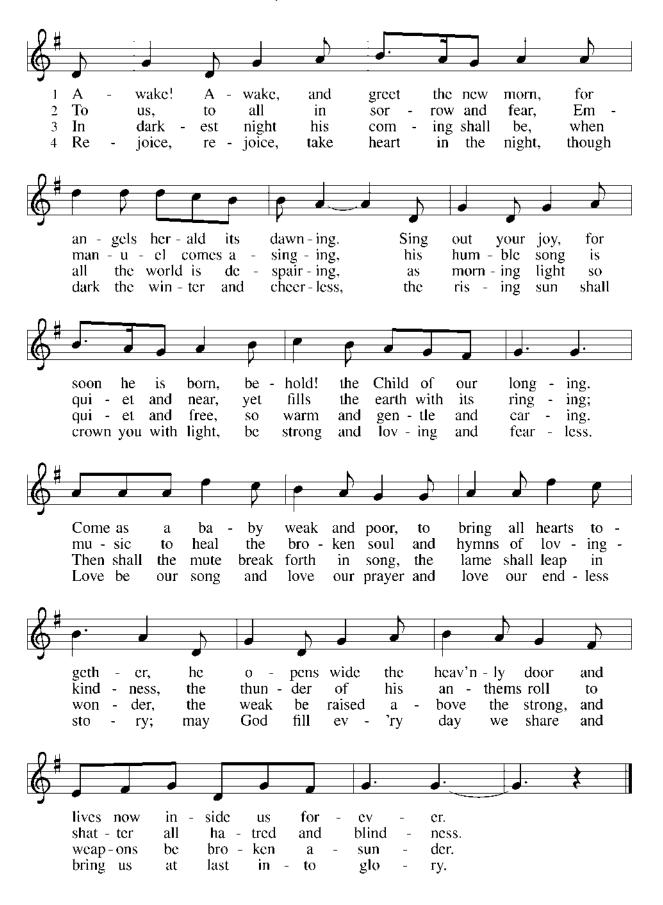


## Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



**Prelude 9am:** "Prepare the Royal Highway" – Arr. Robert Hobby

Two Duets: "Second Air" & "Marche" - Jean-Baptiste Lully –

Intergenerational Brass Ensemble

#### Welcome

Stand

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (brief silence) Long-expected God,

All: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #242

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

# Greeting

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

All:And also with you.

Advent Candle Lighting ... ELW #715 (st 4) "Christ, Be Our Light"

## The candles are lit during the song.

L: We light the candle of Lovee.

All: We remember the astonishing love of God shown in the incarnation—God with us.

L: God of love, you have shown your love in Jesus. Move our hearts to love our neighbors and work for reconciliation. Amen.

# Christ, Be Our Light



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## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us Pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

- (5p) Baptism—> Colored Pages
- (9a) Children's Message

Sit

# Intro to the Reading:

L: This week, we celebrate the astonishing love of God made flesh in Jesus. Advent waiting is not idle, but lives out the love made known in Christ. God's love is a call to love our neighbor with courage and grace. The first reading is Mary's Song from Luke chapter 1, which speaks of God's love made known in surprising ways.

Please join in a responsive reading of the Magnificat.

## The Reading: Luke 1:46b-55 NRSVue

L: 46b My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

All: <sup>48</sup> for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

L: <sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

All: <sup>50</sup> You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.

L: <sup>51</sup> You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

All: <sup>52</sup> casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

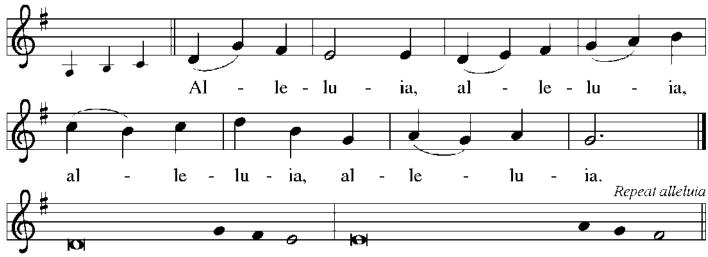
L: <sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

All: <sup>54</sup> You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,

- L: <sup>55</sup> the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.
- L: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

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Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

P: The Gospel according St. Matthew chapter 11...

