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Organ Prelude

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn (vs 1-2)

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Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

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,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren 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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

O Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, come and save your people. Joy of every heart, Strength of those who are poor, come quickly to help us.

Prince of Peace, teach the lion and the little lamb; teach the cat and the mouse, the hawk and the tiny bird; teach everyone who doesn't get along to live in peace.

1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah; let the light ban - ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Said responsively at the asterisk

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.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from the Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn vs 8

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Homily

The Rev. David J. Gierlach

The homily, or sermon, has been required at the Eucharist (Holy Communion) since the time of the 1549 Prayer Book in England. This reflected the practice of explaining the scriptures just read in a service in the early centuries of the Church.

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

Whenever the Creed is said, it follows the Sermon. No creed was said in worship services until from the 6th century, when it was determined that there needed to be a stated doctrine to guard against heresy (unorthodox beliefs) that had crept into the church. Hence the Nicene Creed was the first formulated statement of faith. The “creed” before that was simply any of the Eucharistic Prayers said at the celebration of Holy Communion later in the service. Other versions of the Creed were subsequently written to conform to later cultures.

Deacon Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

When you see this symbol + it is appropriate for you to make the sign of the cross. We do so recalling our hope for the resurrection as prayed in the Nicene Creed, at the absolution of sins just after the Queen's Prayer, and at the final blessing at the conclusion of the Mass. It is an appropriate practice because it reminds us that the resurrection, the forgiveness of sins, and all the blessings in this life flow from the cross of Christ.

The Prayers of the People

Priest Wake us, Lord, prepare us for your coming in glory into the world, help us to see you alive in the world today, that we may cooperate in your work of healing and reconciliation, as we pray: Let your Spirit awaken us; let us walk in the light of Christ.

Leader Gracious and loving God, bless your Church with the gift of peace, so that we, as joy-filled people, may enter into the house of God.

People **Let your Spirit awaken us; that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader Almighty One, judge of all the nations, hasten the day when our swords become plowshares and our spears become pruning hooks, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall we learn war any more.

People **Let your Spirit awaken us; that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader Compassionate One, give us the gift of your grace, that all may lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

People **Let your Spirit awaken us; that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader Loving One, inspire us to respond to the needs of our community and grant us your patient goodness toward all who are in need.

People **Let your Spirit awaken us; that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader Healing God, shower your light on the sick, the suffering and those who live with trouble or anxiety, especially _____.

We thank you for the blessings of birthdays and anniversaries, remembering especially _____.

Please welcome into the fullness of your light those who have died, especially _____.

People **Let your Spirit awaken us; that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Presider Come O Holy One, wake us up to your purpose, that we may be instruments of your peace, ready to meet you at an unexpected hour, in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Please kneel if able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence may be kept)

People **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.**

Absolution of Sins

Celebrant 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 Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Holy Communion, or the Eucharist (meaning "thanksgiving," from the Greek), is actually taken from Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples on the Thursday evening before the next day, Good Friday. Jesus and his disciples gathered to observe the great Jewish festival of the Passover Seder, or meal. What Christians celebrate as the Holy Communion is actually the third part of the four-part Seder feast, but reapplied to celebrate the great work of Jesus as the One who gave his life so that we can know God's love for us and be in full "communion" with God, with one another and ourselves.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn (vs 1-2)

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1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant 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 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

Please kneel as you are able.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Spiritual Communion

Celebrant Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are not present with us today.

People Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and we desire to offer you thanks and praise as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and help us to be mindful that, though we are separate from one another, you are always present and will never leave us. Bless each of us and our entire congregation, as well as all of our neighbors throughout the world. Fill us all with your light and nourish us with your word and Spirit until we can all be together again. Amen.

Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:', and 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Invitation

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher. If you are not baptized, please come to the altar to receive God's blessing. The appropriate response after receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord is "Amen."

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

Blessing

(At the blessing it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross +)

Descant



4 Our glad ho-san-nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel-come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa-vior comes, the Sa-vior
 2 He comes, the pris-oners to re-lease in Sa-tan's
 3 He comes, the bro-ken heart to bind, the bleed-ing
 4 Our glad ho-san-nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel-come

shall pro-claim; and heaven's e-ter-nal
 prom-ised long; let ev-ery heart pre-
 bond-age held; the gates of brass be-
 soul to cure; and with the trea-sures
 shall pro-claim; and heaven's e-ter-nal

arch-es ring with thy be-lov-ed Name.
 pare a throne, and ev-ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i-ron fet-ters yield.
 of his grace to en-rich the hum-ble poor.
 arch-es ring with thy be-lov-ed Name.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude