



**The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

**Holy Eucharist
at ten o'clock**

**THE PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS**

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Voluntary

Four Advent Chorale Preludes

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (*Saviour of the nations, come*), BWV 599

Gottes Sohn ist kommen (*Once He came in blessing*), BWV 600

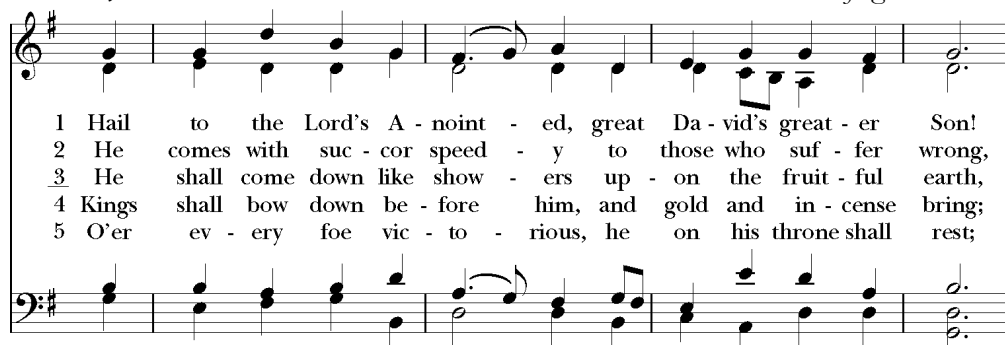
Herr Christ, der einge Gottes Sohn (*O Thou, of God the Father*), BWV 601

Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott (*To God we render thanks and praise*), BWV 602

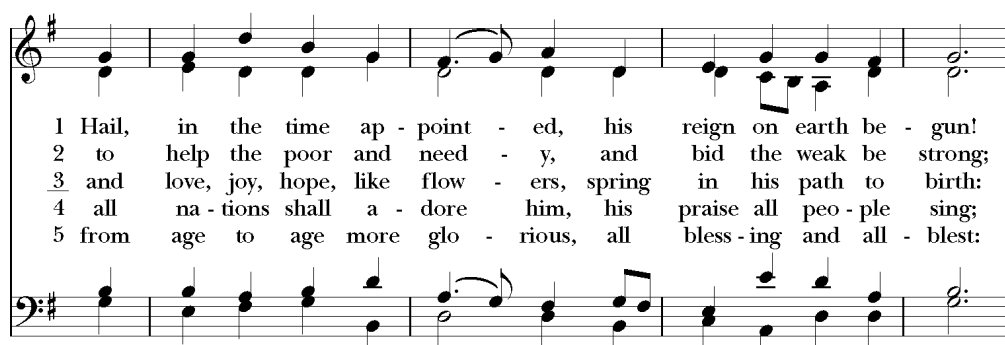
Hymn 616, verses 1, 2 & 3

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein klies Waldvögelein



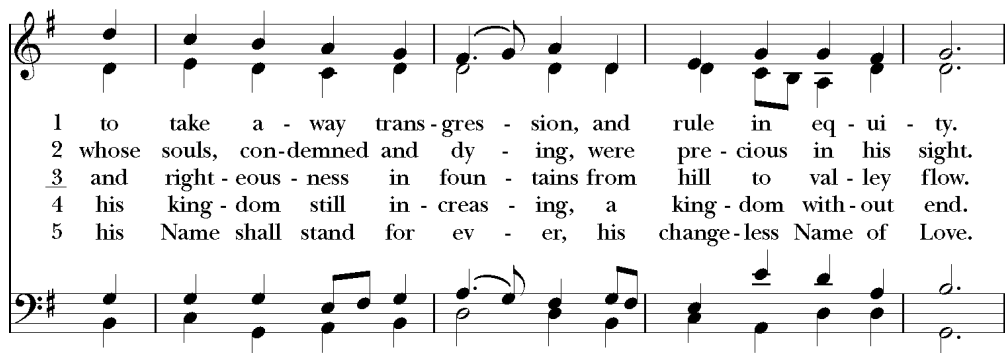
1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
 2 He comes with speedy to those who suffer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
 5 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
 2 to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like fountains, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
 5 from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;



1 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
 2 to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
 3 before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
 5 the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;



1 to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
 2 whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.
 3 and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
 4 his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
 5 his Name shall stand forever, his changeless Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein klies Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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.**

Advent Prayer and Wreath Lighting *The Serrano family (Kathleen & Martin, Matt, Emily and Abbi) will light the first candle of the Advent wreath and read the following prayer:*

Come, O Holy One,
as the morning light after a wakeful night!
Keep us mindful that at any moment you may ask of us
an accounting of our lives;
help us to love you and love one another in all we do,
and so clothe us with your light
that we may bring others to love you also,
through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

written by The Rev. Jennifer Phillips

Holy God [Hymnal S-102] *Trisagion (Sung 3 times)*

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Collect for The First Sunday of Advent

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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. **Amen.**

A reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah (64:1-9, NRSV)

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 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-9, NRSV)

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.**

Gradual Hymn 53, verses 1, 3 & 4 Once he came in blessing *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us;
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946) Copyright ©1984, Jack W. Burnam. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24-37, NRSV)

At the Announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Michael Hodges

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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

based on Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Gayle, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for our President-elect, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for Rita, Anne, Zab, Richard and Lucy, Meredith, Debbie, Jim, Kathy, and those family and friends of parishioners who have been commended to our prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

I invite your prayers either silently or aloud.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Rich Benedict, Beatrice Carlson, Jane Taylor, Jerry LaBarre, Betty Lindsay, and Joan Llorente, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.**

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Stewardship Moment

Offertory Solo

Zion, at thy shining gates

Bohemian Brethren (16th Century)

Arranged by George Guest (1924 – 2002)

Michael Barrett, baritone

*Zion, at thy shining gates, Lo, the King of Glory waits,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet, Strew thy palms before his feet.
Christ, for thee their triple light, Faith and hope and love unite;
This the beacon we display To proclaim thine advent day.
Come and give us peace within, Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the galling weight, Laid on us by Satan's hate.*

*Give us grace thy yoke to wear, Give us strength thy cross to bear,
 Make us thine in deed and word, Thine in heart and life, O Lord.
 So, when thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men.
 We with all thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.*

B. H. Kennedy

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

The Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord [Hymnal S-127] Sanctus

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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

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,

Celebrant and People

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

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.

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.**

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

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 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.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Hymnal S-374] *Agnus Dei*

Calvin Hampton

Sua bassa Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
 world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, ___
 ___ you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Solo

Prayer for the Blessing of Light

From *Veni Emmanuel*
 Arranged by Malcolm Archer (Born 1952)

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, eternal creator of day and night.
 Now, as darkness is falling, hear the prayer of your faithful people.
 Wash away our transgressions, cleanse us by your refining fire,
 and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.
 May we live in watchfulness as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ,
 who shall judge the world and all its works.
 Rouse us then from the sleep of sin and make us ready to enter your kingdom
 where songs of praise for ever sound.
 For you are the true light, who lightens every one, and the new heavens and the new earth
 join to sing your praise now and for evermore. Amen.
The Promise of His Glory (Church House Publishing/Mowbray, 1990)

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Hymn 57, verses 1 & 4

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
 our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
 saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
 train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Announcements

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach

Everyone is Welcome at God's Table ~ Christ Church Andover

Serving at Today's Service

The Rev. Jen Vath, celebrant
The Rev. Michael Hodges, preacher
Barbara A. Bruns, organist
Michael Barrett, soloist
Chris Wagner, lector
Matt Calnan, videographer
Judy Wright, flowers

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