



CHRIST CHURCH  
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

# First Sunday of Advent



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
November 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME!**

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

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The following guidelines are in place for your safety, and particularly for the safety of our younger members for whom the vaccine has not yet been approved:

*Masks must be worn at all times by persons over 2 years of age, except when consuming communion.*

*Social distancing must be maintained between households during the service. For your convenience, every other pew has been closed off. Please remain in your seats as directed by an usher.*

*Bathrooms are available off our breezeway. The parish hall is closed at this time.*

*Hand sanitizer can be found at the entrance of the church and at the bathroom doors.*

*Please **pray aloud** and **sing** with us! Local guidelines recommend that during sung or recited prayer, you keep your voice at a reduced volume and maintain social distancing.*

**Thank you to today's volunteers!**

Coffee hour host	Jim Szewczak
Greeter	Mary Hufty
Usher	Betsy Alexander
Altar Guild	Marty Coddington
Lesson	Paul Lovoi
Epistle	Lenore Lovoi
Prayers of the People	Andy Pflaum

**THE WORD OF GOD**

## PRELUDE

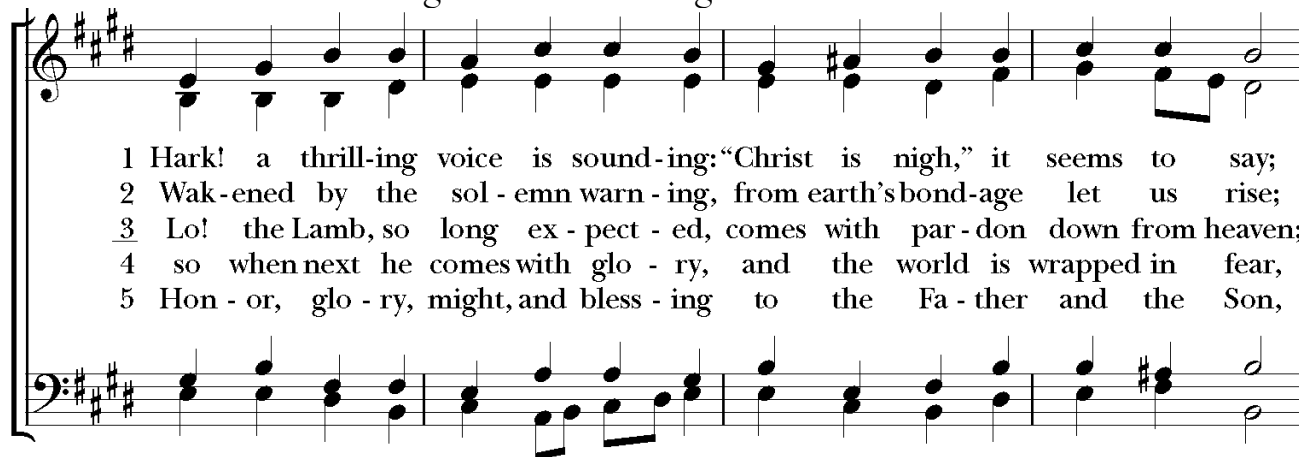
*My Lord, What a Morning*

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

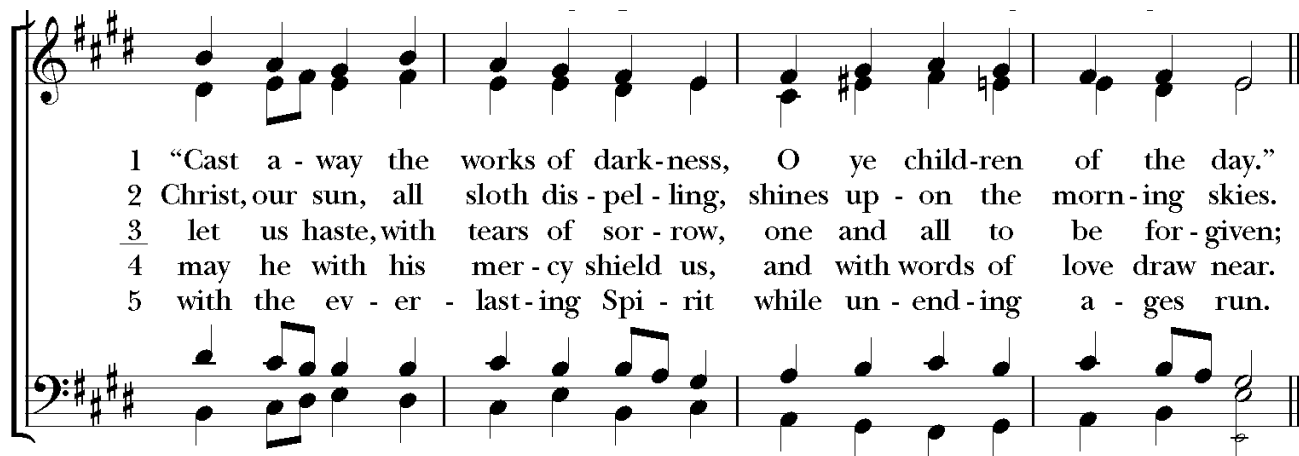
*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN 59** 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 bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
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,



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

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All*        **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.**

*Celebrant*    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.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

Officiant    Lord have mercy.

**People**      **Christ have mercy.**

Officiant    Lord have mercy.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Officiant    The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

Officiant    Let us pray,

Officiant    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.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE LESSON**    *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*Reader* A reading from Jeremiah.

