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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Flinck, Govert. *Angels Announcing the Birth of Christ to the Shepherds*, 1639. Louvre

## Prelude

Benedictus

Alec Rowley

## Introit

O Sapientia

Plainsong

*O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodiisti,  
attingens a fine usque ad finem,  
fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia:  
veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae.*

O Wisdom, Who didst come out of the mouth of  
the Most High, reaching from end to end and  
ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come  
and teach us the way of prudence.

## Gathering

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Welcome

*The people stand.*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The people kneel or are seated.*

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

On this First Sunday of Advent we light one candle, reminding us to be alert and keep watch for Christ's presence in our world.

May our hearts be open to the signs of your presence.

As we await the arrival of the Christ Child, let us recognize the gifts God has already given us – blessings both material and spiritual.

May we give thanks for what we have, and be mindful of how we can share with others.

Grant us peace, that we may not be weighed down by worries this Advent season, but may share the good news of joy and love that comes from the ever-dwelling presence of Your spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

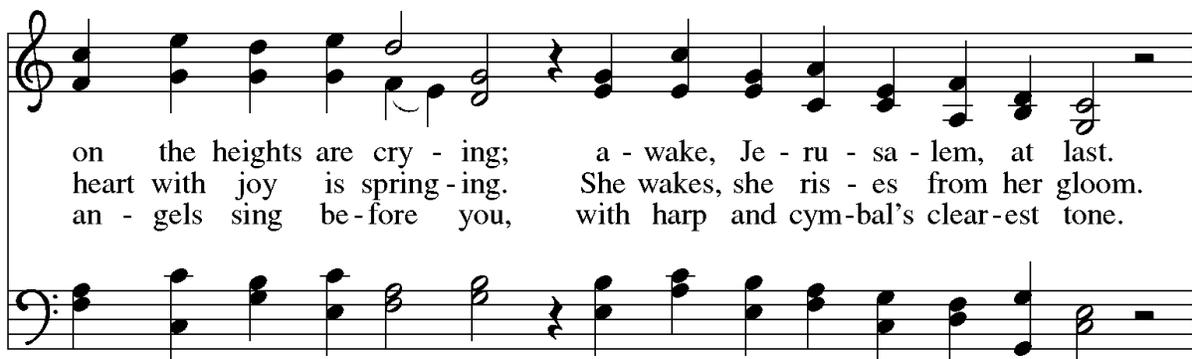
Hymn 436

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

WACHET AUF



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

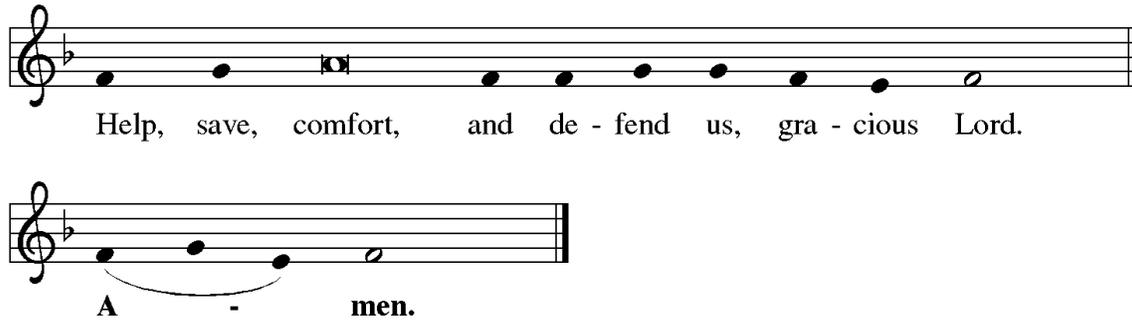
Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**





