

Advent Lutheran Church

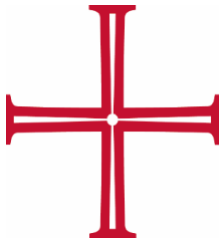


Ascension Sunday
May 5, 2024



Welcome to worship at Advent!

Ways to engage throughout the service online:



Space: So much of our living currently happens in one space. Consider designating worship time through the practice of lighting a candle, dimming the rest of the lights in the apartment, placing a cross (it can be homemade) or a Bible on the table – something that is sacred to you that designates we are gathering for sacred worship.

Community: There is a comments section, use it to say hi to one another and check in. Post pictures of you or your household preparing for or engaging in worship. Church is God's people gathered. So make yourself known and check in with each other in turn.

Music: Sing so loudly your neighbors sing along!

Prayers of the People: During the Prayers of the People, type your prayers into the comments section. And commit to holding the prayer request of at least one other person throughout the week.



Offering: Our ministry continues. Throughout this time, we continue to feed people. We continue to worship together. We continue to provide care for the whole community. Please consider continuing your financial contribution through online giving www.adventnyc.org/give or text to give at 917-994-8568 and follow the instructions.



Communion: At Advent, when we gather, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a cosmic event. There is a collapsing of time and space so that in that singular moment when you receive the body and the blood, you do so with every person who ever was, is and will be, in every time and place.

Rev. Tuhina Rasche says it best, *“As a called an ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, I took an oath to not only responsibly administer the sacraments, I also took an oath to care for God’s people. In caring for God’s people, if folks at home lift up their elements in the midst of worship, I fully and wholly believe the Holy Spirit to be at work to consecrate these elements. Yes, Jesus is at the right hand of God. And yes, even in elements consecrated in a virtual space, Jesus is in those elements as well. We cannot confine the moves of the Holy Spirit in community, even if that community is virtual.”*

During the consecration of the elements, you are invited to lift up bread and wine/juice in your home, and to commune when the words are spoken. Scripture tells us nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the promise.

All the People of God speak the text in Bold (that’s you!)

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type. | *Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.*

QUESTION:

PRELUDE

I Like the Sunrise

Duke Ellington
Ella Fitzgerald version

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*GREETING

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

...of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: *Acts 1:1-11*

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to your people?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47

**Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.**

For the LORD Most High is to be feared:

a great king over all the earth,

**who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;**

who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

**God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram’s horn.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.

**For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.**

God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.

**The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.**

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called

you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Palestinian Hallelujah

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two parts, Part I and Part II, each with four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the rhythm and pitch of the words.

***GOSPEL:** Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from

them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

SERMON

Vicar Hayley Moe

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Many Faces

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Come, Holy Spirit...

*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -
scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'
name. (hm)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system features a vocal line with a fermata over the word 'name.' and a piano accompaniment with a fermata over the letters '(hm)'. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4.

*PEACE

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

OFFERING



The gifts you give today are used for God's ministry here at Advent and around the world. You are invited to give via the offering plate or online at www.adventnyc.org/give. If you already give online or through your bank, please acknowledge and celebrate that offering by placing a yellow giving card, found in your pew, in the offering plate. Let us give thanks to God!

OFFERTORY

I'm Gonna Sing, Oh Lord!

Robert Hunter
Advent Chorale

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together...

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Risen Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

...voices to proclaim this timeless truth: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

We are one people who pray in many tongues. We invite you to pray in the language you are most comfortable using when speaking to God (Spanish, German, Chinese, English, Arabic, etc). Like on the day of Pentecost, may our prayers rise like incense, diverse and yet united.

United by Jesus under one faith, but in many languages, let us pray as Jesus taught:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Jesus is the host of this table and all are welcome.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at God's table.

