



ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
HELENA, MONTANA

THE RT. REV. MARTY STEBBINS, BISHOP
THE VERY REV. KENDRA WILDE, DEAN

THE HOLY EUCHARIST THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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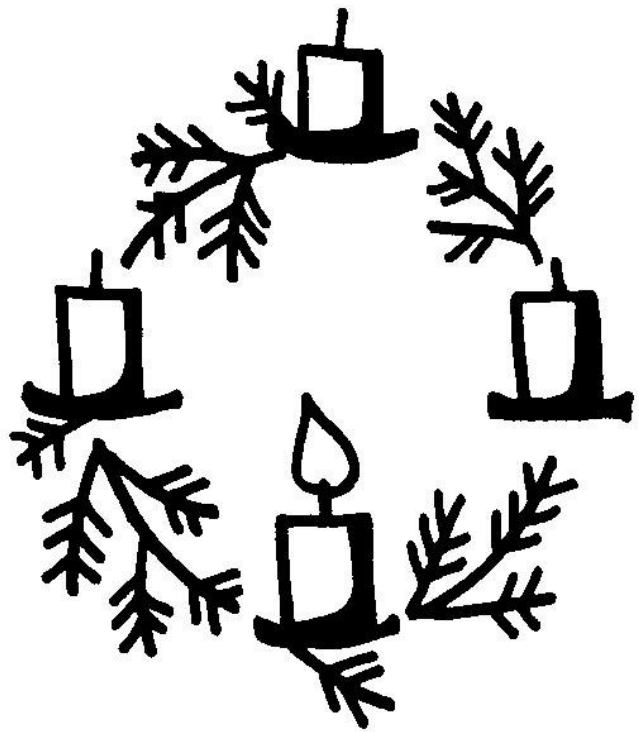
WELCOME

*Thank you for being here today.
Whether you've been worshiping at St.
Peter's for years or it's your first time
here, we hope you find richness in
offering your prayers and praise with
others in this holy space. Afterward,
please join us downstairs for a snack,
fellowship, and a time for conversation.
Whoever you are, wherever you have
been, wherever you hurt, whatever joys
and concerns you bring today, you are
welcome at Christ's table and here at St.
Peter's Cathedral.*

*We draw our liturgy from a variety of
approved resources. Please see
endnotes for sources and permissions.*

***The People's responses
are printed in boldface.***

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electronic devices.*



MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Presider: *The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde, Dean & Rector*

Preacher: *The Very Rev. Steve Brehe, retired*

Piano: *Patty Dean*

Acolyte: *Zora Robison*

Lectors: *Audrey Towery & Vera Towery*

Eucharistic Minister (EM): *Lizzie Carlson-Thompson*

Ushers: *Sam Gilbert & Donna Lloyd*

PRELUDE

HYMN, H-57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Tune: Helmsley

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea.

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

HOLY GOD (Trisagion)

New Plainsong

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

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!

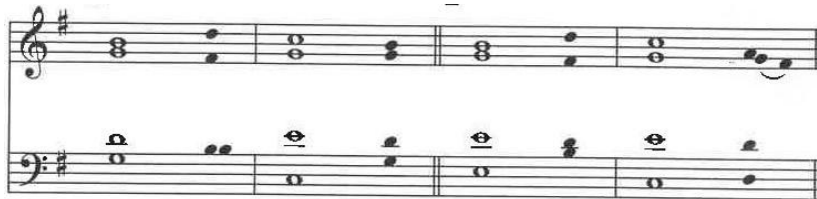
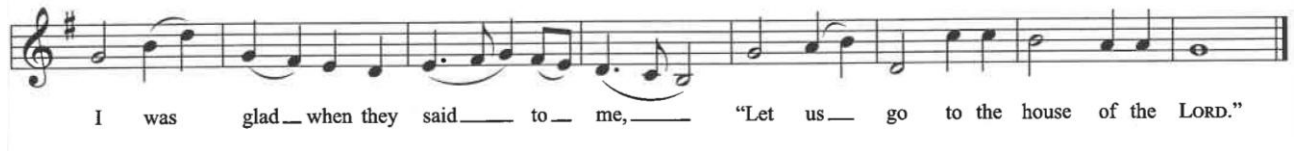
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 122

Tune: *Helmsley*

The choir sings the antiphon, then all sing it together.

