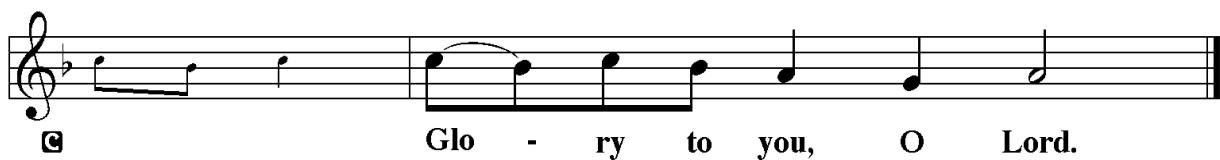
Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Advent Verse & Gospel Acclamations



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful.
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

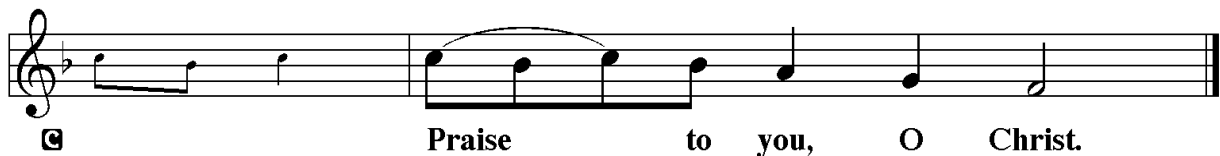


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,]

³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon *Pr. Kyle*

Silent Reflection

Hymn Of The Day ELW 256

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



- 1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
- 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king-dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory

[8] *From Heaven Above*

Tune: *Von Himmel Hoch*, Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Setting: David Schack (b. 1947)

**[11] *O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide* Michael Helman
(2004) Köln (1623) tr. Martin L. Seltz (1909-1967)
Sanctuary Choir**

**O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
come down, come down, with mighty stride;
unlock the gates, the doors break down;
unbar the way to heaven's crown.
O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
when will our hearts behold your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without your light
we grope in gloom and dark of night.
 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 Oh, come, lead us with mighty hand
 from exile to our promised land.
There shall we all our praises bring ever
To you, our Savior King;
There shall we laud you and adore
Forever and forevermore.**



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Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,

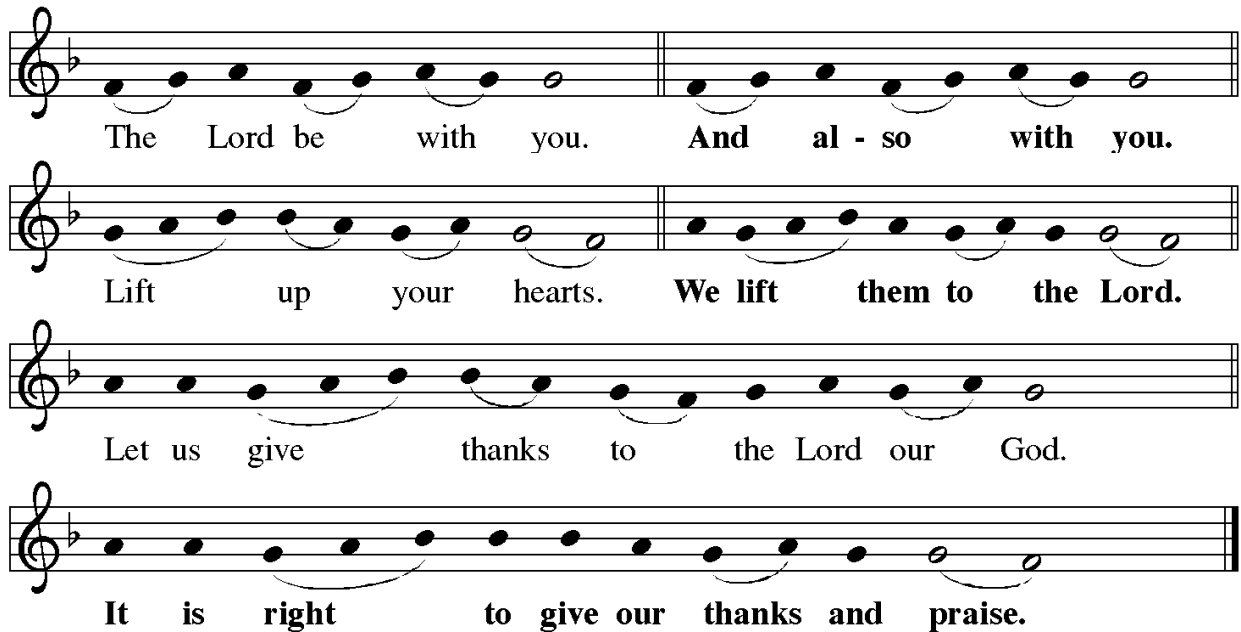


What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?
I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing
and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the
pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes with slurs.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and Merciful God through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new, when He comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

"Sanctus" from *Bread of Life Mass & Songs for the Assembly*

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we
break this bread and share this_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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

P Body of Christ given for you;
Blood of Christ shed for you

Agnus Dei [*Latin, 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, grant us peace.

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HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: We commune at the Altar.
Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:
"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

[11] O Come O Come Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel,
French 15th century processional
Arrangement: Whitney Dobyns (2007)
Harp Duo Catherine Gollhofer, Cheril Rios

Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:
Wait for the Lord (Taizé)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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The King Shall Come (ELW 260)

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the Soprano part, and the accompaniment is in the Bass part. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily
of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory
Vermont

With bro- ken bread in our hands, your
word a fire in our hearts, we now pro - claim our own
myst- 'ry: in this jour- ney from death in -
to your new life, we are your bread, we your bo - dy.

A Let us pray... God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C Amen

P The Benediction ☩

C Amen

Recessional Hymn *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* (ELW 244)



- 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'ings 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

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

The King of Glory

Setting: Edwin T. Childs, b. 1945

UPCOMING COMMEMORATION

Andrew, Apostle

Sunday, November 30, 2025

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

Thursday, December 4, 2025

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

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