



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023 10:00 AM

### The 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*

### Prelude

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

### The Great Litany

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

*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.

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*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.

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*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*

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 (indicated by a sharp sign on the F line). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is written on the bass staff. The lyrics 'We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.' are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

*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*

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

*People*

Have mer-cy up - on us.

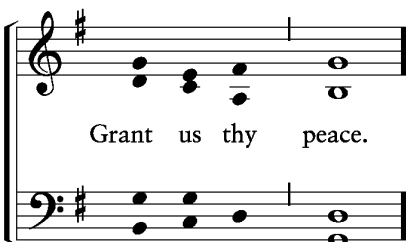
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*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

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

*People*

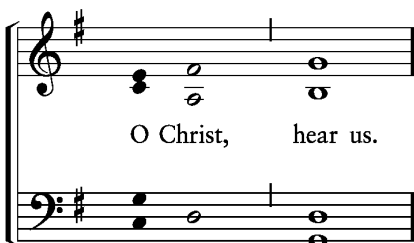


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*Litanist* O Christ, hear us.

*People*

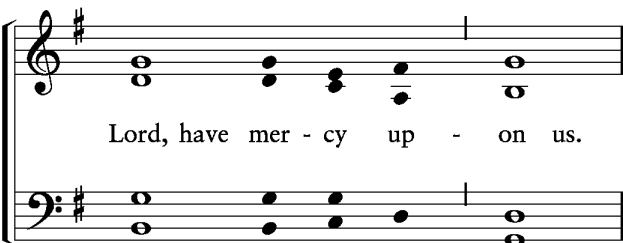


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*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People*

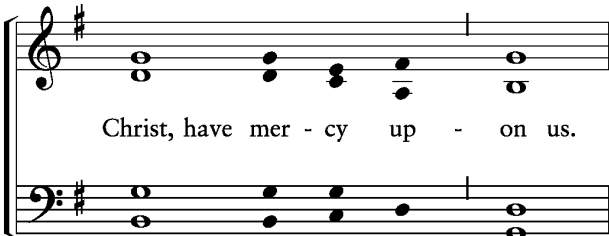


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*Litanist* Christ, have mercy upon us.

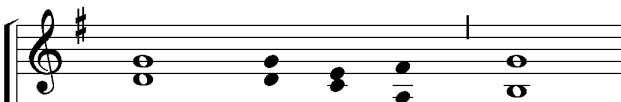
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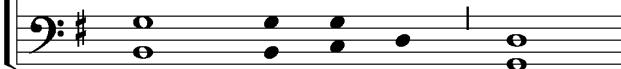
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*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.



*People* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



## 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

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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

## Psalm

80:1-7, 16-18

*Anglican Chant*

John Stainer (1840-1901)

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;  
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

Turn us again, O God;  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears,  
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, thou God of hosts;  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,  
and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

And so will not we go back from thee:  
let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

**G**race 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*¶ All stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## Hymn at the Sequence 68

*Llangloffan*

Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru (1865)

*Gospeler* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**esus said to his disciples, “But 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.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## 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 procedeth 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*

## Announcements

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# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Anthem

*In Night's Dim Shadows Lying*

George Guest (1924-2002)

*In night's dim shadows lying, our limbs fast locked in sleep,  
To Thee with faithful sighing, our souls their vigil keep.*

*Desire of ev'ry nation, hear, Lord, our piteous cry;  
Thou Word the world's salvation, uplift us where we lie.*

*Lord, be Thine Advent hastened, lest sin Thy people mar;  
The gates which Adam fastened, the gates of heav'n unbar.*

*Son, to Thine endless merit, Redeemer, Savior, Friend,  
With Sire and Holy Spirit be praises without end.*