Thereafter, the choir sings the verses; the people reply with the antiphon.



- 2 Now our feet are **standing** *
within your gates, O **Jerusalem**.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a **city** *
that is at unity with **itself**; [ANT.]
- 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**. [ANT.]
- 6 Pray for the peace of **Jerusalem**: *
"May they prosper who **love you**.
- 7 Peace be within your **walls** *
and quietness within your **towers**. [ANT.]
- 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**." [ANT.]

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 13:11-14

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.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Signs of endings all around us

Tune: *Ton-y-botel*

1. Signs of end - ings all a - round us, dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O ³ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us ³ what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Leader

I ask your prayers for God's church in the world, wherever love is made manifest; for Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah; Presiding Bishop Sean; Bishop Marty; for Dean Kendra; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for compassion and goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who suffer from poverty, illness, food insecurity, oppression, for those in prison, and for those who care for them. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

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

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

Silence

*Members of the congregation may ask the
prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

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

Presider

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Prayer Requests

The Church: Sarah, our Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Bishop Marty, Dean Kendra; Togendowagan Society and Elders Darcy and Dan; and for Church of the Ascension, Forsyth, Kay Roeslin, Senior Warden.

The Government: Our President Donald; our Governor Greg; Congress, especially Ryan, Steve, Tim, and Troy. Area mayors Kelly, Vickie, and Wilmot.

The Community: Gods' Love, Good Samaritan, Family Promise, Helena Food Share, Friendship Center, Head Start, & YWCA.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Kevin, Ray, Kathy J., Dick, Gene, Janet, Sarah, the family of Joseph Passamani, grieving his passing, Terry, For the family of Bob Dallas, grieving his passing, for the family of Vincent Hunsaker, for the family of Barbara Ellert, Joyce B., Les, Ann, Charlotte, Sarah, Dave, Joeseeph, Harry, Jackie, Steve.

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: David Emineth, Shane Medley, Charles Lewis, Kenneth V Liston, and Parker Jones.

THE PEACE

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

The Ministers and People may show one another a sign of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory sentence

THE OFFERTORY HYMN, H-542

Christ is the world's true light

Tune: *St. Joan*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

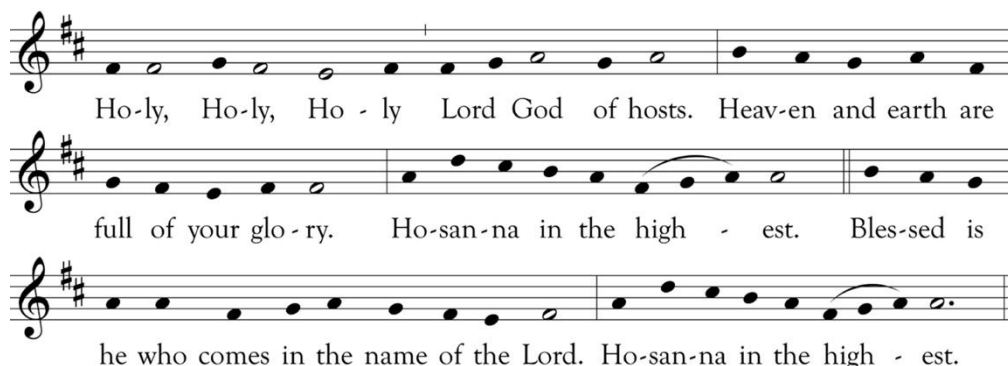
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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:



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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

(Sung by all)



A - men, a - men, a - men _____ a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men ___ a - men.

