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# *First Sunday of Advent*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

10:30 A.M.

*Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream*

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# *Welcome to the Cathedral*

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: [www.thecathedral.ca](http://www.thecathedral.ca). Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.  
Dean & Rector



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## *A message to children and their grown-ups*

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school. Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion.

The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is livestreamed so you can follow the worship.

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We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



Cathedral parish announcements will commence shortly before 10:30 a.m.

# The Gathering of the Community

## Processional Hymn

## Behold! The Mountain of the Lord

Text: *Song of Peace* (Isaiah 2:2-6); para. *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781, alt.

Music: IRISH, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, Dublin, 1749.

1 Be - hold! The moun - tain of the Lord  
2 The beam that shines from Zi - on hill  
3 A - mong the na - tions he shall judge,  
4 No strife shall rage, nor hos - tile feuds

in lat - ter days shall rise  
shall light - en ev - ery land;  
with judge - ments true shall guide;  
dis - turb those peace - ful years;

on the moun - tain tops a - bove the hills,  
his king who reigns in Sal - em's towers  
to scep - tre shall pro - tect the just,  
plough - shares all shall beat their swords,

and draw the won - dering eyes.  
shall all the world com - mand.  
and quell the sin - ner's pride.  
to prun - ing hooks their spears.

*Presider* In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples: the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

*All* From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

*Presider* In this time and place, we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

*All* Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come.

*Presider* In this time and place, we await God's transformation of the world.

*All* Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come.

*Presider* In this time and place, we await the coming of the peaceable realm.

*All* Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come.

*Presider* In this time and place, We commit ourselves to work with Christ that all these things may be accomplished.

*All* In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

# The Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Text and music: Michael Burkhardt (1957-)

The musical score is written for a single voice part, likely a Cantor, in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "In this sea-son of long-ing and an-ti-ci-pa-tion, God is at work in the heart of cre-a-tion, of-fer-ing all new life and sal-va-tion: A righ-teous branch springs up! O - pen our eyes to sights, signs, and won-der; o - pen our ears to hear your word; o - pen our hearts to live with each oth-er in hope, In-car-nate Lord!" The score includes a [Cantor] bracket for the first four staves and an [All] bracket for the last four staves. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

**Cantor** In this sea - son of long - ing and an - ti - ci - pa - tion,  
God is at work in the heart of cre - a - tion,  
of - fer - ing all new life and sal - va - tion:  
A righ - teous branch springs up!  
**All** O - pen our eyes to sights, signs, and won - der; o - pen our  
ears to hear your word; o - pen our hearts to live with each  
oth - er in hope, In - car - nate Lord!

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray. (*Silence is kept.*) Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,

*All* that on 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.

## The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

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

## Psalm 122

The musical score for the Refrain of Psalm 122 is written in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single staff of music. The lyrics are: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" The score includes a [Refrain] bracket and a note "from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated". The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

**Refrain** from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated  
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **Refrain**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgement,  
the thrones of the house of David. *Refrain*

