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1st Sunday in Advent November 30, 2025

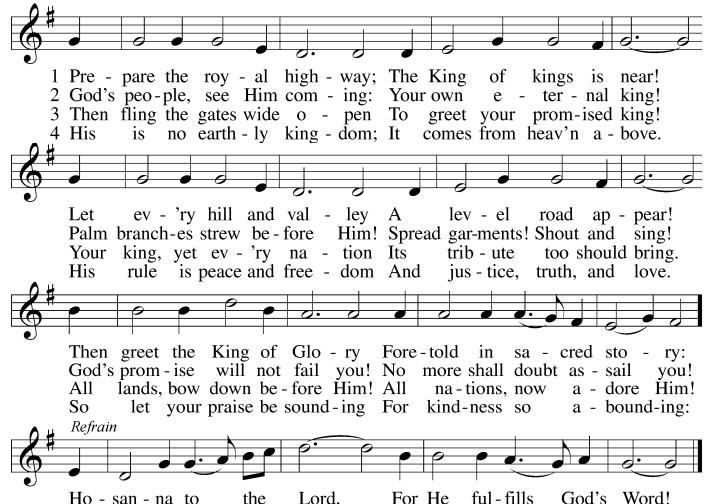
1st Sunday in Advent

AS WE GATHER - AWAKE TO HIS COMING

Advent begins with a wake-up call. St. Paul urges us to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." Isaiah invites us to "walk in the light of the Lord." And Matthew takes us to the road into Jerusalem, where the crowd shouts "Hosanna to the Son of David!" as the true King arrives in humility. At Peace Conway, this season reminds us that faith is never passive. We prepare, not by decorating or checking lists, but by opening our hearts to the coming of Christ, both in the manger and in glory. As a congregation walking together through our *Climbing to the Summit* journey, Advent renews our vision: to be a people awake to His presence, ready to serve, love, and shine His light into a dark world. This morning, we lift our voices and hearts in worship, not only to remember His first coming, but to look forward to His return with hope, courage, and joy. The King has come. The King is coming again. Let us prepare the way of the Lord!

+ PREPARATION +





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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6

- **P** The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
- So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Silence for self-examination.
- P Holy and gracious God,
- I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know, the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed, but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

(The Advent wreath is lit with the other candles as the hymn is sung.)



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SALUTATION

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PSALM

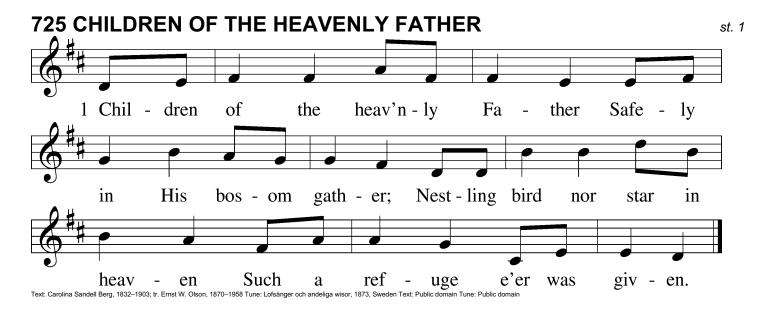
Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" ²Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! ³Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, ⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. ⁵There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! ⁷Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" ⁸For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" ⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

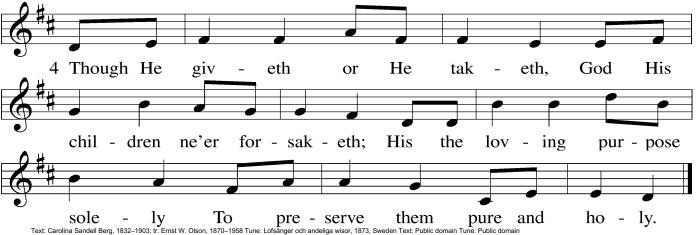
- Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE







OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



VERSE Psalm 24:7

- P Alleluia.
- Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- P Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1–11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

