



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

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Holy Eucharist † 9:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent | November 27, 2022

PRELUDE

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 54 Savior of the nations, come!
[verses 1, 2, & 4] *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

THE WORD OF GOD

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.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* 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 Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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. Many 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. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us *Wachet auf*
[verses 1 & 2]

GOSPEL Matthew 24:36–44

DEACON The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
PEOPLE *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

HOMILY The Rev. Susan Beebe

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

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 AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(congregation kneeling)*

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 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

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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.

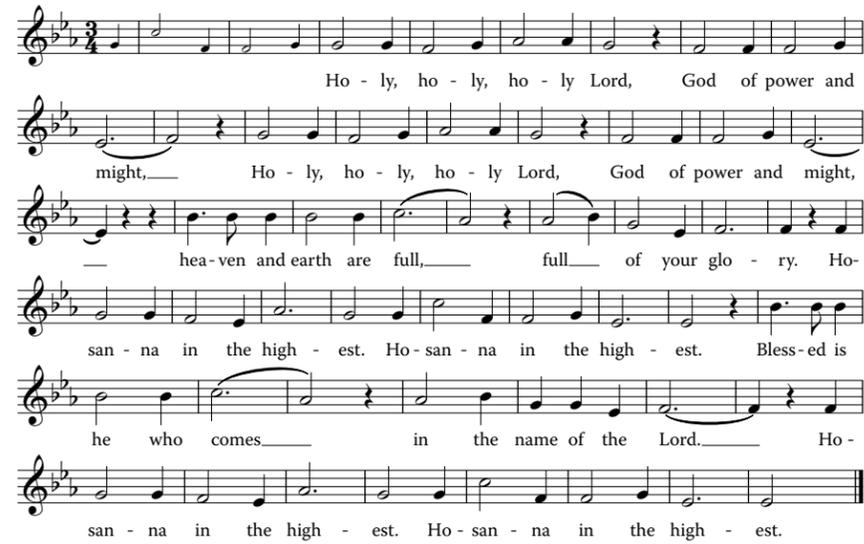
PEOPLE *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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)



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.

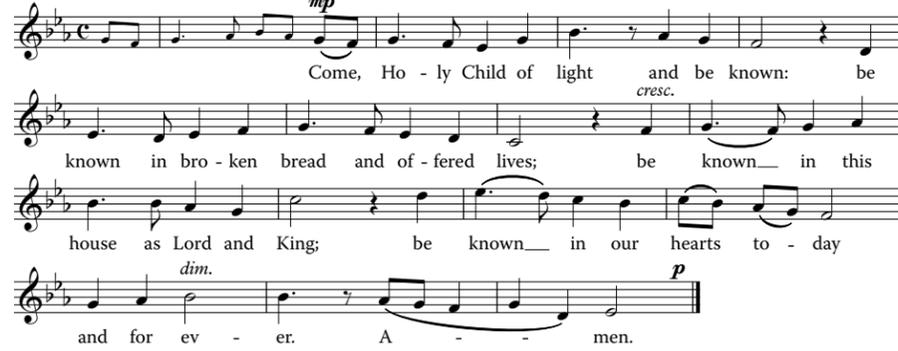
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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)



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. 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 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.

Following Communion, the congregation stands 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*
[verses 1 & 4] descant by Stuart Forster

THE DISMISSAL

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Shannon Sadler-Hull
Robert Hobart Hull
William Joseph Smyser

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Adalina, Agata, Amnesty, Ann, Anna, Andrew, Bill, Bob, Brygida, Carol, Carolyn, Chris, Clara, Coy, Craig, Daniel, David, Dayana, Dennis, Donald, Donna, Ed, Edward, Elaine, Ellie, Eric, Evan, Foster, Frank, Galina Natalya, Gary, Heidi, Hunter, Isabel, Jack, Jeanne, Jerry, Joan, John, Kathryn, Kelly Ann, Kinga, Larry, Laurie, Lillian, Linda, Lynn, Maggie, Malcom, Marcia, Mariela, Marilyn, Martie, Maury, McNerney family, Michael, Mike, Mireille, Nanci, Nancy, Ned, Noah, Noreen, Pam, Pamela, Pat, Philip, Richard, Ron, Sally, Samantha, Samuel, Sean, Sebastian, Shawn, Susan, Tico, Tony, Veronica, Vince, Vladi, Wendy, Will, William, Zdzislaw *and those serving our country...* Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

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