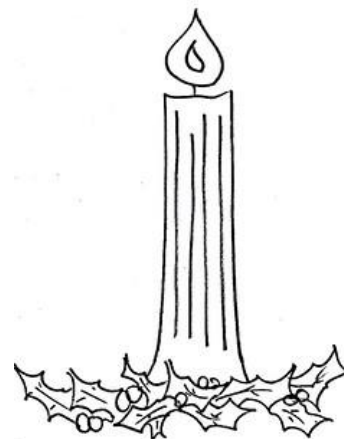


# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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**A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.**

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### VOLUNTARY

Wie Schön leuchtet der Morgenstern  
(How Bright Appears the Morning Star)

Max Drischner  
(1891-1971)

*[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

LYONS

*[Please stand when the bells sound and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]*

*(all singing)*      **The candle of hope we light in this hour  
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.  
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,  
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.**

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### ENTRANCE HYMN H-57

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All*              **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.**

*(sing responsively)*

*Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All*

Lord, have mer - cy,

*Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All*

Christ, have mer - cy,

*Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All*

Lord, have mer - cy.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY***Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* 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.*All* **Amen.****THE WORD OF GOD***The people sit.***THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 64:1-9

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 64...*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you

are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 80

ST. LOUIS

*(all singing)*

**O Shepherd, hear and lead your flock, as lambs we crave your care;  
What strength on earth approaches yours, what mercies can compare?**

**Restore, O God, your favor, the radiance of your face  
To lighten and reveal the gift of your redeeming grace.**

**Our selfish prayers deserve God's wrath, our pride, a sudden burst;  
We have but stones to serve as bread, and tears to quell our thirst.**

**Restore, O God Almighty, the radiance of your face  
To lighten and reveal the gift of your redeeming grace.**

**God's lineage, like a vine, once spread and flourished in the land;  
But now the vineyard fails, the fruit lies withered in the sand.**

**Restore, Lord God Almighty, the radiance of your face  
To lighten and reveal the gift of your redeeming grace.**

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## THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from First Corinthians chapter 1....*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Paul Hillebrand

*(all sing the refrain, the choir sings the verse)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Choir: Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. **(Refrain)**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

*Deacon*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** *The people sit.* The Rev. Kathleen Walter

**NICENE CREED** *All stand as able.*

*People* **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 II – BCP 385

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

*People* **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.

*All* **Amen.**

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

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

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY** Comfort, Comfort, O My People arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Choir

### THE PRESENTATION

*All stand as able.*

*Deacon* We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

# PRESENTATION HYMN

VENI EMMANUEL

Em G C D<sup>7</sup> G D G C G  
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm<sup>7</sup> Em Am Em B<sup>7</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D Em  
 here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D<sup>7</sup> G D Em Bm G  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D<sup>7</sup> Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em  
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

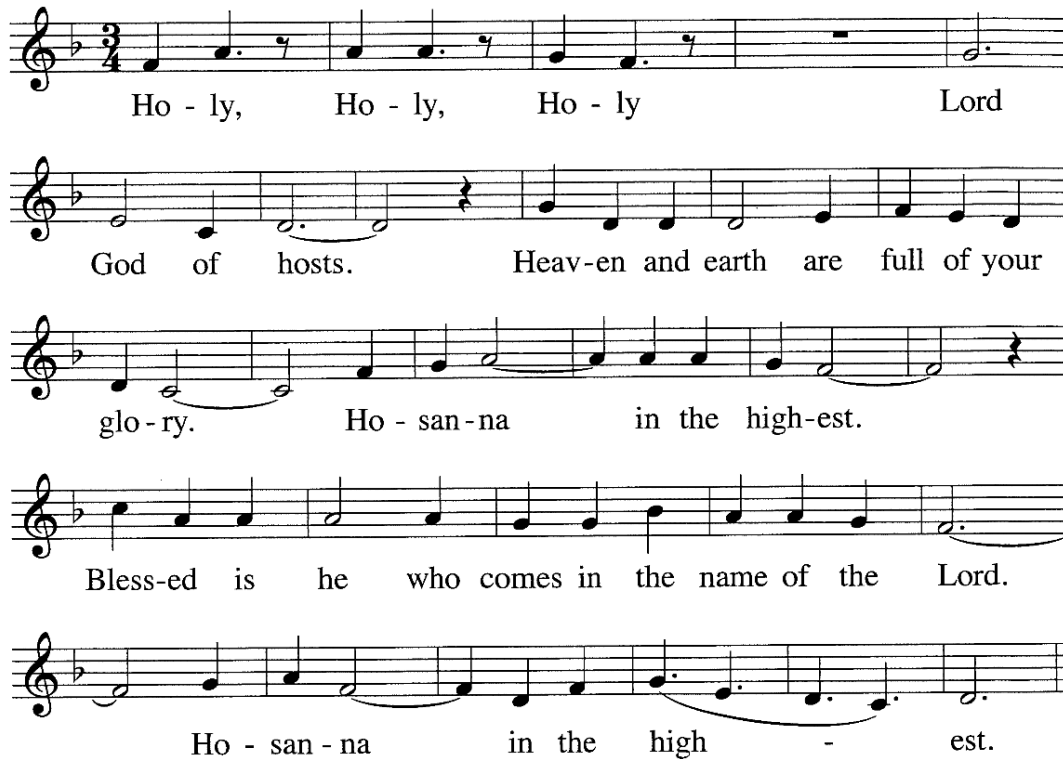
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*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. 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:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord  
 God of hosts. Heav-en 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 Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

