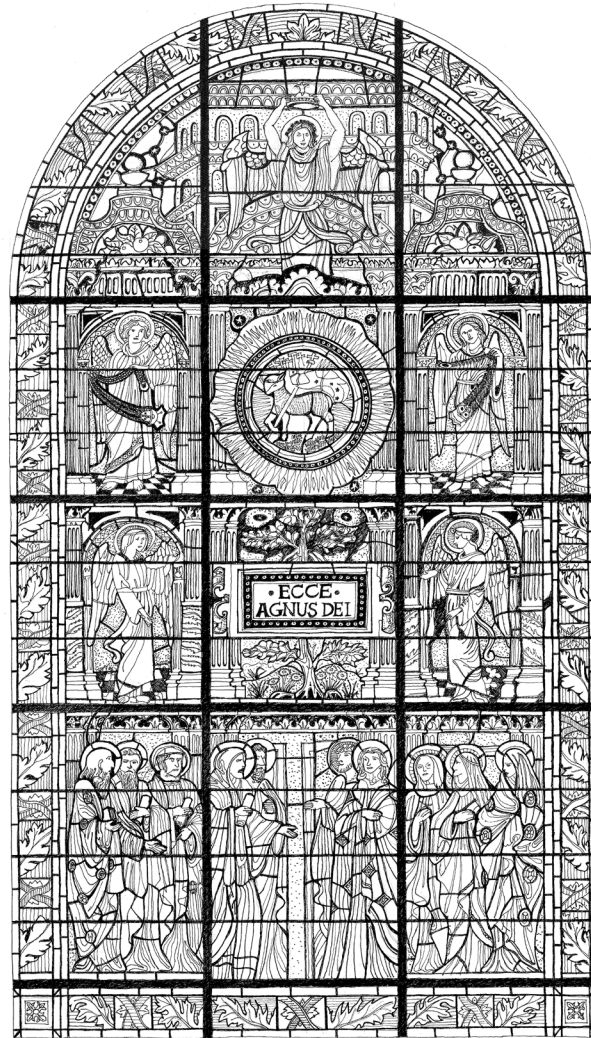


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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I
NOVEMBER 28, 2021 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in D major, BWV 532

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE INTROIT

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might be saved.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Words: Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz Music: Paul Manz. (1919-2009) ©1954, renewed 1982 Concordia Publishing House; © assigned 1987 to Morning Star Music Publishers.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are invited to stand and sing the opening hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 5

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture, with what rapture,
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1758 alt.
Music: *Helmsley* from *Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed*, 1765

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneeling, officiant and people together

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All standing, the officiant says

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The people remain standing and sing the canticle.

O be joyful in the Lord | all ye lands:

*serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not | we ourselves;

*we are his people and the | sheep of • his **pasture**.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise;

* be thankful unto him and | **speak** | good of • his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;

* and his truth endureth from generation to | generation.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,

* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,

* world without | **end. Amen.**

PSALM 50

The people remain standing and read the psalm responsively by whole verse.

¹The LORD, even the most mighty God, has spoken

and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.

²***Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty,
has God shone forth in glory.***

³Our God shall come and shall not keep silence;

there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

⁴***He shall call to the heavens above,
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:***

⁵“Gather my faithful together unto me,
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

⁶***And the heavens shall declare his righteousness,
for God himself is Judge.***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

The people are seated for the reading of God’s word.

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—⁷for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE

Blest Be the King Whose Coming

Valet will ich dir geben

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;
But clad as are the poorest, such his humility!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;
Pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed
The Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
All ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
For he would have us bear it so he can make us free.

Words: Frederico J. Pagura (b. 1923); tr. F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt. Copyright © 1974 by Hope Publishing Company. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) alt.; harm. and desc. Ronalds Arnatt (b. 1930).

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:25-33

²⁵ Jesus said, "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the sermon hymn.