## Prayer of the Day

### Word

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*The people are seated.*

### First Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

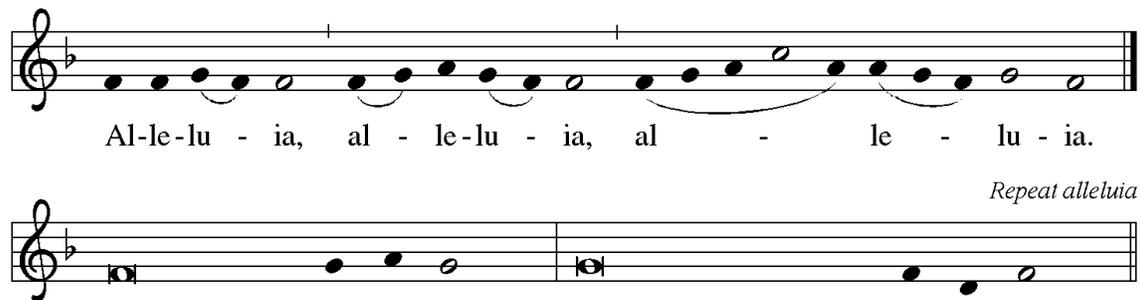
<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation



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

*Repeat alleluia*

## Gospel

**Luke 21:25-36**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“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. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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.”

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

The people are seated.

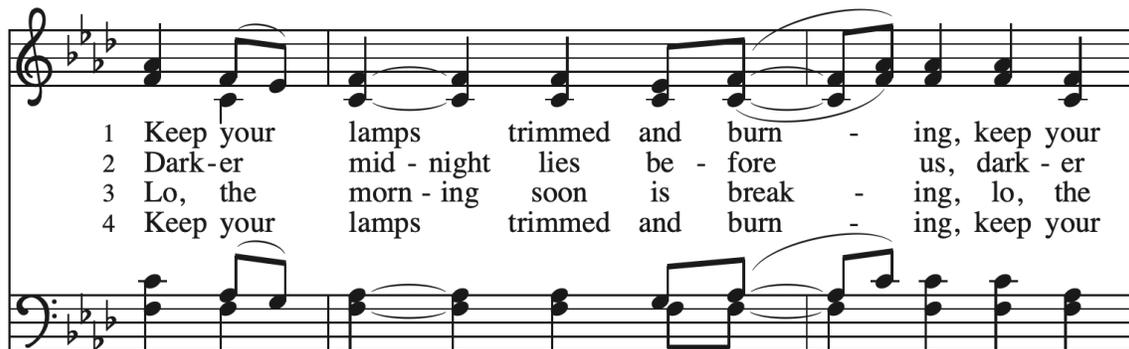
## Message

The people stand. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day.

## Hymn of the Day

### Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

African American spiritual



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

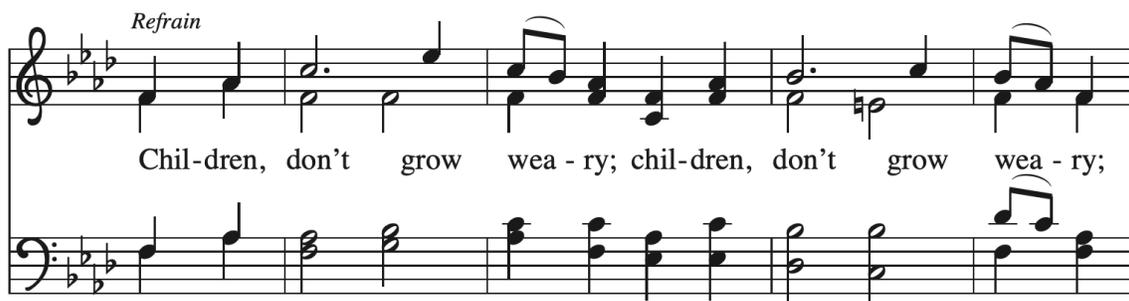


lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



## Apostles' Creed

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 he will come 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people are seated.*

## Meal

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**Offering** Give in person, online at [saintmartins.org/giving](http://saintmartins.org/giving), or text "luther" and your gift amount to 73256. Standard text message and data rates may apply.

