

General Prayers

(At the table, the minister shall lead in prayers of thanksgiving and of intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

**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 sins,
As we forgive those who sin 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.
*Amen***

*Congregational Hymn #317: **Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying** WACHET AUF

Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude

Please remain quietly seated.



Advent Evening

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GRACE & PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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The Lord's Service



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The First Sunday in Advent

Choral Introit

Conditor Alme (7th cent. Hymn)

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Conditor alme siderum, aeterna lux credentium,
Christe, redemptor omnium, exaudi voces supplicum.*

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
O Christ, thou savior of us all, we pray thee, hear us when we call.

*Qui condolens interitu mortis perire saeculum,
salvasti mundi languidum, donans reis remedium.*

To thee the travail deep was known that made the whole creation groan
Til thou, Redeemer, shouldst free thine own in glorious liberty.

*Vergente mundi vespere, uti sponsus de thalamo,
egressus honestissima Virginis matris clausula.*

When the old world drew on toward night, thou camest, not in splendor bright
As monarch, but the humble child of Mary, sweetest mother mild.

*Cujus forti potentiae genu curvantur omnia;
caelestia, terrestrial nutu fatentur subdita.*

At thy great name, O Jesu, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone.

*Te, Sancte, fide quaesumus, venture iudex saeculi,
conserva nos in tempore hostis a telo perfidi.*

Come in thy holy might, we pray; redeem us for eternal day
From every power of darkness, when thou judgest all the sons of men.

*Virtus, honor, laus, gloria Deo Patri cum Filio,
Sancto simul Paraclito, in saeculorum saecula.
Amen.*

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

Call to Worship

Minister:

Let us worship God.

Votum

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Sentences

Send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy.

Salutation

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Congregational Hymn:

All Glory Be to God on High

ALLEIN GOTT



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Offertory

Chamber Vocal Ensemble *Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen*

Michael Praetorius (1582-1635)

1. *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen, aus einer Wurzel zart.
Wie uns die Alten sungen, von Jesse war die Art.
Und hat ein Blüm'lein 'bracht; mitten im kalten Winter,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.*

A rose has sprung up, from a tender root.
As the old ones sang to us, Its lineage was from Jesse.
And it has brought forth a floweret In the middle of the cold winter
Right upon midnight.

2. *Das Röslein, das ich meine, davon Jesaia sagt:
hat uns gebracht alleine Marie die reine Magd.
Aus Gottes ew'gem Rat, Hat sie ein Kind geboren,
Und blieb ein reine Magd.*

The rosebud that I mean, of which Isaiah told
Is Mary, the pure, who brought us the floweret.
At God's immortal word, she has borne a child
Remaining a pure maid.

3. *Das Blümelein, so kleine, das duftet uns so süß;
mit seinem hellen Scheine vertreibt's die Finsternis.
Wahr'r Mensch und wahrer Gott! Hilft uns aus allem Leide,
rettet von Sünd' und Tod.*

The floweret, so small that smells so sweet to us
With its clear light dispels the darkness.
True man and true God! He helps us from all trouble,
Saves us from sin and death.

*Doxology: #732

TALLIS CANON

The Distribution of the Cup

(please retain the cup and drink together)

The Congregation is invited to sing an Advent Hymn during distribution

*Congregational Hymn:

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413)

13th cent. Painsong, Mode V
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of our race;
powers, do - mi - nions, bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wear - ied prais - es be;



of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
let no tongue on earth be si - lent, eve - ry voice in con - cert ring,
ho - nor, glo - ry and do - mi - nion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! —

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?”

(1 Corinthians 10:16)

Minister: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; for he is our life, our hope and our peace. Through him we offer our souls and bodies as living sacrifices. Send us forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

All: Amen

*Congregational Hymn:

Richard Wilbur, 1961

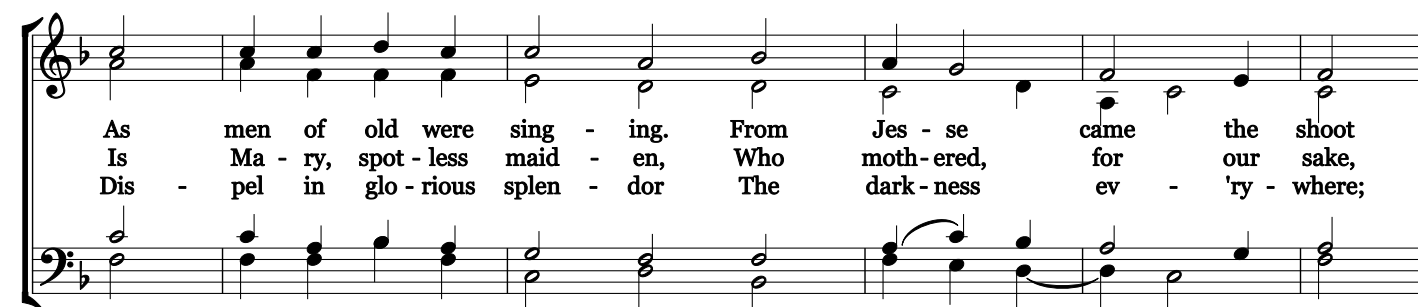
I Know a Rosetree

Michael Prætorius (1571-1621)

ES IST EIN ROS



I know a Rose - tree spring - ing Forth from an an - cient root,
This rose - tree, blos - som la - den, Where - of I - sa - iah spake,
O Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the air,



As men of old were sing - ing. From Jes - se came the shoot
Is Ma - ry, spot - less maid - en, Who moth - ered, for our sake,
Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry - where;



That bore a blos - som bright A - mid the cold of
The lit - tle Child, new - born God, By God's e - ter - nal
True man, yet ve - ry God, From sin and death now



win - ter, When half spent was the night.
coun - sel On that first Christ - mas morn.
save us And share our ev - 'ry load.

Prayer of Confession

Minister:

Dearly Beloved, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Let us confess our sins to almighty God:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

Reading of the Latin and Responses

Minister:

GOD spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage:
You shall have no other gods before me.

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

You shall not make yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you. Let us eat and drink as God's reconciled children.

The Distribution of the Bread

(please retain the bread and eat together)

The Congregation is invited to sing an Advent Hymn during distribution

Distribution Hymn: **The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns** ST. STEPHEN

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

“The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”

(1 Corinthians 10:16)

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is indeed right, a joyful thing, and our duty, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. But chiefly are we praising you for the promised return of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was sent in the fulness of time to save us. Therefore with angels, and archangels and all the company of heaven we join to praise you forever saying:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Institution and Consecration

Praise and thanks to you, Father in heaven: For on the night on which he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body." (Matthew 26:26)

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

"Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:27)

Therefore, remembering his death and resurrection, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit to your Church. In our gathering together, give to all those who partake of your holy mysteries the fullness of the Holy Spirit, toward the strengthening of the faith in truth, that we may praise you and glorify you, through your son Jesus Christ, through whom to you be glory and honor, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, now and throughout the ages of the ages.

All: Amen

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maid-servant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

You shall not murder.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

You shall not commit adultery.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

You shall not steal.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline us to keep your law.

*Congregational Hymn:

Savior of the Nations, Come

John 1:14

Veni, Redemptor gentium

St. Ambrose, 397

Geistliches Gesangbüchlein

Wittenberg, 1524, ad.

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



Sav - ior of the nat - ions, come; Vir - gin's Son, here make thy home!
Not by hu - man flesh_ and blood; By the Spi - rit of our God
Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.
Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Was the Word of God made_ flesh, Wo-man's off-spring, pure_ and fresh.
Bound-less shall Thy king dom_ be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
Praise to God the Spi - rit_ be E - ver and e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Scripture Lessons

Minister: The lesson from the Old Testament is written in the book of Amos, the ninth chapter, beginning to read at the first verse.

Minister: Thanks be to God for his holy Word,

People: And to his name be glory and praise. Amen.

Minister: The lesson from the New Testament is written in the Gospel of Luke, the first chapter, beginning to read at the forty-sixth verse.

Minister: Thanks be to Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

People: Thanks be to Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Confession of Faith

Minister: Let us make confession of our Christian faith, in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke through the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

*Congregational Hymn: **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus** STUTTGART

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Sermon:

Shaking Things Down & Raising Things Up

The Reverend Dr. S. Edd Cathey

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

The Invitation

Minister: Listen to the welcoming words our Savior Christ says to all who turn to him:

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

All who are baptized, who love and trust in Jesus and live for him are welcome to receive the holy supper. As we eat and drink together we must discern that we are one body in Christ, reconciled to him and to one another by his death for us. This meal is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet which we shall enjoy fully and with unveiled face when all things are made new. Glory be to God on high and to the Lamb.