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Psalm 146. 4-10

Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*choose a child to help.*)

God our Father, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

Amen.

Hymn AM 38. Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

B

Confession and Absolution

A voice cries out in the wilderness 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Sung confession – soli mass.

Silence is kept

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.**

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Reading James 5:7-10

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn AM 46. On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

C

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Creed

**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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
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 and the Son,
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.**

Intercessions

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall
break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

And also with you

Peace be with all worshipping online. Let us offer one another a sign of
Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn AM 40 Into the darkness of this world

D

Eucharistic Prayer A (Advent preface)

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and God of might, heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, your power and might.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens
Blessed, blessed is he who comes, blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour,
Jesus Christ,
and, as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood:

Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way after supper, He took the cup and gave you thanks;
He gave it to them, saying:
'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, Heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of Himself made once upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and, with this bread and this cup,
we make the memorial of Christ your Son, our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Accept through Him, our great High Priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before You in earth and heaven,
we worship You, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be Yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

-Agnus Dei

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Administration of Communion

Video: We have sung our songs

Choir anthem: Laudate 93 Christmas is coming

E

Post Communion Collect and Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit

that when your Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns now and for ever

Amen

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Final Hymn AM 41. Lo he comes with clouds descending

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The Blessing and Dismissal

With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Refreshments

AV Notices