

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 2025—10:00 a.m.**



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Los Gatos, California

# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

*O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion*

G.F. Handel

## Opening Hymn 61

*"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us*



1 "Sleep - ers, wake!"      A      voice      a - stounds      us,      the  
2 Zi - on hears      the      watch - men      sing - ing;      her  
3 Lamb of God,      the      heavens      a - dore      you;      let



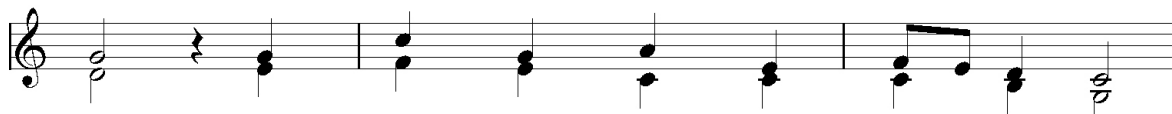
shout      of      ram - part - guards      sur - rounds      us:      "A -  
heart      with      joy - ful      hope      is      spring - ing,      she  
saints      and      an - gels      sing      be - fore      you,      as



wake,      Je - ru - sa - lem,      a - rise!"      Mid - night's peace      their  
wakes      and      hur - ries      through      the night.      Forth he comes,      her  
harps      and      cym - bals      swell      the sound.      Twelve great pearls,      the



cry      has      bro - ken,      their      ur - gent sum - mons      clear - ly spo -  
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -



ken:      "The      time      has      come,      O      maid - ens wise!  
rious:      her      star      is      risen,      her      light      grows bright.  
tals      as      we      with      joy      your      throne      sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* Our King and Savior now draws near.

*People* **O come, let us adore him.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God of expectation, we long for your appearing once more in this darkening Advent Season: Strengthen us to cast away the sin that clings so closely, and to array ourselves with garments of kindness and compassion, that the world may come to know of your imminent salvation through our words and deeds, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Penitential Order

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Said by all*

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.

*The Celebrant then says*

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.**

## Kyrie Eleison

S 95

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The second staff contains three measures: the first measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the second measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; the third measure is labeled 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

*Cantor or Choir*      *All*      *Cantor or Choir*

Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Christ, have mer - cy.

*All*      *Cantor or Choir*      *All*

Christ, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.

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## 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. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1–5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Reader</i> | The Word of the Lord.    |
| <i>People</i> | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |

## Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

## The Second Lesson

Romans 13:11–14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader  
People

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

## Gospel Hymn 56 (verses 1–3)

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel”*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

*Clergy*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Clergy*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Ricardo Avila

## The Nicene Creed

*Said by all*

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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

## Prayers of the People

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sarah, Archbishop-elect of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Lucinda, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

*I Was Glad*

C. Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me,  
we will go to the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in they gates,  
O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city  
that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem,  
they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls,  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

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

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

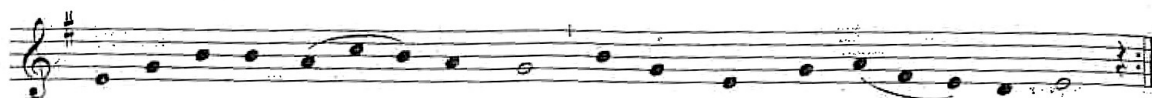
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

# Sanctus

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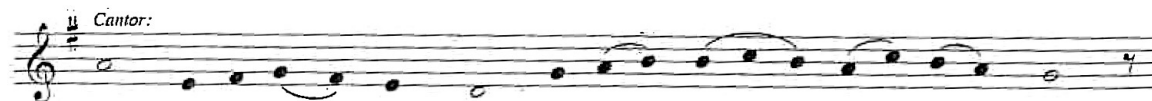
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho-san - na in the high - est, 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, ho-san-na in the



high - est.

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*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,

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

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*Said by all*

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.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.*



Communion Hymn 4 (LEVAS)

*“Better be ready”*

Sheet music for Communion Hymn 4 (LEVAS) in 2/4 time, featuring treble and bass staves with lyrics.

**First System:**

Treble staff: *Bet - ter be read - y; Bet - ter be read - y; Bet - ter be*

Bass staff: *Read - y; read - y*

**Second System:**

Treble staff: *Bet - ter be read - y to try on your*

Bass staff: *read - y; Ready to try try your on your*

**Third System:**

1. *Bet - ter be* 2. *Fine*

1. Oh! rise up chil - dren, 2. What a glo - ri - ous morn - ing 3. O shout you Christ - ians, you're 4. I soon shall reach that

**Fourth System:**

Treble staff: *long white robe! long white robe Hm*

Bass staff: *long white robe Hm*

1. get your crown, And by your Sav-ior's  
 2. that will be, Our friends and Je-sus  
 3. gain-ing ground, We'll shout old Sa-tan's  
 4. gold-en shore, And sing the songs we

Bet-ter be read-y to try on your

Read-y to try try your on your long white robe! Hm

to try your

1. side sit down. 1.2.3.4. Bet-ter be  
 2. we shall see.  
 3. king-dom down!  
 4. sang be-fore.

Bet-ter be read-y to try on your

Read-y to try try your on your long white robe!

To try your

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Said by all*

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.

## The Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of divine blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn 57

*“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”*



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: *Helmsey*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

## **The Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Wachet Auf!*

J.S. Bach



## **FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Grady Jeter in memory of the 241 American soldiers of the “7th of the 1st” who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Ia Drang Valley during the week before Thanksgiving 1965.



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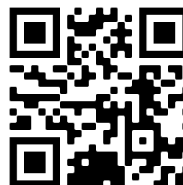
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