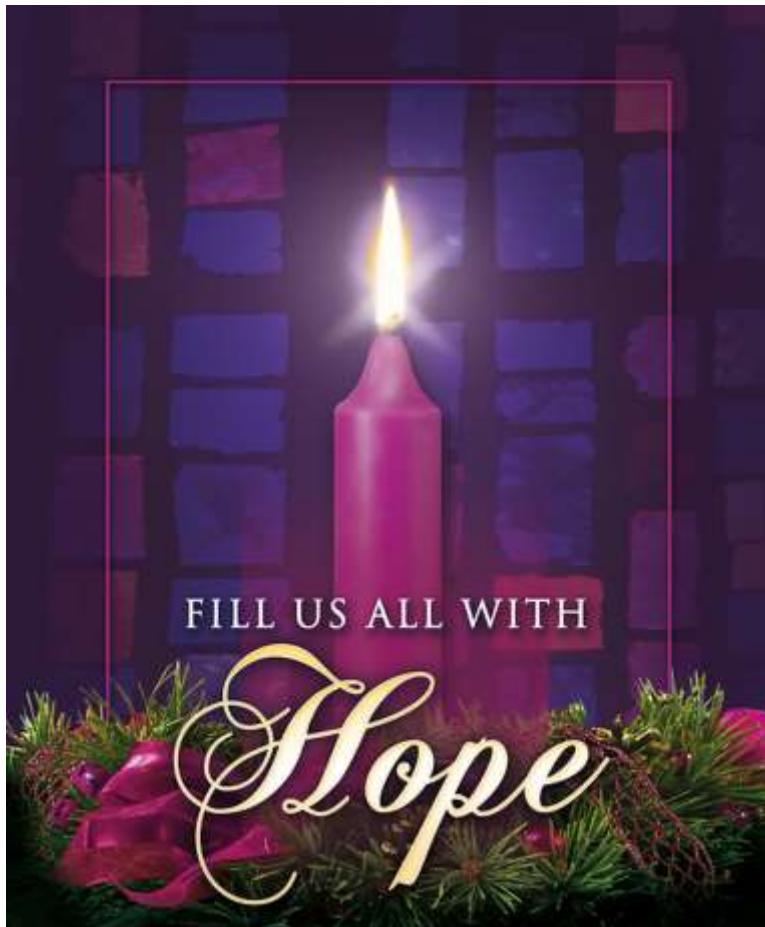


**Ad Te Levavi / The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
The Triumphal Entry According to St. Matthew  
November 29, 2020  
11:00am**



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# WELCOME

*To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all.*

Please wear a mask during this service and while you are in the building.

This service has been modeled after the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One and does not include congregational singing. All singing will be done by Pastor and secluded choir members.

Our financial gifts are offered as a response to what God has given us, and as a reminder that we are caretakers of the world he created. Our members support this church. Visitors are not expected to give an offering. Offerings will be collected in the plates as you exit the nave.

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**Due to necessary restrictions on congregational singing, Pastor and choir members will sing the congregation's parts throughout the service.**

**Prelude**

**Nun komm der Heiden Heiland**

**J.S. Bach**

*(Savior of the Nations, Come)*

**Call to Worship**

**Savior of the Nations Come**

**↑ Confession**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

**P:** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

**P:** God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

**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.**

**↓ Introit (Psalm 25:4-5,21-22; antiphon: Psalm 25:1-3a)**

**R: To you, O LORD, I lift / up my soul.\***

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be / put to shame.**

**Let not my enemies exult / over me.\***

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be / put to shame.**

**P:** Make me to know your / ways, O LORD;\*

teach / me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my / salvation;\*

for you I wait all / the day long.

May integrity and upright- / ness preserve me,\*

for I / wait for you.

Redeem Isra- / el, O God,\*

out of / all his troubles.

**R: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\***

**and to the / Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in / the beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

**To you, O LORD, I lift / up my soul.\***

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be / put to shame.**

**Let not my enemies exult / over me.\***

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be / put to shame.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**P:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of **hope**.  
On Christmas day, Christ our hope was born.  
As followers of Christ, we look for his return with hope in our hearts.  
We light this candle in hope.

*The assistant lights one purple candle.*

**P:** We pray: Loving God, thank you for the hope you have given us in Jesus Christ your son, our Lord. Prepare our hearts for his coming, and help us to bring that same hope to others, in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **Greeting and Collect**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## **The Hebrew Scriptures (Jeremiah 23:5-8)**

**A:** A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>5</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

<sup>7</sup> “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ <sup>8</sup> but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual (Psalm 25:3-4)**

**R: None who wait for you shall be / put to shame;\***

**They shall be ashamed who are wantonly / treacherous.**

**Make me to know your / ways, O LORD;\***

**teach / me your paths.**



## **The Christian Scriptures (Romans 13:8-14)**

**A:** A reading from Romans:

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **↑ The Gospel Acclamation**

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (indicated by a treble clef) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The first staff begins with a quarter note. The second staff begins with a half note. The third staff begins with a half note. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with a red square containing a white letter 'R' marking the beginning of the first line. The lyrics are as follows:

R Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the  
King of glory waits! The King of kings is  
drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

## **The Holy Gospel (Matthew 21:1-9)**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,<sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.<sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.<sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.<sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father, almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary.  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
and 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.**

**↓ Choral Reflection**

***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers***

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Skillman**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of the People**

A: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Sanctus

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (G major), and a 2/4 time signature. It contains six measures of music. The second staff begins with a red square containing the letter 'R', followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly'. The third staff continues the lyrics 'Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:'. The fourth staff concludes the lyrics with 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'

R Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution**

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promises to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,

he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P:** With this bread and cup,

we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** All praise and glory are yours,

Holy one of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Pax Domini**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **↓ Distribution**



## Advent Invitation

R:

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**

## ↑ Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## Post-Communion Canticle

R:

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**A:** We pray: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Choral Sending**

***Let Your Gladness Have No End***

## **Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

***Veni, Emmanuel***

**Robert J. Powell**

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## **NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES**

December 6, 2020

**9:00 am “Drive In”**

**11:00 am “In Building”**

Populus Zion / The 2<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

The Coming of the Son of Man

## **READINGS**

Matthew 21:1-9 (Jeremiah 23:5-8, Romans 13:8-14)

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