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

## The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 NRSVue

P: <sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup> "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ.

**Sermon** ... Pr. Steve Knudson

# Prepare the Royal Highway



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#### Stand

**Hymn of the Day:** *ELW* #264 (st. 1,3,4) "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Lector: Go to the Ambo for the Prayers

5pm skip Creed and go to prayers—>

The Apostles' Creed...Page 105

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS →
L: God of Love,
All: receive our prayer.

## **Passing of the Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you

P: Let us turn to one another, offering a sign of Christ's peace.

### **Offering of Gratitude:**

(Sit) P: You may be seated.

We give God our thanks and praise in response to God's mercy and abundance. We invite you to place your gratitude card along with any offering you have in the plate at this time or make an offering electronically. Would the ushers please come forward.

Lector—Go to Ambo before Prayer; remain up front for communion.

(9a) Special Music: "Joy to the World" - Arr. Julie Turner Resonaré Ringers

(9) Offertory Hymn: ELW #247 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" (st. 1,3)

All: Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

### **Offertory Prayer:**

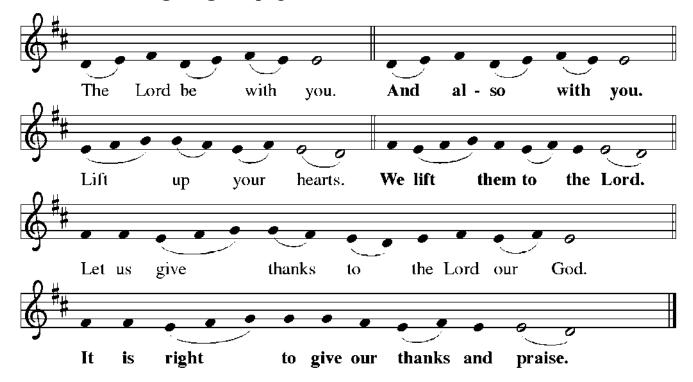
L: (5p) Please Stand and

(9a) Let us pray.

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

All: Amen.

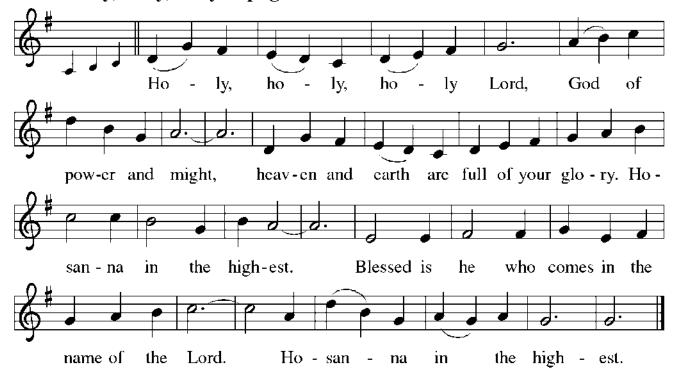
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#### **Advent Preface:**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"...page 108



#### **Words of Institution**

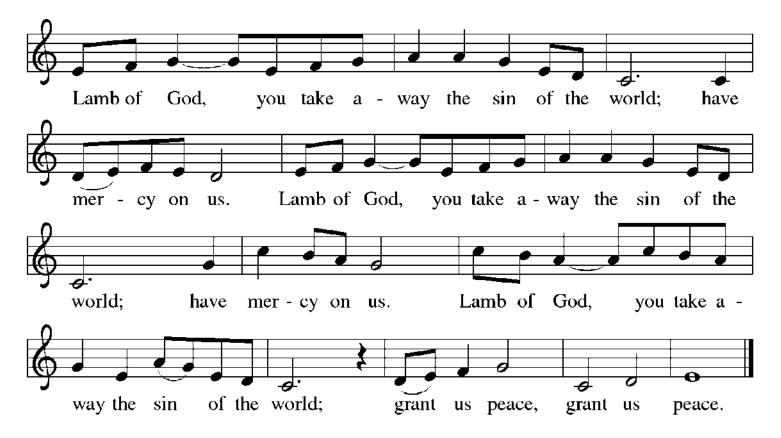
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