## 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.

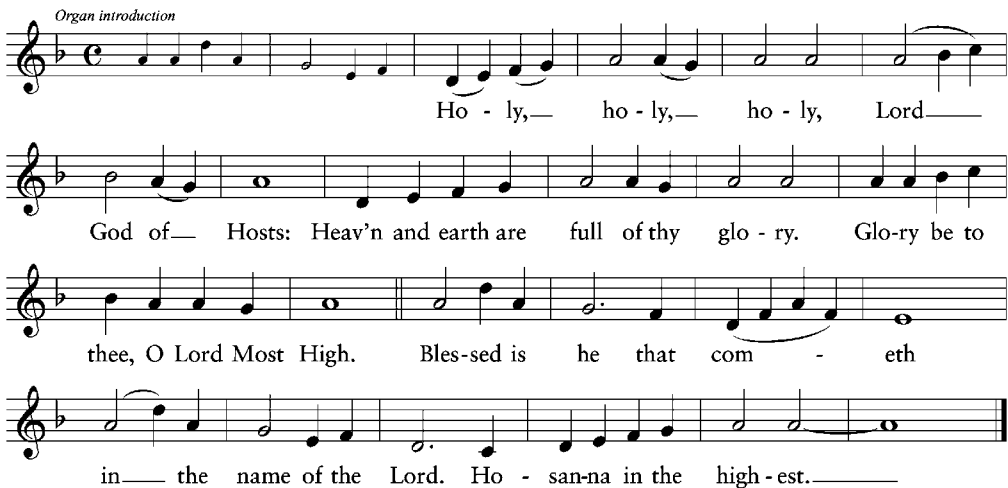
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

*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.—

*¶ The People kneel*

All 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. *g All Amen.*

*g The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*g Celebrant and People*

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.

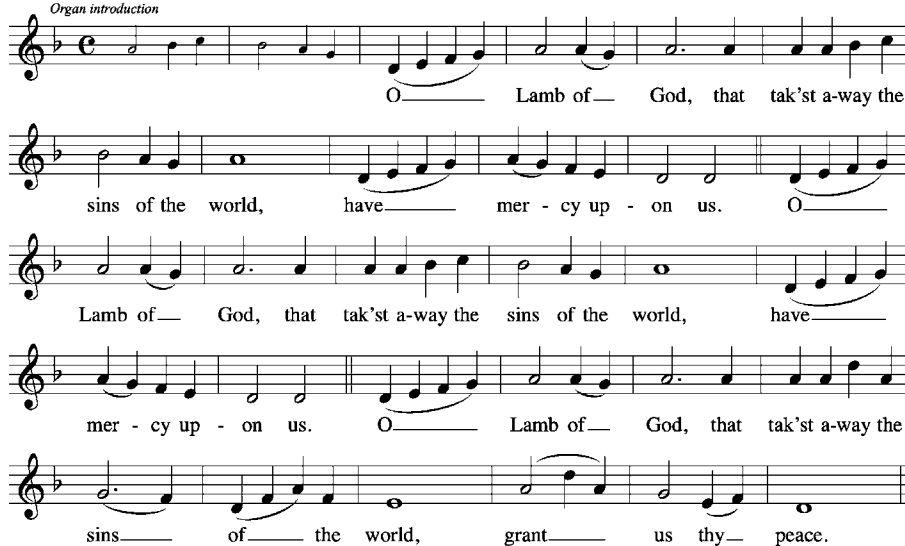
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*g 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. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. 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.*

*Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and in St. Mary's Chapel. When directed, please follow the Usher's direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.*

## The Anthem at Communion

*When Came in Flesh*

George Guest

*When came in flesh the Incarnate Word, the heedless world slept on,  
And only simple shepherds heard that God had sent his Son.*

*When comes the Savior at the last, from East to West shall shine,  
The judgement light, and earth aghast shall tremble at the sign.*

*Then shall the pure of heart be blest; As mild he comes to them,  
As when upon the Virgin's breast, he lay at Bethlehem.*

*Lord, who could dare see thee descend in state, unless he knew  
Thou art the sorr'wing sinner's friend, the gracious and the true?  
Dwell in our hearts, O Savior blest; so shall thine advent's dawn  
'Twixt us and Thee, our bosom guest, be but the veil withdrawn.*

## Hymn at Communion    63

*Verbum Supernum Prodiens*

Howard Don Small (1932-2007)

## 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 Blessing

**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.*

**M**ay 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.*

**M**ay 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*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Hymn at the Retiring Procession 61

*Wachet Auf*

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

## Postlude

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Johann Sebastian Bach



*The greenery at the High Altar is given to the glory of God*

## **This Morning's Music**

**Johann Sebastian Bach** wrote a great number of organ voluntaries based on the familiar hymns of the Lutheran liturgy. Today's Prelude and Postlude are prime examples of his compositional genius. The Prelude is based on Hymn 54 in our hymnal, The Hymnal 1982, entitled "Savior of the nations, come". The tune is quite simple and straight-forward. Bach takes this tune and extends it with elaborate additions and ornamentations, illustrating the longing of the soul for the coming of the Lord. The Postlude is perhaps the more famous of these two pieces. It is based on Hymn 61, Sleepers, Wake!, which we are singing as today's final hymn. This organ arrangement by Bach is taken from his Cantata 140.