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. *Refrain*

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good." *Refrain*

## The Second Reading

**Romans 13:11-14**

*At the conclusion of the epistle:*

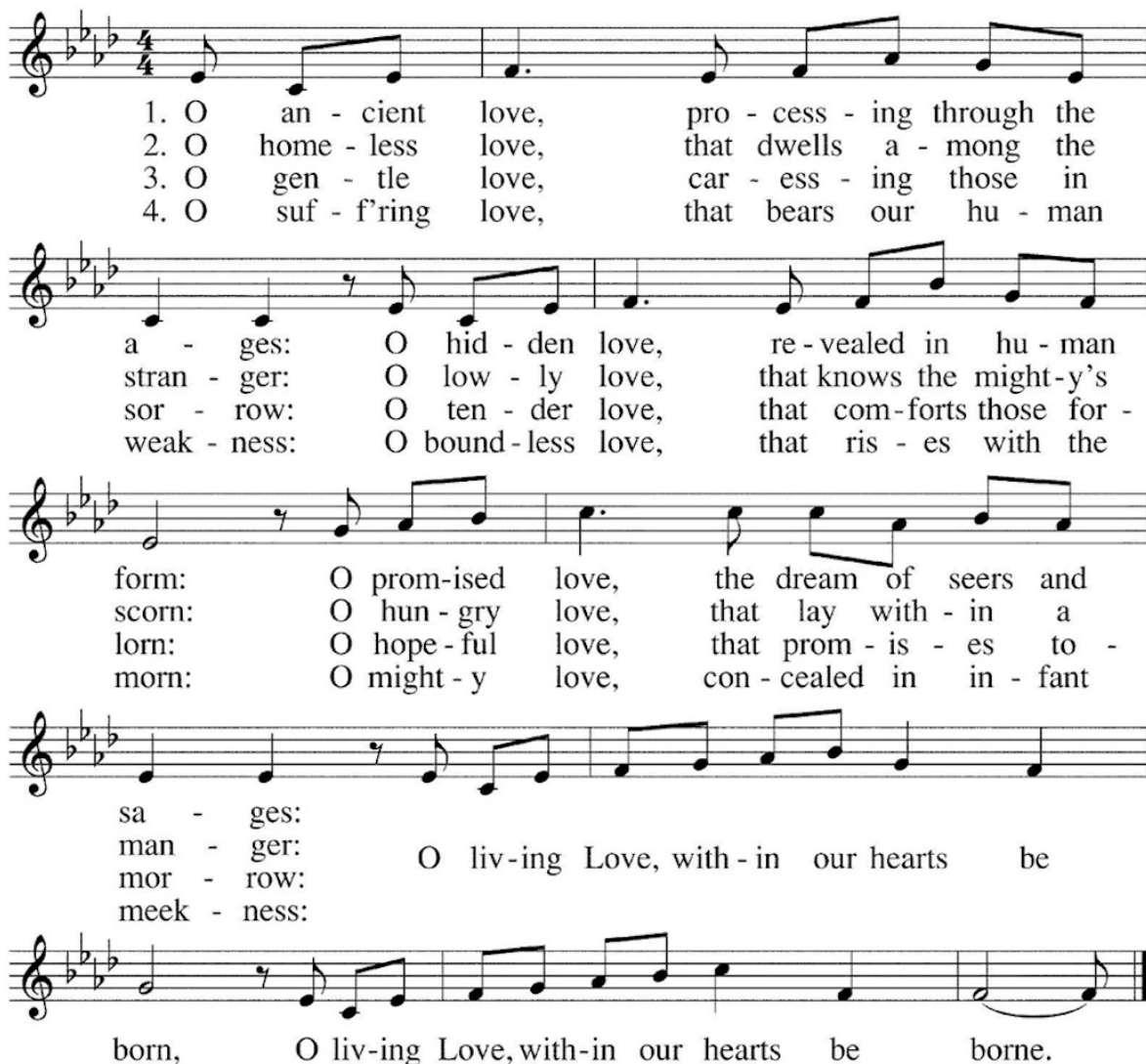
*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*O Ancient Love*

(SNC 36)

Text and music: BEDFORD ABBEY, Michael Joncas (1951-).



1. O an - cient love, pro - cess - ing through the  
2. O home - less love, that dwells a - mong the  
3. O gen - tle love, car - ess - ing those in  
4. O suf - f'ring love, that bears our hu - man

a - ges: O hid - den love, re - vealed in hu - man  
stran - ger: O low - ly love, that knows the might - y's  
sor - row: O ten - der love, that com - forts those for -  
weak - ness: O bound - less love, that ris - es with the

form: O prom - ised love, the dream of seers and  
scorn: O hun - gry love, that lay with - in a  
lorn: O hope - ful love, that prom - is - es to -  
morn: O might - y love, con - cealed in in - fant

sa - ges:  
man - ger: O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be  
mor - row:  
meek - ness:

born, O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be borne.



## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says:*

The Gospel of Christ.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Rob James

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Deacon* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
And became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Litany of the Saints

*All sit or kneel, as is your custom.*

## Call to Prayer

Text: Litany of the Saints. Music: John D. Becker (1953-) Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

**Cantor** Lord have mer - cy, Christ have

**All** Lord have mer - cy,

mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

## Primary Saints

**Cantor** Holy Mary, Mother of God; Saint Michael; Holy Angels of God; St John the Baptist; St Joseph; St Peter and St Paul; St Andrew; St John

**All:** Pray for us.

**All:** All you ho - ly men and wom-en, pray for us.

## New Testament Saints

**Cantor** St Elizabeth; St Mary Magdalene; St Philip and St James; St Mary and St Martha; St Photini; Saints Joanna and Susanna; Saints Timothy and Titus; St Lydia

**All** Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.

## Benedictine Saints

**Cantor** Holy Father St Benedict; St Scolastica; St Maurus and St Placid; St Gregory the Great; St Augustine of Canterbury; St Walburga; St Hildegard; St Bernard of Clairvaux

**All** Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.

## Other Monastic Saints

**Cantor** St Anthony of the Desert; St John Cassian; St Macrina; St Basil the Great; St Brigid of Kildare; St Columba; St Francis and St Dominic; St Julian of Norwich

**All** Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.

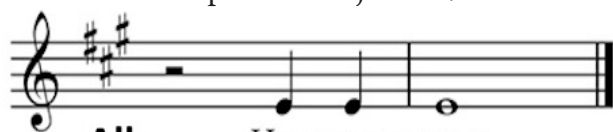
## Prophets of Nonviolence

**Cantor** St Paul Jones; St William Temple; St Hiram Hisanori Kano; St Martin Luther King; St Dorothy Day; St Thomas Merton; St Oscar Romero; St Desmond Tutu

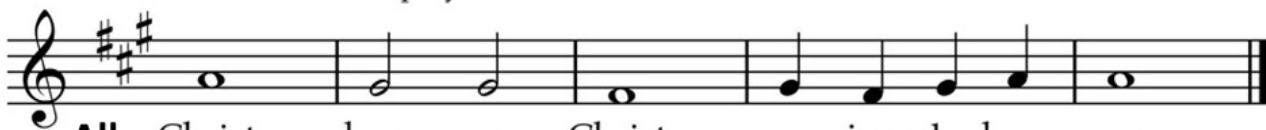
**All** Pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.

### ***Petitions***

*Cantor* From destruction of the climate; that we make work to heal the planet; from thirst and hunger; that we may feed our neighbours; from violence and destruction; that we may work for peace and justice; from fear and isolation; that we may love as a community



**All:** Hear our prayer.



**All:** Christ, hear us, Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

### ***Final Invocations***

*Cantor* Jesus Christ our Saviour; by your glorious Resurrection; by your victory over death; by your freeing of the captives; by your Ascension into Glory; through the coming of your Spirit; Alleluia Risen Lord; Alleluia, Amen.

*All* Hear our prayer. Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon* When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have acted willfully, vented our anger, and sought revenge. Curb our passions, we pray, restrain our violence and hostility. Give us the courage to speak out in the face of injury and wrong. And in your mercy, restore and remake us, that we may act justly, keep faith, and walk in the way of your commandments, in justice and in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Kyrie**

*Messe Basse*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

*Presider* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## ***The Celebration of the Eucharist***

### **The Offertory**

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Your generous gift of any amount matters, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.



## Offertory Hymn

## *“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us*

(CP 110)

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1566-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944- ).

Music: WACHET AUF, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1566-1608); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

1 “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us;  
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
“The time has come, O maidens wise!  
Rise up, and give us light;  
the bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,  
that you the wedding feast may share.”