# Anthem

## E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him / Who freed us from our sins / Who loved us all and shed his blood / That we might saved be / Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord / The Lord, Almighty God / Who was, and is, and is to come / Sing Holy, Holy Lord / Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within / Rejoice on earth, ye saints below / For Christ is coming, is coming soon / For Christ is coming soon / E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come / And night shall be no more / They need no light nor lamp nor sun / For Christ will be their All!*

*The people stand.*

# Offering Hymn

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymn 257

VENI, EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

# Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third and fourth staves each have one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' respectively. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
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 image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff has two measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff has two measures: 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'. The fifth staff has one measure: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...we look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

...bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

## Lord's Prayer

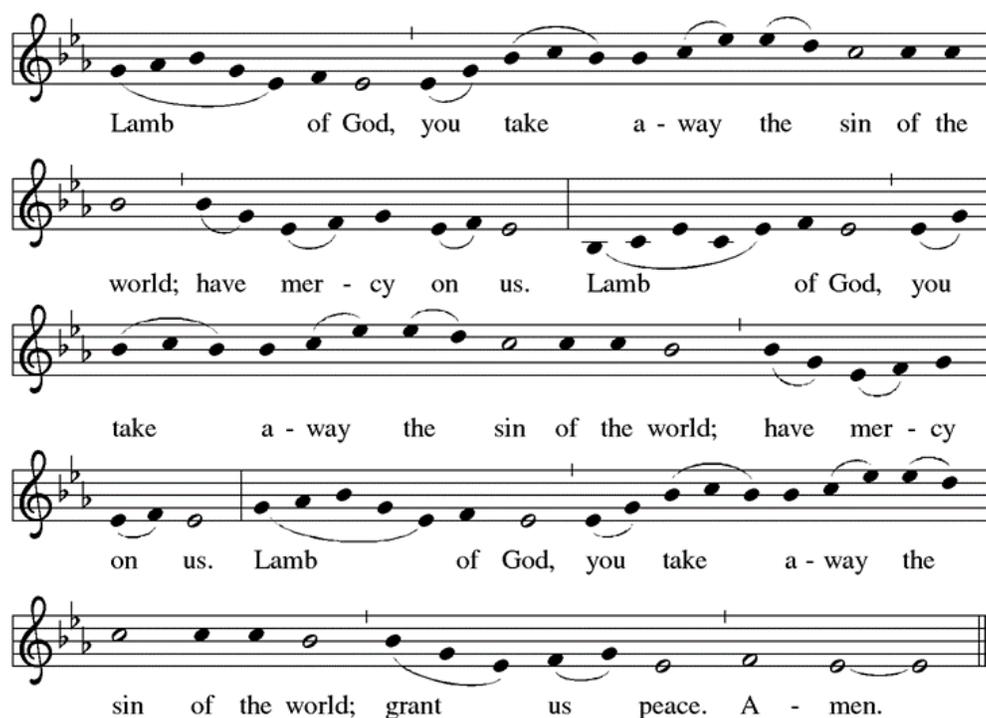
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*The people are seated.*

