

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, November 28, 2021— 10:00 a.m.**



**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
**Los Gatos, California**

# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude**

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme,*  
*(“Schübler” Chorale Prelude No 1) BWV 645*

J. S. Bach

## 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.**

## Opening Hymn 59

*“Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding”*



- 1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
- 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth’s bond-age let us rise;
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
- 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
- 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



- 1 “Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day.”
- 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
- 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
- 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
- 5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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## The Penitential Order

*Celebrant*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*            **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Celebrant may read an opening sentence.*

*The Celebrant then 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.

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 Trisagion

*Said three times*

*Celebrant*      Holy God,  
                    Holy and Mighty,  
                    Holy Immortal One,  
*People*            **Have mercy upon us.**

## 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

Jeremiah 33:14–16

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25:1–9

- 1      To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2      Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3      Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4      Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **The Second Lesson**

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

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

## **Gospel Hymn 56** verses 1 & 2

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel”*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

## The Holy Gospel

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

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

Luke 21:25–36

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Hymn 56 verses 3 & 8

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel”*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

## 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 V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Lucinda our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the arrival, in this time of need, of such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, trust, especially Joseph, our President, and Gavin, our Governor, and the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*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 Hymn 72

*“Hark! the glad sound!”*



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes,  
2 He comes the pris - oners to \_\_\_\_\_ re - lease,  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart \_\_\_\_\_ to bind,  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince \_\_\_\_\_ of Peace,



the Sav - ior prom - ised long!  
in Sa - tan's bond - age held;  
the wound - ed soul \_\_\_\_\_ to cure,  
your wel - come shall \_\_\_\_\_ pro - claim;



Let ev - ery heart \_\_\_\_\_ pre - pare \_\_\_\_\_ a throne,  
the gates \_\_\_\_\_ of brass \_\_\_\_\_ be - fore \_\_\_\_\_ him burst,  
and with \_\_\_\_\_ the trea - sures of \_\_\_\_\_ his grace  
and heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring



and ev - ery voice \_\_\_\_\_ a song.  
the ir - on fet - ters yield.  
to\_en rich \_\_\_\_\_ the hum - bled poor.  
with your \_\_\_\_\_ be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1735; based on Isaiah 61:1-2

Tune: *Richmond*; Thomas Haweis, 1792; adapt. Samuel Webbe, 1808

## 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*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>

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:

**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.**

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.

# Communion Hymn 61

*“Sleepers, awake!”*



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.

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 melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576), Adapt Philip Nicolai (1556-1608), arr. and harm. Johann Sebastein Bach (1685 - 1750)

## 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 his 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: *Helmsley*, 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

*Postlude on “Helmsley”*

Malcolm Archer





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