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing.  
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;  
she wakes and hurries through the night.  
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious  
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
Now come, most worthy Lord,  
God’s Son, incarnate Word, alleluia!  
We follow all and heed your call  
to come into the banquet hall.

3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;  
let saints and angels sing before you,  
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.  
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:  
through them we stream to join the immortals  
as we with joy your throne surround.  
No eye has known the sight;  
no ear heard such delight: alleluia!  
Therefore we sing to greet our King;  
forever let our praises ring.

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son.  
*All* Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## *Eucharistic Prayer III*

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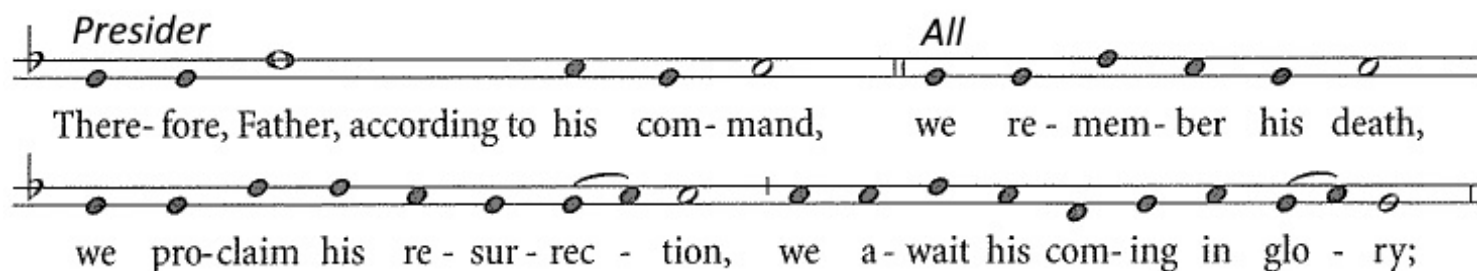
*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*All* And also with you.  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God [...] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with  
angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to  
proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Missa l'hora passa*

Ludovico da Viadana (c.1560-1627)

*Presider* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, [...]



*Presider* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all [...] by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen**

(CP 737)

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

*Ringing of the bell. (x3)*

## The Lord's Prayer

Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

*Found in BAS p. 918*

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ, though we await his coming in glory.

*All* Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Fraction Anthem

*Agnus Dei* (from *Missa l'hora passa*)

Ludovico da Viadana

## The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.

## During Communion

*Rorate Caeli*

Felice Anerio (1567-1630)

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness:  
let the earth open, and let it bring forth a Saviour.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
Arise, arise, Jerusalem, shake thyself from the dust;  
loosen the bonds of thy faith, for the glory of the Lord has arisen,  
and the Saviour of the world reigns over thee.

## The Prayer after Communion

- Presider* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
- All* Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Doxology

- Presider* Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

- Presider* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.
- All* We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]

## Blessing

May the God who calls us to watch and wait, awaken in you the dawn of his coming kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and evermore. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Break, Day of God, O Break*

**(CP 99)**

Text: Henry Burton (1840-1930).

Music: CHRISTCHURCH, Charles Steggall (1826-1905).

1 Break, day of God, O break! The night has lingered long.  
Our hearts with sighing wake; we weep for sin and wrong:  
O bright and morning star, draw near;  
O Sun of Righteousness, appear.

2 Break, day of God, O break! The earth with strife is worn;  
the hills with thunder shake; hearts of the people mourn:  
break, day of God, sweet day of peace,  
and bid the shout of warriors cease.

3 Break, day of God, O break, like to the days above!  
Let purity awake, and faith, and hope, and love.  
But lo! We see the brightening sky;  
the golden morn is drawing nigh.

## Dismissal

- Deacon* Go forth into the world in watchfulness and hope. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Wachet Auf, Ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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**Godly Play** | November 30 | 10:30 a.m.

**Advent Wreath Workshop** | November 30 | 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

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