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

**Holy Communion** *Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*The people stand.*

## Table Blessing

## Prayer after Communion

## Sending

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## Announcements

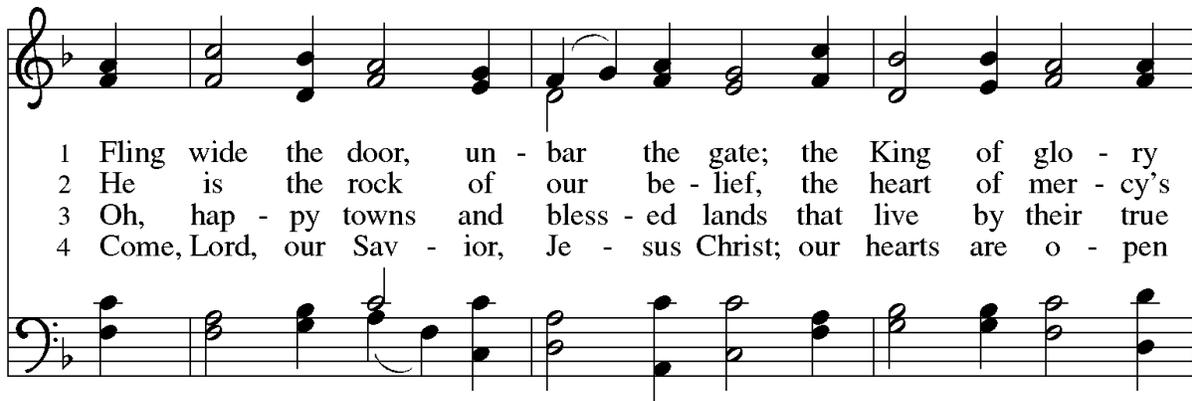
## Blessing

## Sending Hymn

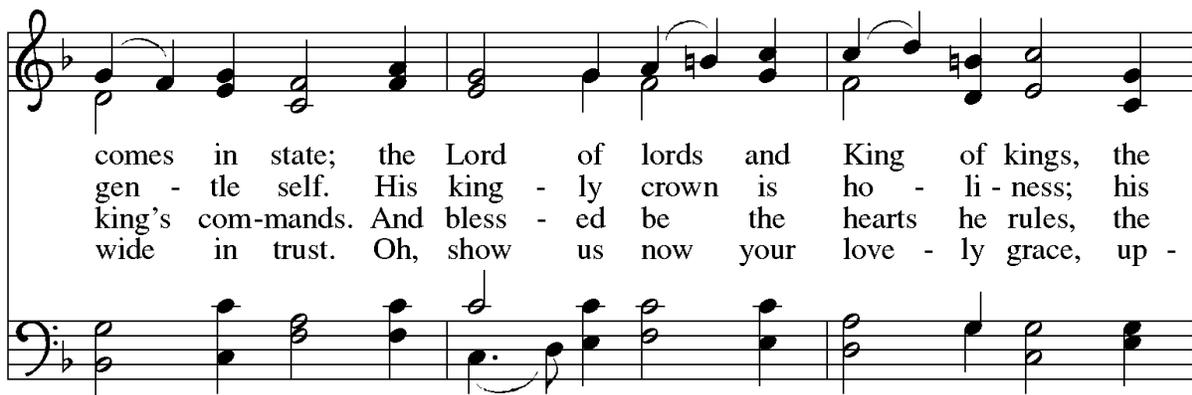
Hymn 259

Fling Wide the Door

MACHT HOCH DIE TUR



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song, for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Zion hört die Wächter singen (BWV 140)

J.S. Bach

*Zion hört die Wächter singen, Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen, Sie wachet und steht eilend auf. Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig, Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig, Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf. Nun komm, du werthe Kron, Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn! Hosanna! Wir folgen all Zum Freuden-saal Und halten mit das Abendmahl.*

*Zion hears the watchmen sing, her heart leaps for joy, she awakes and gets up in haste. Her friend comes from heaven in his splendour, strong in mercy, mighty in truth. Her light becomes bright, her star rises. Now come, you worthy crown, Lord Jesus, God's son! Hosanna! We all follow to the hall of joy and share in the Lord's supper.*

# Serving Today

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Preaching/Presiding:	Rev. Ellen Williams
Assisting Ministers:	Tom Blomquist
Lector:	Anna Bergstrom
Director of Music:	Dr. Tim O'Brien
Organist:	Austin Haller
Musicians:	St. Martin's Choir; Jenny Ohrstrom, soprano; Katherine Altobello-O'Brien, alto; Jameson James, tenor; Gil Zilkha, bass
Sound:	Jim Parkhurst
Video:	Eddie Jennings
Ushers:	Norm Hummell

## Prayers

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ali; Audrey Alpers; family and friends of Gerry Berens; Urban Bright; Stan Cravatt; Finn Dunoven; Ellen; Jeannine; Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay, CA; Lynn McClellan; Sandy Mobley; Frances Patch; Steve Pitner; Rachel, Josh, and Aiden Jefferson; the Richards family; Hayley Richardson; family and friends of Annette Sconci; family and friends of Lottie Smith; Roger and Carol Stafford; everyone suffering.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Alicia Badeusz; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Kara; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; David Pierce; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr.

## November Benevolence: The SAFE Alliance

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The SAFE Alliance is a Central Texas nonprofit committed to providing safety, stability, and healing to anyone who has experienced violence and abuse. Locally, we provide housing, support services, and prevention programs to stop the cycle of violence. Globally, we engage in conversations that shape a culture free from violence and abuse. Learn more at [safeaustin.org](http://safeaustin.org).

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