



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE



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Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Congregational Prayer**

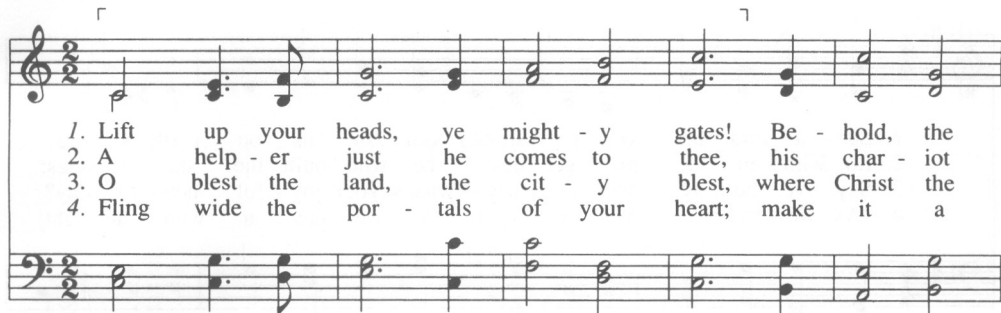
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the 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.*

*Hymn

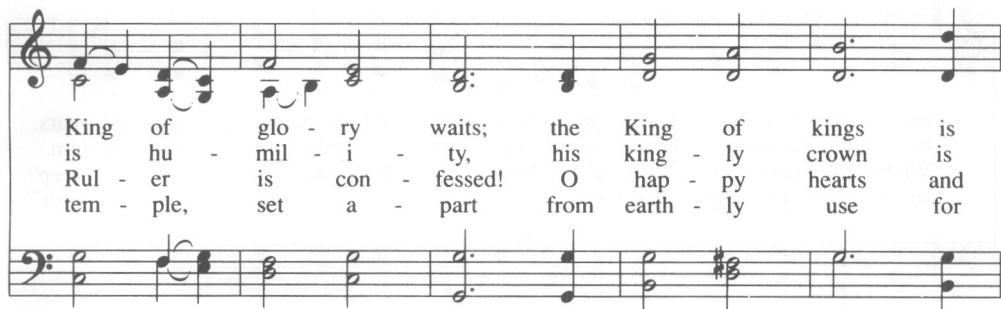
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

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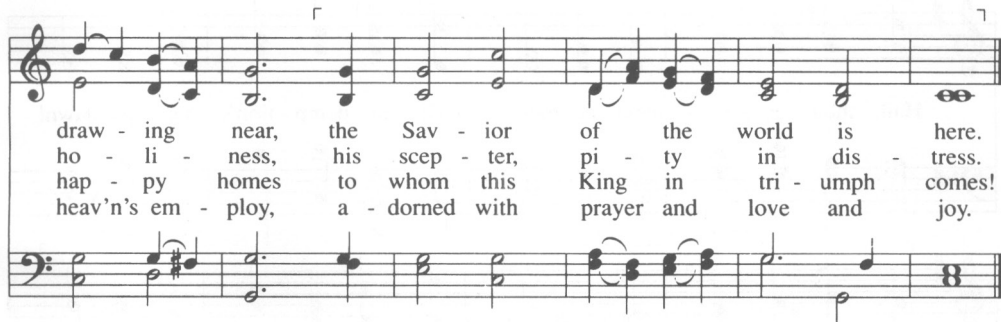
*Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory
may come in. Ps. 24:7*



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for



draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

***Psalm: Psalm 29**

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

***Congregation:* ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.**

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,

and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

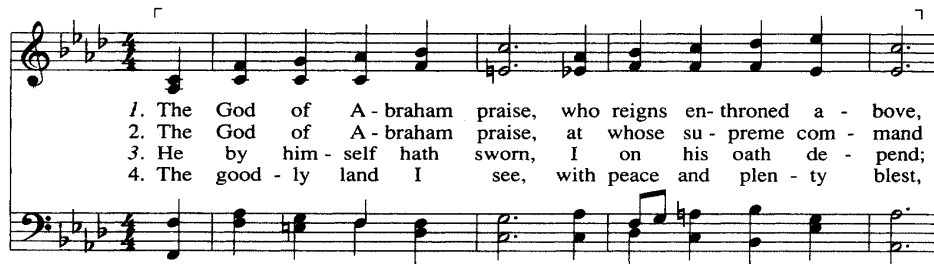
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

*Hymn

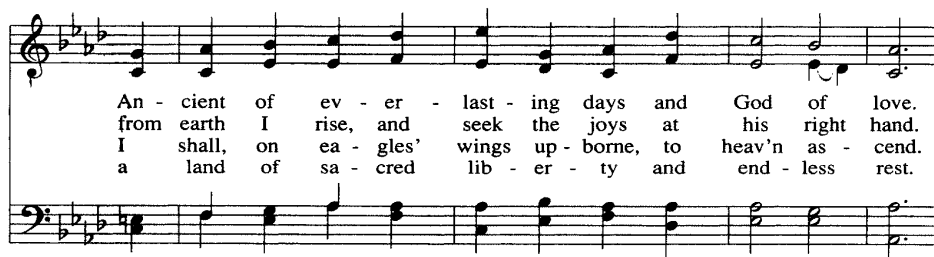
"The God of Abraham Praise"

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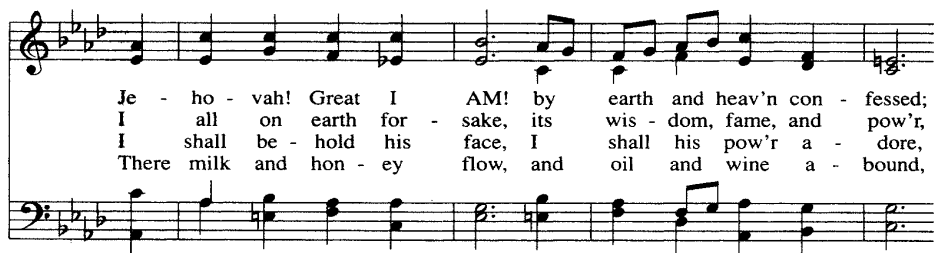
Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Heb. 11:6



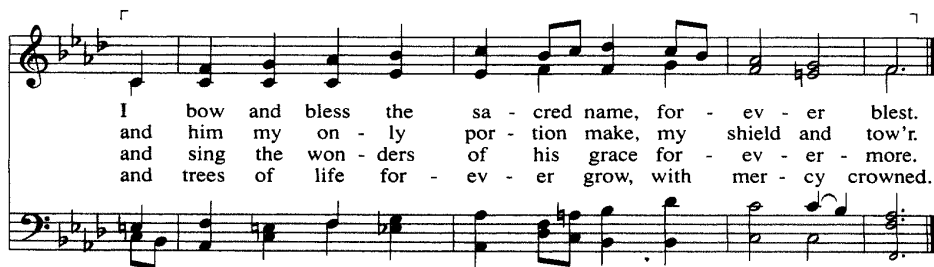
1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
 triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
 and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
 Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
 all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Catechism: Lord's Day 29 from the *Heidelberg Catechism*
(Questions #78-79; Part II: The Sacraments: The Lord's Supper)

Minister: Are the bread and wine changed into the real body and blood of Christ?

Congregation: No.

Just as the water of baptism

is not changed into Christ's blood

and does not itself wash away sins

but is simply God's sign and assurance,

so too the bread of the Lord's Supper

is not changed into the actual body of Christ

even though it is called the body of Christ

in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.

Minister: Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood? (Paul uses the words, a participation in Christ's body and blood.)

Congregation: Christ has good reason for these words.

He wants to teach us that

as bread and wine nourish our temporal life,

so too his crucified body and poured-out blood

truly nourish our souls for eternal life.

But more important,

he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge,

that we, through the Holy Spirit's work,

share in his true body and blood

as surely as our mouths

receive these holy signs in his remembrance,

and that all of his suffering and obedience

are as definitely ours

as if we personally

had suffered and paid for our sins.

***Prayer**

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 3:1-14 (ESV)

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by

hearing with faith—⁶ just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Sermon

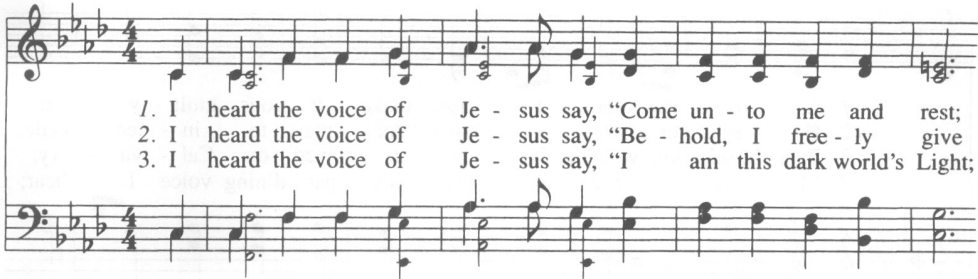
“Fired up about Grace”
Pastor Jonny Finlayson

* Hymn

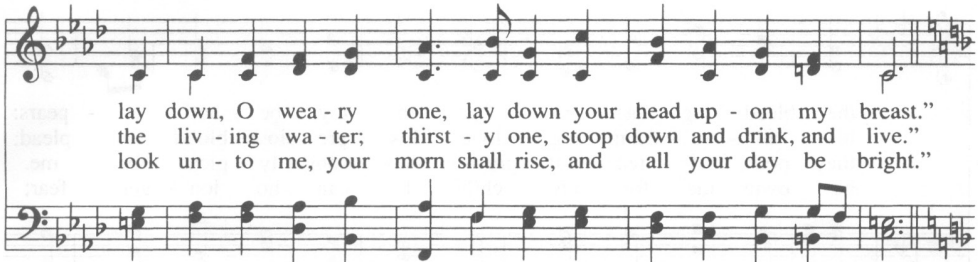
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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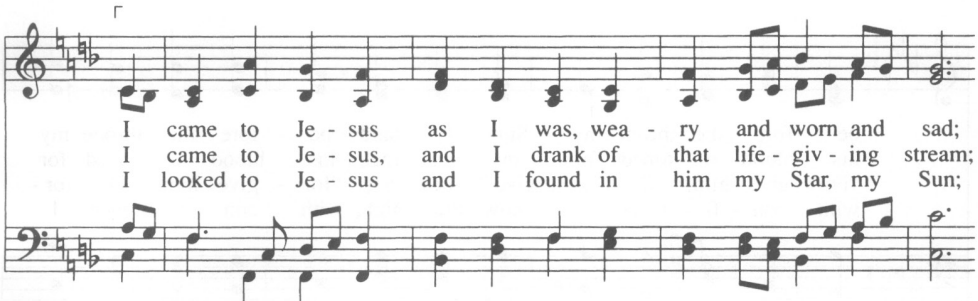
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28




1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry and worn and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'l - ing days are done.

***Benediction**

+Silent Prayer

Postlude

***Congregation standing**

+The congregation is invited to kneel

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