

First Sunday of
ADVENT

December 3, 2023



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WE ARE ALL YOUR PEOPLE

ISAIAH 64:9



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PRELUDE

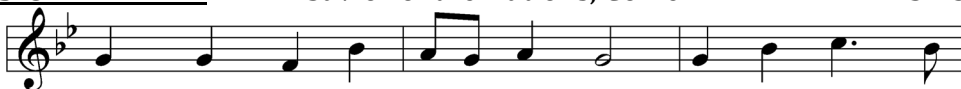
“Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659”

J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332 v. 1-4



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8; John 3:16; Matthew 5:16

Pastor: As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

People: **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.**

Pastor: What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

People: I do confess.

Pastor: So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

People: I do repent.

Pastor: So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?

People: I do believe.

Pastor: So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

People: I do promise.

Pastor: So you should promise for Christ the Lord says, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

People: I do believe.

Pastor: As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Pastor/Choir: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

THE GLORIA PATRI

G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

ADVENT KYRIE

The Kyrie Eleison (“Lord have mercy”) for Advent is drawn from the familiar Christmas tune “Coventry Carol”, first written in 1534 at the time of Luther. The Hymn of Praise is traditionally removed during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.

O Je - sus Christ, have mer - cy Lord. Grant us Thy ho - ly peace. Have
 mer - cy Lord, Im - man - u - el. Be Thou our “God with us”.

THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:

G And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

(The prophet prays for God to rend the heavens and come down, for we are all the work of His hands.)

¹ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— ² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides

you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(Paul comforts God's people with the Lord's promise to sustain them until the day when our Lord returns.)

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @10:30am

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

*Bartholomäus Gesius
The Cathedral Choir*

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

(The Lord bids us to stay alert for we do not know the time when He will come again.)

Pastor:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

People:



²⁴"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And 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.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS *from the Augsburg Confession, Article III*

Pastor: The Word, that is, the Son of God, did assume the human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true man,

People: **who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.**

Pastor: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,

People: **and sanctify them that believe in Him, by sending the Holy Ghost into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and quicken them, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.**

Pastor: The same Christ shall openly come again to judge the quick and the dead.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332 v. 5-8



5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He
6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry the
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,
vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



Back then to His throne and crown.
All our ills of flesh and soul.
In this light faith now a - bides.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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SERMON

“What’s in Your Future?”

Mark 13:33

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor
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OFFERTORY

LSB 370 v. 3

The offertories during the season of Advent will lead us to the manger, where God’s greatest Gift to the world may be found. In response, we offer to Him our hearts and lives.

♪ **So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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VOLUNTARY

“Noel Provencal”

Michel Corette

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 forever and ever. Amen.**

9:00am service continues with the benediction

*** The Order of Holy Communion ***

@10:30am

PREFACE *(spoken)*

Pastor: God is truly here with us and we lift up our hearts as we eagerly wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **We lift our hearts to our coming Lord.**

Pastor: We thank You, Lord, for Your precious gifts to us in Your Son Jesus, who comes to us today in His body and blood.

People: **To give You thanks is fitting and right.**

Pastor: Since the creation of the world, Your people have sung Your praises. We continue to praise You today, for Your help, Your redemption, Your grace, and Your mercy. With the angels in heaven and the saints on earth, we proclaim Your glorious name and sing as we await Your coming:

SANCTUS

tune: LSB 374

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of all cre - a - tion,
Heav - en holds Your pow'r and might, earth Your in - car - na - tion.
Sing "Ho - san - na!" to the Lord, bless the name of Je - sus!
He Who came in Beth - le - hem, comes a - gain to free__ us.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People:  **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI Jn 1:29

tune: LSB 374

God the Fa - ther wrapped His Son, to the world He gave us,
Je - sus is the cho - sen One, Lamb of God to save us.
Sing the glo - ries of His birth, shout in ju - bil - a - tion:
Lamb of God has come to earth, bring - ing us sal - va _____ tion.

DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine in the center of each tray.
Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

“What Feast of Love”

Tune: LSB 370

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what ho - ly drink from heav - en?
What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in the humble forms of bread and wine, our Savior has come to us, personally and corporately, to forgive our sins and renew our identity as living sacrifices who offer Your true spiritual worship; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26


Pastor: The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. *2 Peter 3:9*

People: **But he who stands firm to the end will be saved.** *Matthew 24:13*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The * Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



 A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331 v. 1-2, 5-6



1 The ad-vent of our King Our prayers must now em-ploy,
2 The ev-er-last-ing Son In-car-nate deigns to be,
5 Be-fore the dawn-ing day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
△ 6 All glo-ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho-ly joy.
Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
The sin-ful self be put a-way, The new self now put on.
With Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er one Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

POSTLUDE

“Noel (Chant du Roi Rene)”

Alexandre Guilmant