



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The First Sunday of Advent Choral Eucharist

Sunday, November 29, 2020 **Ten o'clock in the morning**

Organ Voluntary

Sleepers, Wake!

J. S. Bach

Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

St. 1 *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!*

St. 2 *O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge who, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

The Greeting

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Kyrie

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

S95

Cantor or Choir *All* *Cantor or Choir*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All *Cantor or Choir* *All*

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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 LESSONS

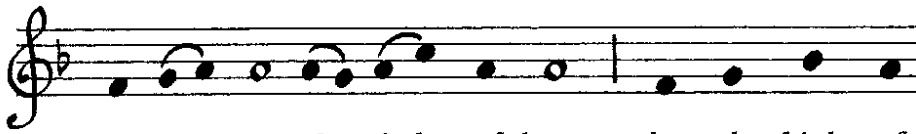
A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

[64: 1 – 9]

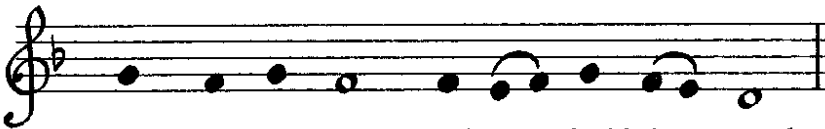
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung by the Cantor

Re-store us, O God of hosts; show the light of



your coun-ten-ance, and we shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

[Refrain]

- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

[Refrain]

- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

[Refrain]

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

[1: 3–9]

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 61

“Sleepers, wake!”

WACHET AUF

St. 1 *“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”*

St. 2 *Zion hears the watchmen singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God’s Son, Incarnate Word,
Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.*

St. 3 *Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
through them we stream to join th' immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight,
no ear heard such delight:
Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
for ever let our praises ring.*

The Holy Gospel

[Mark 13: 24 – 37]

All Stand

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

Mr. Jonathan Hansen

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

Celebrant: Please stand or kneel for prayer.

Deacon: Creator of the stars and sky, the sun, the moon, You are the light by which we wake and work let us pray, responding, "Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert."

Intercessor: Surround your church, her leaders, and people with your armor of light. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; for Fr. Troy, Amma Nicola, Fr. Zeb., Deacon John, Mark, John, and Jovan; for all lay and ordained ministers, and Jean, preparing for ordination. In our companion Diocese of Brechin we pray for the clergy and people of the Diocesan Centre and Diocesan Officials; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Manguri Parish; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of The Council of Swaziland Churches; in our own Diocese we pray for Coordinators and Faculty of EfM, Summer Ministry School and Retreat and all Christian Formation; for Licensed Lay Ministers: Pastoral Leaders, Worship Leaders, Preachers, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors and Catechists; for the people and clergy of St. George, LeMars; and St. Paul, Council Bluffs; in our parish prayer cycle we pray for Tom, Jessica, Corey, Laurie, Sigrid, Thomas, Tommy, Ellen, Tom, Shelly, Irene, Zeb, Jamie, Mary, for Kirsten, preparing for confirmation, and Catherine and Brad, preparing for marriage; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray

for the clergy and people of the Lusitanian Church. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open their hearts to your will. Let us pray.

People: Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Intercessor: We pray for our leaders, especially our President; our Governor, and the Congress and courts of this land. Savior of the nations, guide those who govern, and awaken those they lead, that we may all live in the spirit of cooperation and share so that all have enough: food care, and peace. Let us pray.

People: Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Intercessor: For people across the world whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle, give the people of this community a sense of togetherness and support. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible. Let us pray.

People: Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Intercessor: Lover of our souls, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in your hands. We ask your blessing on those who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief, or isolation. Let us pray.

People: Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Intercessor: Father of us all we pray for those who have recently returned to your embrace and those who are broken with grief.

Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.

Concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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All kneel as able, and the Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Anthem *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr. Dodd Lambertson

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Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People:

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

The Celebrant continues

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 Paul and 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.**

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. *Please remain in your place and extend your hands to receive the Host when offered by the Priest. Please wait until the Priest has moved away, to briefly remove your mask and consume the Host.*

Communion Music

Christ Be Our Light

After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 BLESSING

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

LLANGLOFFAN

- St. 1 *Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.*
- St. 2 *See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise, up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand.*

St. 3 *Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Sleepers, Wake!

Paul Manz

Announcements for November 29, 2020

The Advent Wreath is given by Scott & Denise Linn, Marshall & Julie Linn,
and Douglas & Barbara L. Hein in loving memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn

**We welcome today's Celebrant, Bishop Scarfe
and our Guest Preacher, Mr. Jonathan Hansen**

Today Is Pledging Sunday

We invite you to participate in this year's campaign, which culminates today Pledge cards have been mailed, and we hope you will reflect on your relationship to the Cathedral and consider supporting our 2021 Stewardship Campaign with your pledge of treasure, time, and talent. During November you will be contacted by members of the Campaign Committee about what St. Paul's is doing and how you can help. If you have questions, please contact the Cathedral Office: (515-288-7297).

St. Paul's Carillon in Your Car (or From Afar) returns to 9 am on November 29th

Parking on the streets and parking lots surrounding the Cathedral provide a safe opportunity for listening to joyful hymns ringing out through the city. The concert will also be streamed live from our [Facebook Page](#).

Please wear a mask if you leave your vehicle and observe social distancing guidelines.

Video Livestream Fundraiser!

St. Paul's is raising funds for a permanent, three-camera, video livestream system that will allow us to make our services accessible to those who are not able to be present in person and allow us to extend our ministry into Des Moines, the Diocese of Iowa, and beyond. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, your donation will be matched one-to-one up to \$5,000. You can give via the cathedral website by clicking [here](#) and selecting "Video Livestream System" from the dropdown menu, mail a check to the office with "Video Livestream System" on the memo line, or text your donation to 515-207-8133 keyword livestream. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Paul's!

Advent Events

More details about all these events can be found on our website.

Advent Tea

Save the date for Advent Tea!

Tuesday, December 8th at 5pm via Zoom. More details can be found on our website.

Advent Cathedral Arts

- Sunday, December 13 at 4:00pm
Virtual Advent Choral Evensong
- Thursdays, December 10 and 17 at Noon
Advent Organ Recitals
- Sunday, December 20 at 4:00pm
Carillon Christmas Carol Concert
Sing carols from your car or outside with the carillon!

Mark Babcock will continue to play hymn concerts on the carillon
Sunday mornings at 9:00am

Safe and Secure Online Giving!

We offer safe and secure online giving on our website. An account allows you to set up a donation schedule and/or track your donations. Quick giving allows you to bypass this step. You may choose to give to our general budget, to the Clergy Discretionary Fund, the Cathedral Preservation Fund, to Cathedral Arts, or towards St. Paul's new Video Livestream System. You can also automatically give by texting the amount you wish to donate to this number: **515-207-8133**.

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