THE SERMON HYMN

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that aye shall last;

And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt.
Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

THE SERMON

Lo! He Comes

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All standing, officiant and people say

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneeling, officiant and people pray

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 SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; ***and grant us thy salvation.***
Endue thy ministers with righteousness; ***and make thy chosen people joyful.***
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; ***for only in thee can we live in safety.***
Lord, keep this nation under thy care; ***and guide us in the way of justice and truth.***
Let thy way be known upon earth; ***thy saving health among all nations.***
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; ***nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***
Create in us clean hearts, O God; ***and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty 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. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. Grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For Foley, our Archbishop; for Mark, our Bishop; for our clergy; for our diocese; and for this parish, that all may hunger for truth, may thirst for righteousness and be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. We pray especially for ...

The officiant adds the names of our partner ministries.

... and for your Church's mission and ministry at home ...

The officiant adds the names of our partner ministries.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the President of the United States and for those in positions of public trust, that they may govern wisely, and striving for the welfare and peace of the whole world, may bring a spirit of respect and forbearance among all nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Mend whatever is broken by human sin; in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured. We pray especially for ...

The officiant adds the names of those who are on our parish prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Grant to all who seek your guidance, knowledge of your will; and to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed, comfort from your tender care. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially ...

The officiant adds the names of members of the parish who are serving on active duty in the armed forces.

Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; give them courage; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Surround with kindness those who are bereaved, [especially...]

The officiant adds the names of parishioners who have recently lost a loved one.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

O most loving Father, take from us all that hinders your access to our hearts. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may love one another as you love us. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps!

André Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning...the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary ... 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over...the time is drawing nigh.

Spiritual, arr. by Andre Thomas (b. 1952)

All are invited to stand and sing the doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

Continuing with ...

HYMN 141 (S. 4)

America

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel. After the blessing, all stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Moscow

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father whose love unknown all things created own,
Build in our hearts thy throne, Ancient of Days.
Come, thou Incarnate Word, by heav'n and earth adored;
Our prayer attend:
Come, and thy people bless; Come, give thy word success;
'Stablish thy righteousness, Savior and friend.
Come, Holy comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.
To thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,
Hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

Words: Anonymous, c. 1757, alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini, 1769

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:



Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Gottes Sohn ist kommen
(Once He Came in Blessing)

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Vestry nominations** are due this Wednesday, December 1. Please visit our website for details: stphilipchurchsc.org/vestry-nominations.
- **The Monthly Men's Lunch** is this Wednesday, December 1, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker Chris Singleton is a former professional baseball player whose mother, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, was shot and killed in the Mother Emanuel AME church shooting. Mr. Singleton publicly forgave her shooter, proclaiming that "love is stronger than hate." Men of all faiths are encouraged to attend!
- **The ECW Advent Lunch** for Every Church Woman is this Friday, December 3, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Our speaker, Charleston native Betsy Cahill, is a graduate of Ashley Hall, Radcliffe College at Harvard University, and Yale Divinity School. Visit stphilipchurchsc.org/events or scan the QR code at right or to let us know you're coming. 
- **The Advent Drop-In** at the Rectory is next Saturday, December 3, 3:00-6:00 p.m. All St. Philippians are cordially invited to join the Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Miller in their home for this annual event—there is no need to bring anything but a festive spirit!
- **Christmas flower memorials/thanksgivings** dedications are due by December 15 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Scan the QR code at right or visit our website to submit your loved ones' information. 

Save the Date:

- **Dec. 7** ~ Noonday Prayer Service in the chapel for Dec. 8 State Supreme Court hearing
- **Dec. 10** ~ Greening of the Church (9:00 a.m.): Plan to bring gloves and clippers (if you have them) and a breakfast treat to share.
- **Dec. 12** ~ Lessons and Carols, Wassail Bowl: Sign up to bring sweet or savory items at stphilipchurchsc.org/events.
- **Dec. 24** ~ Christmas Eve services (4:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist)
- **Dec. 25** ~ Christmas Day Holy Communion (10:00 a.m.)
- **Dec. 26** ~ No 8:15 service (10:30 service only)

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