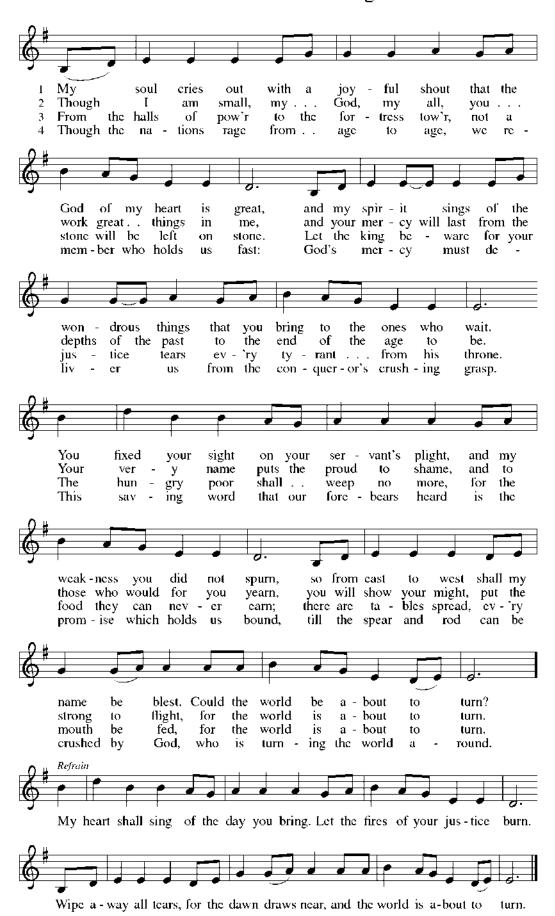
P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward. There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

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### Canticle of the Turning



(9a) Special Music: "Gabriel's Message" - Arr. Cathy Moklebust Handbell Ensemble

**Communion Hymn:** *ELW* #723 "Canticle of the Turning" \*if low attendance, may not do all verses at 9am\*

Lector—go to the ambo as Pastor covers communion elements.

#### Stand

### **The Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

L: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

### - Sending -

#### **Benediction:**

P: May God who comes among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn:  $ELW \# 248 \rightarrow on \ the \ back \rightarrow$  "People Look East"

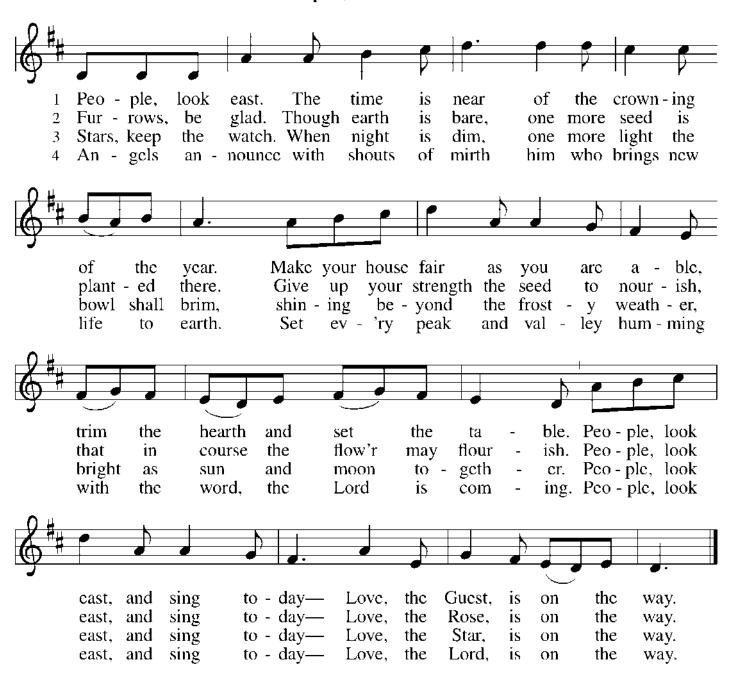
#### **Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "People, Look East" - Arr. J. Wayne Kerr

# People, Look East



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