

**First Sunday in Advent  
November 27, 2022**

**332 Savior of the Nations, Come**

*sts. 1–2, 4, 6, 8*

**1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.**

**4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.**

**6 For You are the Father’s Son  
Who in flesh the vict’ry won.  
By Your mighty pow’r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.**

**△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.**

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Introit**

*Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

**O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**you are my God; I will extol you.**

**Glory be 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.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**righteous and having salvation.**

## Kyrie

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C Amen.**

**357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** *sts. 1, ref, 2–3*

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain**

**ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain**

**3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**  
**P** Let us pray.  
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.  
**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 2:1–5*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**righteous and having salvation.**  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 13:8–14*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

- C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel Reading

*Matthew 24:36–44*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
**C Glory to You, O Lord.**  
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

- 1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”  
The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take!  
Alleluia!  
With bridal care Yourselves prepare  
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”
  
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;  
Her star is ris’n, her light is come.  
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,  
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,  
Hail! Hosanna!  
We enter all  
The wedding hall  
To eat the Supper at Thy call.
  
- 3 Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,  
Let saints and angels sing before Thee  
With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, joining with the choir immortal,  
We gather round Thy radiant throne.  
No eye has seen the light,  
No ear has heard the might  
Of Thy glory;  
Therefore will we  
Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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## Sermon “Who Knows” Matthew 24:36-44

### Apostles’ Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Offering

#### Offertory \*from Divine Service Setting One

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to  
me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on  
the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name  
of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of  
all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O  
Jerusalem.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** ...Lord, in your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to  
you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## 340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*sts. 1–2, 4–5*

- 1** Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.

- 2** A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 4** Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!
- 5** Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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