**George Guest** was born in Bangor, North Wales, and was a chorister at both Bangor and Chester cathedrals. Later he became the sub-organist at Chester cathedral. After service in the RAF during WWII, he was appointed organ scholar at St John's College, Cambridge in 1947. In 1951 he became College organist and choirmaster, a position he held for all of his working life. From 1956-1982 he was a lecturer in music at Cambridge. Today's carols were written for the Advent Carol Service at St John's College, Cambridge.

## **This Morning's Liturgy**

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Dr. Wesley Hill, Associate Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan and an assisting priest at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Wesley attended Wheaton College as an undergraduate and took his PhD in New Testament from Durham University in the UK. He is the author of several books and writes regularly for Christianity Today, The Living Church, and other publications.

Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. The use of the color blue for Advent began in the Use of Sarum (that of pre-Reformation Salisbury, England) and it is associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary who, along with John the Baptist, is the central figure in the Advent season. It also symbolizes hope for the coming of the Redeemer.

## Week of December 3 - 9, 2023

### Sunday, December 3

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist - Church
- 8:00 am Poinsettia Pick-up
- 8:30 am Coffee Hour - Great Hall
- 9:00 am Advent Family Activities - Gym
- 9:00 am Holiday Market - Great Hall
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Confirmation Preparation - Canterbury Hall
- 9:00 am Adult Confirmation - J202
- 9:00 am Conversations Beyond Confirmation - 7th & 8th Grade Classroom
- 9:00 am Word Made Fresh - Sverdrup Room
- 9:00 am Centering Prayer Practice - St. George's Chapel
- 9:00 am Racial Reconciliation - Library
- 9:00 am Rector's Forum - Taylor Room
- 9:00 am Little Sprouts Nursery Care
- 10:00 am Children's Chapel - St. George's Chapel
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist - Church
- 5:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols - Church
- 6:00 pm Reception - Great Hall

### Tuesday, December 5

- 10:30 am CSL Bible Study - Sverdrup Room
- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 pm CSL - Great Hall

### Wednesday, December 6

- 11:00 am Offices Close

### Thursday, December 7

- 11:30 am Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
- 5:00 pm Community of Hope - Taylor Room
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

### Friday, December 8

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Great Hall
- 7:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel
- 8:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library

### Saturday, December 9

- 11:00 am Knitting Ministry - Library
- 3:00 pm Piano Recital - Great Hall
- 4:00 pm AA Meeting - Taylor Room

**Silent Auction & Holiday Market** Bidding ends at 10:30 am, with the Market closing at 11:00 am.

**Nursery Care** Available from 9:30-11:30 am in the Little Sprouts Infant/Toddler space. Reservations are requested.

**Church Service League** December 5. Tom and Emily Guignon will discuss their experience leading CSMSG's work with the Episcopal City Mission. Lunch reservations are due to Nancy Ferriss by Sunday at 4 pm (naferriss@gmail.com or 314. 974. 3386).

**Cookies for the Homebound** Help us provide cookies for the homebound. Bake 4 dozen cookies, storing them in a freezer-safe container. These should be labeled "Cookies for Homebound" and delivered by December 10 to the CSL box in the church kitchen's freezer. Please no bars or soft frosting. Contact Sandra Vuitel (sabdravuitel@gmail.com or 314. 300. 8858) for additional information.

**Holiday Floral Arranging** Join Andy Martin for a hands-on demonstration of flower arranging for the holidays. Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm. \$75.00 per person. Register on Realm.

**Grief Support Group** Will be in recess until January 10, 2024. Meetings resume at 4:00 pm that day.

**Gospel Pageant** Children pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Shepherds, angels, and stable animals are still needed!

**Parishioners Beware** One again phishing e-mails are circulating asking members of the congregation for a favor or request supposedly from Fr. Archie. These are a scam! Please remember that no one from The Church of St. Michael & St. George will ever request personal information, usernames, passwords, or money from you via e-mail.

**Volunteering** "It's more than volunteering; it's one way we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus and help God to realize what God wants to accomplish in this world and our lives..." - Bishop Michael B. Curry  
Contact Debbie at debbie@csmg.org for opportunities.



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