



Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

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## Holy Eucharist † 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent | November 28, 2021

PRELUDES Rhapsody on Helmsley William Lloyd Webber (1914–1982)  
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

### THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 61 “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us *Wachet auf*

CELEBRANT Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
PEOPLE *You come to set your people free.*

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.*

TRISAGION Hymnal S–102 Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924)

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

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.  
PEOPLE *And also with you.*  
CELEBRANT 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 for ever. *Amen.*

*The congregation is seated.*

LESSON Jeremiah 33:14–16

The 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. In 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. In 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."

READER The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 25:1–9

*Sung by the choir.*

- To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And 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.

READER The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

*The congregation stands when the hymn is introduced.*

HYMN 454 Jesus came, adored by angels *Lowry*

GOSPEL Luke 21:25–36

DEACON The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 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, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be 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."

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz

*A brief period of silence follows the Homily. Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.*

Anglican chant by James Turl (1802–1882)

### 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: FORM VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;  
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
Who put their trust in you.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.*

### THE PEACE

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

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Veiled in darkness

Glenn Rudolph (b. 1951)

Veiled in darkness Judah lay,  
Waiting for the promised day,  
While across the shadowy night  
Streamed a flood of glorious light,  
Heav'nly voices chanting then,  
"Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Still the earth in darkness lies,  
Up from death's dark vale arise  
Voices of a world in grief,  
Prayers of men who seek relief;

Now our darkness pierce again,  
"Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Light of light, we humbly pray,  
Shine upon Thy world today;  
Break the gloom of our dark night,  
Fill our souls with love and light,  
Send thy blessed word again,  
"Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Douglas Letel Rights (1891–1956)

### PRESENTATION AND ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Winchester New



All praise e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom



with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more. A - men.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE *We lift them to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

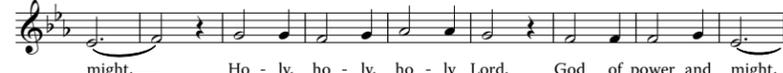
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-130

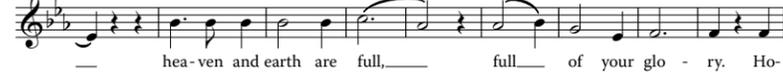
Franz Schubert (1797–1828)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



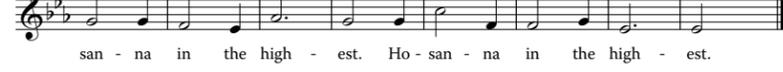
hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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.

*The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your

Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say,

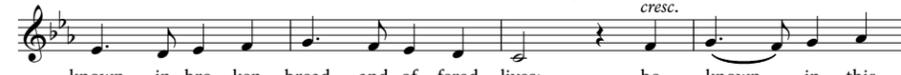
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

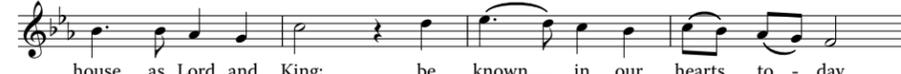
Stuart Forster (b. 1971)



Come, Ho - ly Child of light and be known: be



known in bro - ken bread and of - fered lives; be known in this



house as Lord and King; be known in our hearts to - day



and for ev - er. A - men.

CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### COMMUNION

*Everyone is invited to Communion. Because of current COVID protocols, we are only able to administer bread, which is a full Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Our normal practice is to kneel at the rail, however, you may also stand. If you wish to receive a prayer blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the minister.*

### During Communion

Hymn 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

Anthem A tender shoot

Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

A tender shoot hath started  
up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted,  
from Jesse's holy race,  
it blooms without a blight,  
blooms in the cold bleak winter  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us  
from Jesse's root should spring,  
the Virgin Mary brought us  
the branch of which we sing,  
our God of endless might  
gave her this Child to save us,  
thus turning our darkness into light.

*After Communion, please stand when the Celebrant returns to the altar.*

Let us pray.

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*O God, who bids us wait in this season of longing: as you have fed us with the body of Christ, make us hungry for Christ's justice in the world; As you have given us drink from the cup of salvation, make us thirsty for the fullness of your kingdom; In these days of expectation, stir our hearts and awaken hope that we may share the gifts of your reconciling love with all creation. Amen.*

### BLESSING

HYMN 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

[descant by Stuart Forster]

### THE DISMISSAL

DEACON

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE

*Thanks be to God.*

### POSTLUDE

Tocatta on Helmsley

Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

*Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for...* Abby, Abigail, Angela, Bailey, Bettina, Bill, B.J., Bob, Bobby, Boone family, Brygida, Carmen, Caroline, Caroline, Carter, Casey, Dan, Dyna, Ed, Edward, Eleanor, Gloria, Gronlund family, Heidi, Izzy, Jane, Jodie, Joseph, John, Kathleen, Kathryn, Kemp family, Lane, Larry, Lee family, Lourdes, Lucas, Lynn Elaine, Marcia, Mariela, Mariette, Marilyn, Martie, Martin family, Mary Elizabeth, Maverick, Missy, Nicholas, Nita, Norma, Pat, Regine, Ricky, Sebastian, Shannon, Shawn, Sophie, Stephanie, Susan, Valerie, *and those serving our country...* Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

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