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.**

**THE PSALM** 25:1-9 (*read in unison*)

**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.**

**THE EPISTLE** 1 *Thessalonians* 3:9-13

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 56** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*



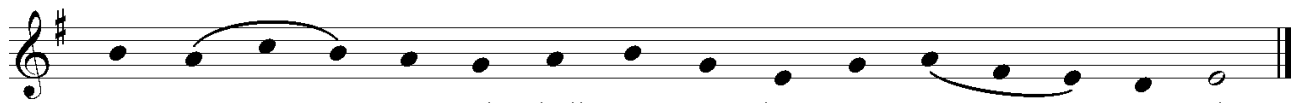
O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**THE GOSPEL** *Luke 21:25-36*

*Celebrant* 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."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**  
*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**    *The Reverend Beth Phillips*

*Please stand as you are able and say together:*

**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

(adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People*)

*Leader* In the midst of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy. That our gracious Savior may rouse us from our sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may always be new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That there be peace in the world, and a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, among them *Jim Raitt, Barb and Pete, Maria Magdalena Quintana Nacua (family member of Jim Szewczak and Pam Padilla), the Hebel family* and those we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*); that they may live in joy, peace, and health, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**



*Leader* For all who have died, among them “Mac” Mcinnis, Mary Hebel, Anne Seipp, Virginia Preston Golden, June L. Liddicoat, Charles E. Baker Sr., Virginia Michos, and those we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*); that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*During the peace, please maintain your six feet of social distance from other households. You are encouraged to share your peace with others using a bow, an air hug, a wave, or some other neighborly gesture!*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Dates for many of our upcoming events can be found on the back of this bulletin.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

OFFERTORY HYMN L13 My Lord, What a Morning

*Harmony*

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O

*Fine*

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

*Unison*

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, \_\_\_\_\_ To wake the  
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, \_\_\_\_\_

na - tions un - der - ground, \_\_\_\_\_ Look - ing to my God's right

*D.C.*

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall. \_\_\_\_\_

*At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand as you are able.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

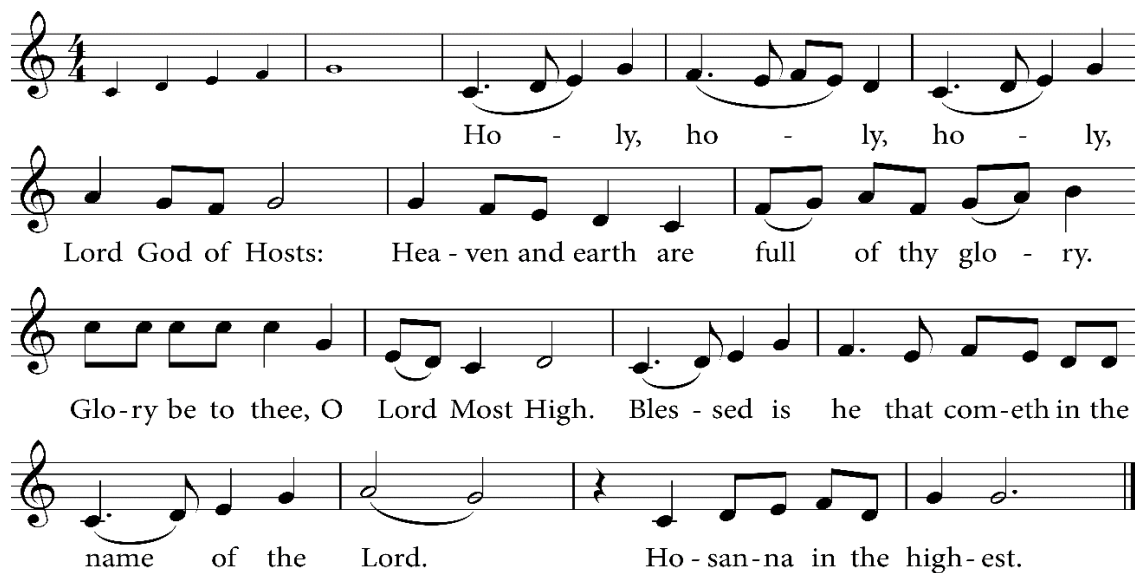
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

*Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.  
Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bles - sed is he that com-eth in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

### *Celebrant*

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,

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

*Celebrant*    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 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, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*    And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**            **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**

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People**        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Please be seated until it is your turn to come forward for Communion. There is a plate before you reach the alter for donations. Do not consume the host immediately upon receiving it. Please return to your seat with the sacrament and together we will consume the bread as the celebrant says the following words:*

*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.

## **THE COMMUNION**

*All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion at this Church. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. To receive the bread, hold out your hands and the clergy will place it on your palm without touching your hands. The celebrant will take a sip of the wine on behalf of the congregation.*

*If you prefer not to receive the Communion, you may come forward placing your hands over your chest, and the clergy will be glad to offer you a blessing.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come *Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.  
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!  
    Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
    Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
    For Christ is coming, is coming soon!  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

*Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All**           **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING** *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond* **Amen.**

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

*Wachet auf*

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her  
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -  
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

## THE DISMISSAL

*One* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our weekly email for more details.

### Sunday, November 28

Cooking dinner for 120 residents of Maple Street Shelter  
Start of Advent warm clothing drive

### Tuesday, November 30

End of “Change for GAIA” drive

### Saturday, December 4

*9 a.m.*

SpiritCare gratitude virtual breakfast and speaker (RSVP required)

### Sunday, December 5

*10 a.m.*

Lessons and Carols

### Sunday, December 5

*5 p.m.*

Confirmation class

### Friday, December 10

*6:30 p.m.*

Inaugural Carillon program and Christmas gathering

### Sunday, December 19

*After the service*

Gingerbread house decorating for all ages