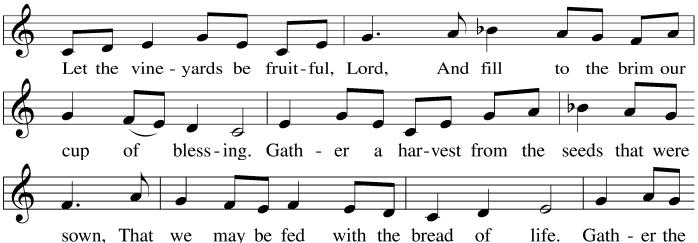
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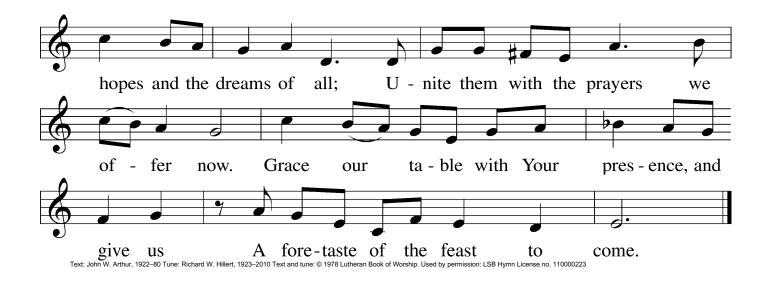
Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)

955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

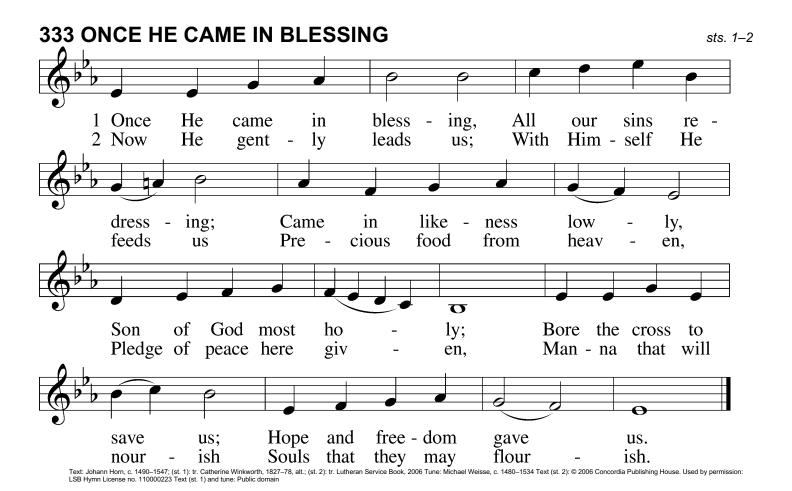




PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray on behalf of the world, those with special need, and for all the faithful. Silence for prayer and meditation.
- That we may depart from the ways of the wicked and manifest in word and deed our faith in His Word and our delight in His will, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That we may resist the temptation to despair in time of trouble and manifest a joyful heart and hope in all circumstances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I That we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations; and that all who serve in public office, in our armed forces, and in every vocation of service may do so with integrity and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I That those who suffer in any want or need, the sick, the grieving, and those troubled in mind or soul, may be granted healing, peace, and comfort, and that all may be preserved in faith and holiness to the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That in this holy season of Advent, the Lord would awaken our hearts to repentance, renew our faith through His Word and Sacrament, and prepare us for the coming of Christ with steadfast hope and eager joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

- I That the Lord would bless the work of our *Climbing to the Summit* Ministry Expansion Campaign, the sale of our property, and the efforts of our Building and Early Childhood Education Committees. Prosper their labor, that all we plan and build may serve the glory of Your name and the growth of Your kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- I That we may be united in doctrine and life and that in the unity of this Table all who here receive the Sacrament may be granted discernment of Christ's body and blood and faith to receive this communion to their benefit, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.



