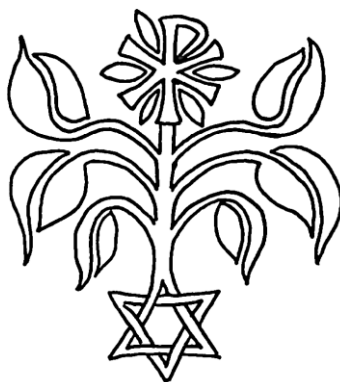


# *Grace Episcopal Church*

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024, 10:00AM

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Welcome to Grace Church. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. The order of worship is found in this service leaflet. The hymns are found in the blue hymnal in front of you. We pray with our words and our bodies; kneeling, sitting and standing. You may join in as you are able. All are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service to get to know one another better.

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

**Offerings** may be made on-line at [www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace](http://www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace).

**Hearing assistance** is available; please ask an usher.

*We enter into silence in preparation for worship  
and request that you silence cell phones and similar devices.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

*Chant de Paix*

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

Hymn 66

*Stuttgart*

## The Bidding for Advent

*Celebrant* Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, as we travel towards Bethlehem in this journey of Advent, we come together in the midst of a busy season to take a breath. To slow down as we anticipate Jesus' coming once more into the world. We are invited for a time to breathe in together the life that God gives us; to listen for the beating of God's heart and the blessings and lessons this season brings. As we gather for this time of worshipful anticipation let us in the silence rest in God's presence.

*A prolonged silence is kept.*

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* May Christ, the One whose coming we await, fill our homes and hearts with joyful anticipation as we journey to the manger. **Amen.**

Each week we light an Advent candle as a symbol of our journey.

With its light comes our prayers and our stories.

*Leader* The candle of this first week of Advent is a candle of **HOPE**. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the hope that came to this world when Jesus was born and his presence with us. Jesus said "I came so that everyone would have life, life in all its fullness."

*Once the candle is lit, the Leader and People respond*

**You called the patriarchs and matriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

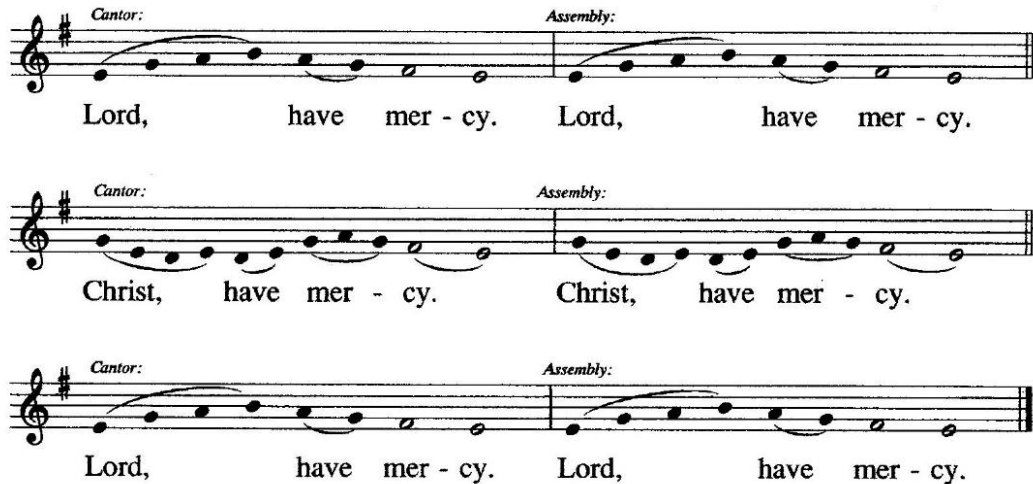
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie from *'Missa Emmanuel'*

Richard Proulx



*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* 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 First 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."


*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Columba Kelly, OSB

*Cantor, then All.*



Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your cov - e - nant.

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.
3. Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

## The Second Lesson

**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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Malcolm Archer



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
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Let us see, O Lord; your mercy, and give us your saving help.

