



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021      10:00 AM

### The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist

¶ *The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist beginning on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer*

¶ *The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the Advent Mass on Picardy of Robert Lehman*

#### Organ Voluntary

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

¶ *All stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter in silence*

¶ *Once the Celebrant and other Ministers arrive at their appointed places, all kneel for the Great Litany*

*Litanist* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People* Have mer-cy up - on us.

*Litanist* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

*People* Spare us, good Lord.

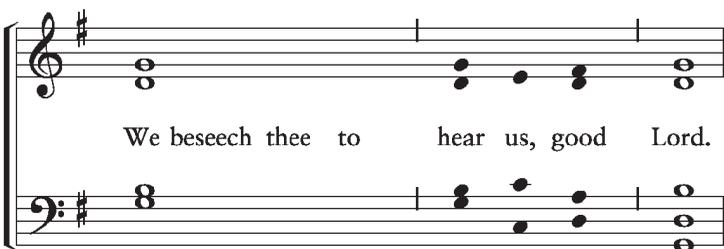
*Litanist* From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*People* Good Lord, de - liver us.

- Litanist* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits  
of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart,  
and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from  
plague, pestilence, and famine,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence,  
battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and  
submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by  
thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and  
Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the  
hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People*



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they

- may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world;  
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow  
freedom upon all peoples,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and  
captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate  
and oppressed,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful  
fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do  
the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy  
servants, and for the common good,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason  
of their labor or their travel,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women  
in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all  
whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who  
suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence  
those who are failing and infirm,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are  
in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed ✠ eternal life and peace,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People*

Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, with notes corresponding to the lyrics: 'Have' (G4), 'mer - cy' (A4), 'up - on' (B4), and 'us.' (C5). The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People*

Grant us thy peace.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, with notes corresponding to the lyrics: 'Grant' (G4), 'us' (A4), 'thy' (B4), and 'peace.' (C5). The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3.

*Litanist* O Christ, hear us.

*People*

O Christ, hear us.

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*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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*Litanist* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*People*

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, slow-moving line of five notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating that the words are spread across the notes.

*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *Then all are seated*

# The Word of God

## The Lesson

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

**B**EHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING, says the Lord, when I will fulfil 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 forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

¶ *All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm*

Psalm 25:1-9

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

TONE I.4

¶ *The first half of each verse is sung by the Precentor; the second half is sung by all*



*Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my • trust  
in thee: \**

*O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over  
me.*

*For all they that hope in thee shall not • be ashamed; \**

*but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.*

*— Show me thy • ways, O Lord, \**

*and teach me thy paths.*

*Lead me forth in thy truth, and • learn me: \**

*for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all  
the day long.*

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender • mercies, \**

*and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.*



O remember not the sins and of-fences • of my youth; \*  
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, *for thy  
goodness.*

Gracious and *righteous* • is the Lord; \*  
therefore, will he teach *sinners in the way.*

Them that are meek shall he *guide in* • judgment; \*  
and such as are gentle, them *shall he learn his way.*

All the paths of the Lord are *mercy* • and truth, \*  
unto such as keep his covenant and his *testimonies.*

## The Epistle

I THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

**F**OR WHAT THANKSGIVING CAN WE RENDER to God for you, for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God, praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what 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 to one another and to all men, as we do to you, so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

‡ *All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession*

## Hymn at the Sequence 73

ST. STEPHEN

*This hymn reminds us of the great reward of Christ's coming. We shall see His face (Rev 22:4). He will bring us out of our present darkness and into His glorious light (John 12:46). It is "a consummation most devoutly to be wished." So let all God's people pray, "Come quickly, King of Kings!"*

## The Gospel

LUKE 21:25-36

*Gospeler* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**ESUS SAID “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And 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, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Anne Hunter Kelsey

¶ *Following the Sermon, all stand and say together*

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, †  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.

*¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord;  
This may be done with a wave or a bow; please observe social distancing and  
refrain from physical contact with those from outside your household.*

## Announcements

*The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who donate as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your donation in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to our annual commitments from our parishioners.*



# The Holy Communion

## Anthem at the Offertory

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

*Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)*

*Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*¶ Following the singing of the Anthem, all stand to sing*

## Hymn at the Presentation

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who ord'rst all things mightily;  
to us the paths of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

*Organ introduction*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord  
God of Hosts: Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to  
thee, O Lord Most High. Bles-sed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*g The People kneel*

**A**LL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient

sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy

Son Jesus Christ, be filled † with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ¶ *All* AMEN.

### **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung*

## Agnus Dei

*Organ introduction*



O Lamb of— God, that tak'st a-way the  
sins of the world, have— mer - cy up - on us. O—  
Lamb of— God, that tak'st a-way the sins of the world, have—  
mer - cy up - on us. O— Lamb of— God, that tak'st a-way the  
sins— of— the world, grant— us thy— peace.

## The Prayer of Humble Access *¶ Said by all*

**W**E DO NOT PRESUME TO COME TO THIS THY TABLE, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

*¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the Ushers on when to come forward. Please continue to wear your mask and, to maintain distancing, form two single file lines down the center aisle, at six-foot intervals in household units. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; then return to your seat, then consume the Bread.*

‡ *Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.*

‡ *Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## **Anthem at the Communion**

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied ‘The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.’ Amen.

*Words: Antiphon on the Magnificat: December 21, Isaiah 9:2*

*Music: James MacMillan (b. 1959)*

## **Hymn at the Communion 640 ‡ Sung by all**

ABERYSTWYTH

*The dialogue form of this hymn captures a conversation between a traveler and watchman and is filled with imagery of waiting for the coming of the Christ child.*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer ‡ Said by all kneeling**

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**The Advent Blessing** ✠    *¶ The Celebrant blesses the People*

**M**ay Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

*¶ People Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *¶ People Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *¶ People Amen.*

And the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *¶ People Amen.*

*¶ All stand*

**The Dismissal**    *¶ The People are dismissed with these words*

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

**Hymn at the Retiring Procession**    57

HELMSLEY

*The text by the famous writer Charles Wesley uses events of the past to remind us who we are in our faith, to set a vision of what the future holds, and to state who our God is. A well-placed tune and repetitive text create a sense of excitement and urgency that drives us toward the day when we sing “Yea, Amen!”*

## *This Morning's Liturgy*

- † The prelude this morning is one of Johann Sebastian Bach's more famous choral settings. This chorale arrangement is more or less a literal copy of *Zion hört die Wächter singen*, the fourth movement of Bach's cantata *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 140.
- † Charles Wood skillfully crafted many works for organ and choir. *O Thou, the central orb* is a setting of Barmley's text and one that never disappoints. Wood's skill and love of the text is amply demonstrated in the anthem where the organ part which accompanies the melody sung by the basses shows careful handling of the chromatic counter-melody.
- † Fervent longing for Christ is a prominent sentiment in the Communion anthem by James MacMillan. 'Come' is repeated again and again as an ascending sequence, with great dynamics and increasing suspensions emphasizing the desperation of the people. The opening statement of *O radiant dawn* incorporates MacMillan's characteristic ornamented vocal lines, later echoed in the final cadence, and their resolution from dissonance to consonance here may be an intentional musical representation of the conflicts resolved by Jesus' coming.
- † Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn in the season of Advent are blue in color representing penance and fasting.



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