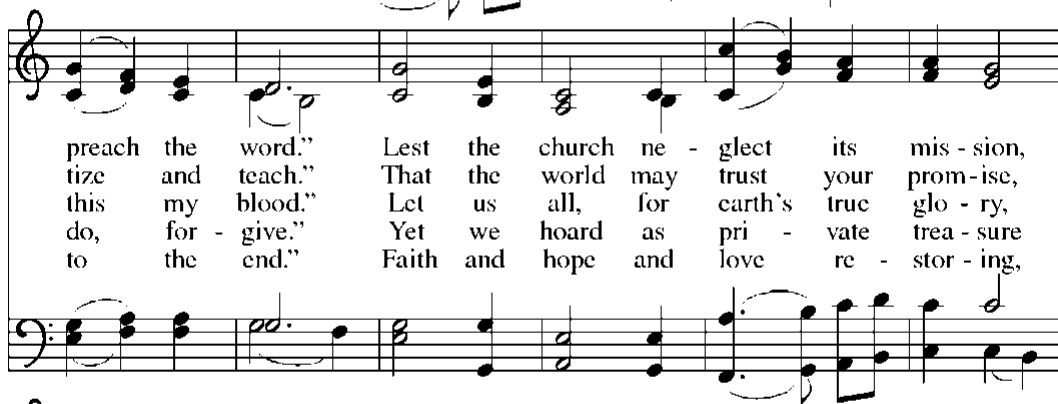
Come as you are. These gifts are for you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

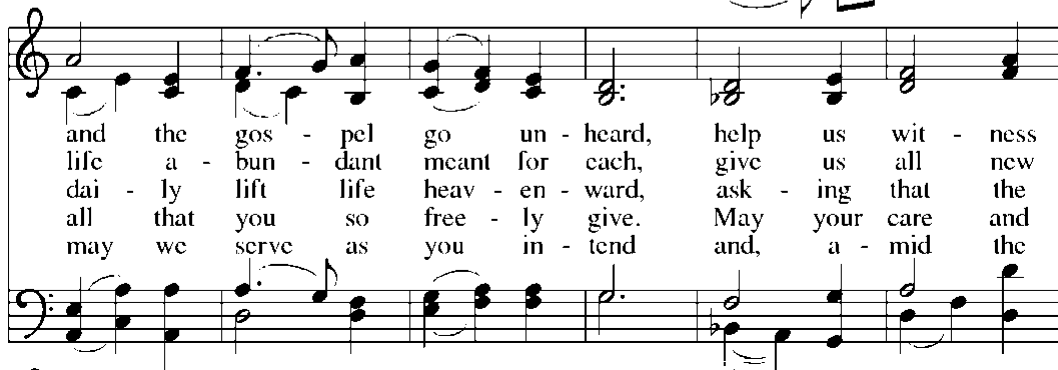
*Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Crown Him With Many Thorns*



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright,
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

A CALL TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

Our mission is love.

Our mission is to welcome all people to experience and live out God's love.

Our strategy is community.

Following the example of Jesus, our strategy is to practice authentic community that builds and inclusive faith.

Our vision is transformation.

Our vision is to be a church where the Holy Spirit transforms people's faith, the community and the world.

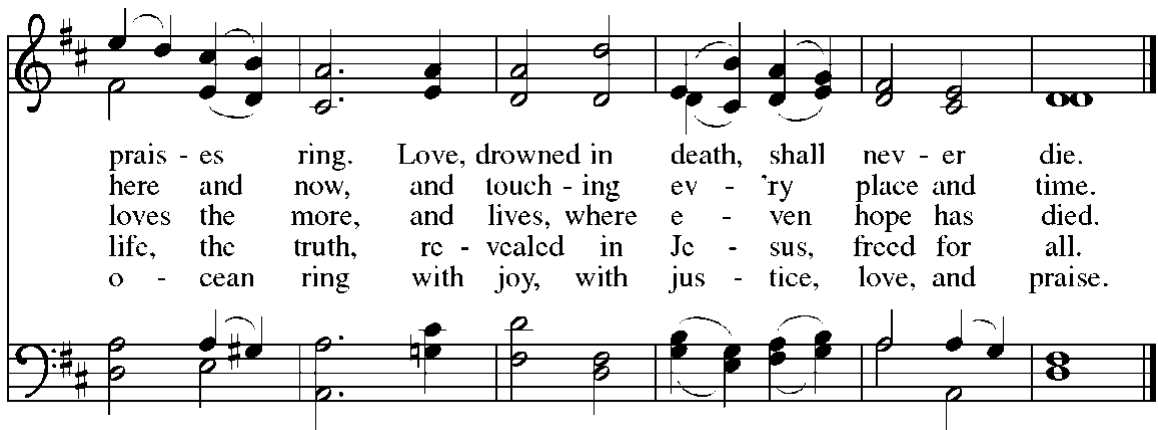
***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN**

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

***SENDING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Here Comes the Sun

Beatles
Nina Simone Version