*People*        **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-155**

Gerald R. Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the  
Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.  
If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

### **COMMUNION**

Largo on VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Michael Burkhardt

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
 The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
 The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
 look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
 The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;  
 rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
 arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!  
 With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
 the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

#### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* 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

THE SENDING HYMN H-74 Blest Be the King Whose Coming VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
 For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!  
 Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;  
 but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
 By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;  
 pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed  
 the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.  
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,  
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!**

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.  
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,  
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **VOLUNTARY**

Voluntary on VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Craig Phillips

### **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Laurie Toohey
Torch/Chalichists	Gerry Boone & Tammi Wrest
Lectors	Sheila Scott & Nancy Fisher
Prayers of the People	Judith Auger
Ushers	Bob Roehl & Nancy Fisher
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates
Welcome Table	Carol Beauchamp, Hilda Myers, MaryJane Zimbardi

### **Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of Nov 26** – Jerry, Linda, Leslie P, LeeAnn J, Bill E, Bob D, Traci & Joe, Lou F, Heather S, Stacey E, Colette S, Bonnie L, Bob S, Olena & family, Milly L, John H, Suzy, Jeanne, Cheryl S, Carmella A, Priscilla B, Tony B, Bob H, Mike N, Mark D & family, Carol C, Anita M, Jeff M, Hans, Trina, Heather C, Maggie, John A, Hilda, Ken, Rob M, Jay O, Arriana P, Steve E, Jim W, Christopher J.

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Lynne Lloveras, Betty Lombardo, Marianne de la Vega, Dick Smedley, and Andrea Zahn.

## Announcements

**Rector's Discretionary Fund:** All loose offerings given the first week each month are earmarked to assist individuals and families in the Dunedin and Clearwater area in affording utility costs. Please contact the office or visit [cogsdunedin.com/rectors-discretionary-fund](http://cogsdunedin.com/rectors-discretionary-fund) for more information.

**Proposed 2024 Budget:** Our Treasurer, Robin Megel, will be available after both services today in Kirk Hall to answer any questions regarding the budget for next year. A copy of the budget summary will be available at the back of the church.

**Farm Worker Christmas Gifts:** Every year Farmworker Self Help/Resurrection Hour Mission in Dade City gives Christmas gifts to over 200 families. You may purchase gifts and leave them in the bins at church and in Kirk Hall. Or if you prefer, send a check made out to COGS noted "Farm Worker Fund" and we will shop for you. See website for full list of gift suggestions. Last date for collection is Sunday, Dec. 17.

**Angel Tree:** For those that took a name from the tree, please return gifts once purchased (wrapped, with the tag placed on the gift) to the church no later than Dec. 10.

**Christmas Flower & Music Donations:** Donations are now being accepted toward music and flowers for our Christmas Services. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the pews or rear of the church on Sundays, or see the link on the COGS website. Donation deadline is Thursday, Dec 14. Minimum donation is \$25.00.

**Carol Sing:** Please join Bells of Hope on Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 4:00 PM to enjoy the music of the season.

### **COGS Christmas Services:**

Wednesday, Dec 13 @ 6 PM – Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec 24 @ 9 AM – Advent 4 Service (Not a Christmas Service)

Sunday, Dec 24 @ 5 PM – Family Christmas Eve Service and Plug-In Pageant – Live Streamed

Sunday, Dec 24 @ 9 PM – Candlelight Christmas Service – Live Streamed (Music begins at 8:30 PM)

Monday, Dec 25 @ 10 AM – Christmas Day Service (Note: incense will be used for this service.)