+ SACRAMENT +

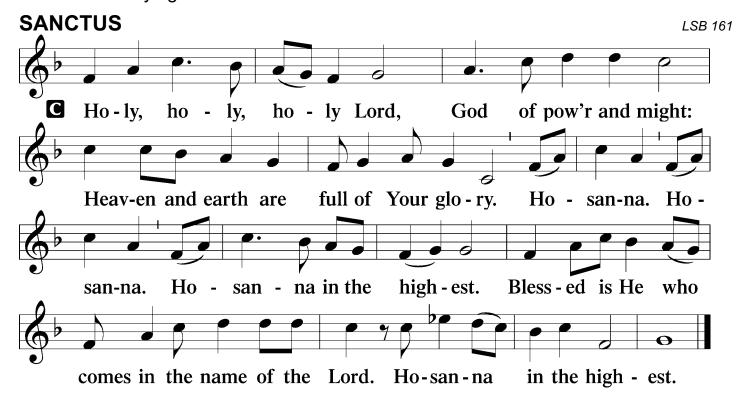
PREFACE

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In the dawn of time, You spoke creation and all things into being and proclaimed them good. In many and various ways, O Lord, You spoke through the prophets the promise of a Savior to restore Your people from the exile of sin and death. In the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit. Now, You continue to send forth to us the fruits of His redeeming work in this Holy Communion of His body and blood, according to His own promise and testament.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

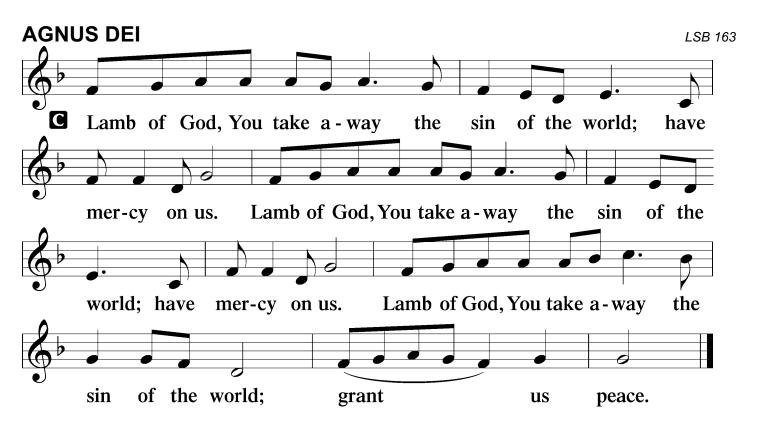
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE 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.

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



HOLY FOREVER (video)

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, Holy; All creation cries, Holy

You are lifted high, Holy; Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed Sing the song forever to the Lamb If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name Sing the song forever to the Lamb We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry, Holy; All creation cries, Holy You are lifted high, Holy; Holy forever

Hear your people sing, Holy; To the King of Kings, Holy You will always be, Holy; Holy forever

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, Holy; All creation cries, Holy You are lifted high, Holy; Holy forever

Hear your people sing, Holy; To the King of Kings, Holy

You will always be, Holy; Holy forever You will always be, Holy; Holy forever

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HOW GREAT THOU ART (Until That Day) (video)

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder Consider all The works Thy hand hath made I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder Thy pow'r throughout, The universe displayed

Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, How great Thou art Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, How great Thou art

And when I think That God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died To take away my sin

Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, How great Thou art Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, How great Thou art

When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart Then shall I bow In humble adoration And there proclaim My God how great Thou art

Until that day When heaven bids us welcome And as we walk This broken warring world Your kingdom come, Deliver us from evil And we'll proclaim Our God how great You are With hope we'll sing Our God how great You are

Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, How great Thou art Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, How great Thou art

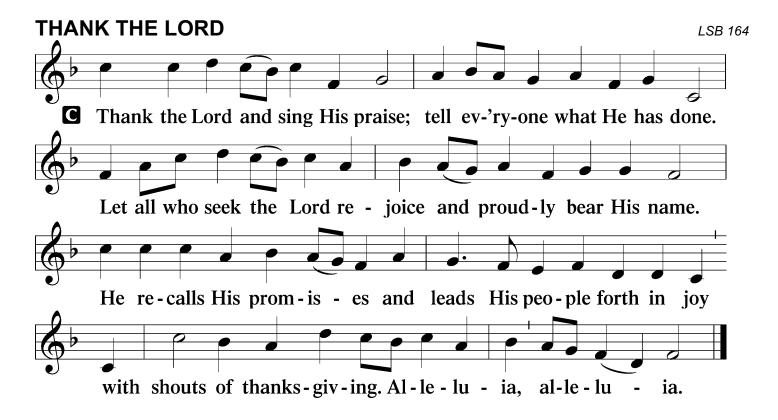
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- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

340 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES



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CLOSING PEACE

- **L** Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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