*Priest* 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."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

David J. C. Waters

## 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.

## Prayers of the People

*Celebrant* O God whose Messiah's coming we await, keep us awake and alert to watch for the signs of your coming. As the fig tree puts forth its leaves and the portents of the new day dawns, keep us awake and alert for the second advent of Christ our Savior.

*Intervessor* Keep us awake and alert to our humble calling to be the church of Christ in the world. Empower all bishops, priests and deacons to proclaim justice and truth as they care for your holy people especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our bishop, Lisa our priest. Christ our hope;

*People* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Leader* Keep us awake and alert to the needs and wants of the nations of the world. Enlighten the leaders of the nations to attend to the needs of the lowest and the least, the last and the left-out, that justice and peace may be our strength and equity our common good. Christ our hope;

*People* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Leader* Keep us awake and alert to the needs of the sick and suffering. Embolden our love that we may care with compassion for those in need, especially ... *Silence is kept for a time.* Give them to know of the healing care of Jesus. Christ our hope;

*People* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Leader* Keep us awake and alert to the needs of friends and strangers. Energize this community of faith to reach out with compassion to transform our neighborhoods and communities to reflect the beloved community of peace. Christ our hope;

*People* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Leader* Keep us awake and alert to those who mourn, those who grieve and those who are despondent or depressed. Enable us to be Christ's hands of healing and wholeness that we may be agents of comfort and hope. Christ our hope;

*People* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Leader* Keep us awake and alert to the shortness of our time. Enfold those who have ended their course on earth and have joined the martyrs and saints in the region of light, especially... May we, in our own time, come to the joys of your eternal reign. Christ our hope;

*People* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Celebrant* Shine forth O God of Hosts, encourage, embolden and energize your people to keep awake and alert to the coming of Jesus the Christ, that he, at his second Advent, may find us ready to greet him and eager to serve those in need; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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 Absolution

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

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

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

## Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Anthem at the Offertory

George Guest  
(1924-2002)

In night's dim shadows lying, Our limbs fast locked in sleep,  
To thee, with faithful sighing, Our souls their vigil keep.

Desire of every nation, Hear, Lord, our piteous cry;  
Thou Word, the world's salvation, Uplift us where we lie.

Lord, be thine Advent hastened, Lest sin thy people mar;  
The gates which Adam fastened—The gates of heaven, unbar.

Son, to thine endless merit, Redeemer, Saviour, Friend,  
With Sire and Holy Spirit Be praises without end.

## Hymn

*St. Stephen*

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings;  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

*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 him 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...

...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** from *Missa Emmanuel'*

Richard Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est.

*The people kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us...

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

**Christ has died.**

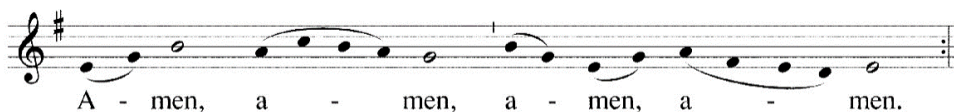
**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*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...

...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.



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**

Cantor:

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:  
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you  
 3. Key of Da - vid and Day - spring from on high:  
 4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1., 2., 3. Assembly:  
 take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

4. Assembly:  
 mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

## The Communion of the People

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.  
 Inform an usher if communion in the pew is needed.*

## Anthem at the Communion

*Conditor alme siderum*

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
 O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

I sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,  
 you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
 As a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At you great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
 all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord,

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
 defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
 praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving 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

Hymn 68

*Llangloffan*

## The Dismissal

*People respond* **Thanks be to God!**

## The Voluntary

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dick Wright  
in memory of his wife, Ginny.*

### TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Corry
Preacher	David J. C. Waters
Organist & Choir Master	Phillip Brunswick
Cantor	Susan Vernon
Lector	Kelly Bratkowski
Intercessor	Stan Wallach
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