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

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

Silence

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Choir All

1 Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord: you take a - way the sins ___ of the world,
 2 Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins ___ of the world,
 3 De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el: you take a - way the sins ___ of the world,

1.2. Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. grant us ___ peace, grant us ___ peace.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION on behalf of those participating remotely

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. ■ You may respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements. ■ In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■

PIANO INTERLUDE

HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Day - Spring from on high, and cheer us
 3 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one, all

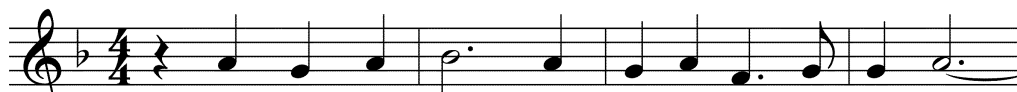
1 cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 3 hearts of hu - man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 2 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 3 cease, and be thy - self the King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!

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

BE STILL, MY SOUL

Tune: *Finlandia*



- 1 Be still, my soul! the Lord is by your side; __
2 Be still, my soul! your God does un - der - take __
3 Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'n-ing on __



- 1 bear pa - tient - ly the weight of grief or pain;
2 to hold the fu - ture as he has the past;
3 when we shall be for - ev - er with Our Lord,



- 1 leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide; __
2 your hope, your con - fi - dence, let no - thing shake; __
3 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, __



- 1 in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
2 all now mys - ter - ious shall be bright at last.
3 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



- 1 Be still, my soul! your best, your heaven - ly friend; __
2 Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know __
3 Be still my soul! when pain and tears are past, __



- 1 through storm-tossed waves leads to a peace - ful end.
2 his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
3 all peace and bless - ing be re - stored at last.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Very Rev. Steve Brehe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

We thank you, O God, for consecrating the marriage of N. and N. in Christ's Name and presence. Lead them in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity. Strengthen them all their days, and bring them to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN, H-59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Tune: Merton

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



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An Advent Note (Part 1)

Advent is a season of anticipation. We go to great lengths in anticipation of the celebration of our Lord's birth. We also anticipate the return of Christ in judgment. Both of these "Advents" show God coming to us for the purpose of setting things right. In addition to our anticipation of (1) the past coming of Christ as a baby, and (2) the future return of Christ to judgment, we also live in daily anticipation of (3) Christ coming into our lives. That's right, we can eagerly anticipate Christ's arrival every day!

What might show us Christ is present? The Bible texts for Advent are helpful here. We hear visions of the "end" in terms of economic justice, prosperity, and peace. We also hear about God's power made perfect in weakness. The story the birth of Jesus reminds us of the astonishing news that God would risk such vulnerability for our sakes. We hear of a God who cares and is present.

And we need Christ's presence now more than ever. One way we can reassure ourselves of Christ's coming is to remind ourselves of how God has been faithful to God's people in the past. We can see God's faithfulness over the course of one lifetime or over many lifetimes—as we get from Scripture.

In the words of Psalm 46, we hear the Psalmist find refuge in the Lord. Even though the earth changes, the mountains tremble, and the waters of the world roar, we hear again the promise of the goodness of God. The Psalm invites us to "be still" and know that God is still there and we find rest. The Psalm invites us to trust that our God—a God who wills redemption, abundance, and peace—is with us and we are reenergized to share the good news and resume God's work in the world. Come, O Come, Lord, Come!

An Advent Note (Part 2)

During the Sundays of Advent, you'll note that we are incorporating more "stillness" in our Sunday liturgy. We invite you to let that "quiet" infuse your Advent experience of God and God's creation. To remind us of God's presence with us, now and always, we will bring pieces of Psalm 46 into our Advent worship as we did today, explicitly in the Opening Acclamation and in the second Communion hymn, and allowing more spaciousness in the Prayers of the People.

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