



# First Sunday of Advent

## November 27, 2022

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### Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life. ~ *Faith Lutheran Church*

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*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

### *Keep Your Lamps*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is growing nigh.  
Children, don't grow weary, the time is growing nigh.  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is growing nigh.*

ANDRÉ THOMAS\*

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, people gather for prayers around the wreath.

#### LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

**P:** Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

**C:** O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 240 *Light One Candle*

TIF IN VELDELE

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: Let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel; God fulfills the promise.**

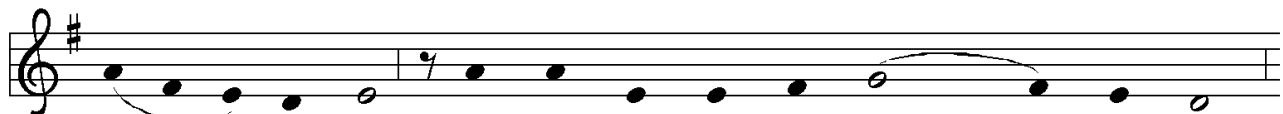
#### OPENING CAROL *ELW 257*

#### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (SING VERSES 1 & 2)

VENI, EMMANUEL



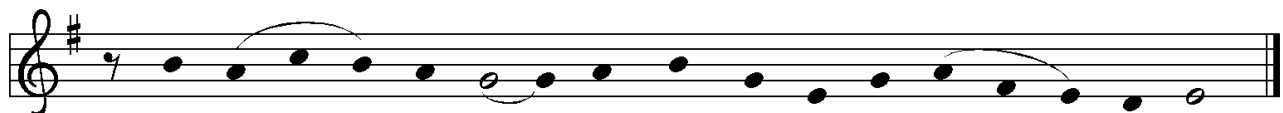
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

P: Testify with honest the condition of your souls. Give defense not for yourself but only the Lord's grace, Which will save you in your time of trial. With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**C: Lord, have mercy on us.**

**We are not ready for your coming.**

**We live in sin, as though there was no justice.**

**We live in fear, as though there was no grace.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

**Show us your mercy and steadfast love.**

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: The Lord is our righteousness. In Christ, we are forgiven. (*Jeremiah 33:16*)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## ANTHEM

### *My Lord, What a Mourning*

SPRITUAL, ARR. SAM BATT OWENS\*

*My Lord, what a mourning, when the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations under the ground,*

*Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the sinner cry to wake the nations under the ground;*

*You'll hear the Christian shout to wake the sinners under the ground,*

*Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## FIRST READING

### **Isaiah 2:1-5**

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

R: The Word of the Lord      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### **Romans 13: 11-14**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The Word of the Lord      **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 247      *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

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**Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.**

**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

## GOSPEL READING

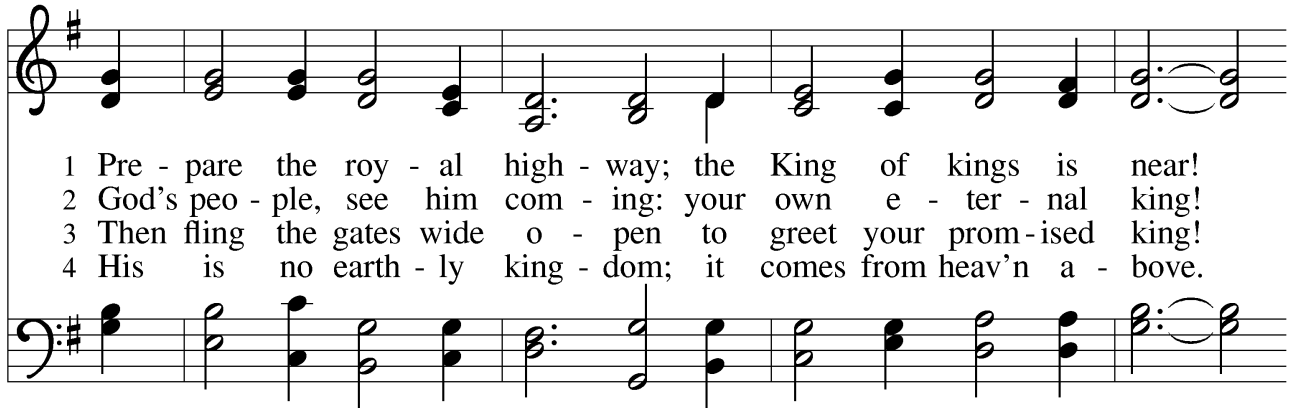
### **Matthew 24:36-44**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

<sup>36</sup>But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord      **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

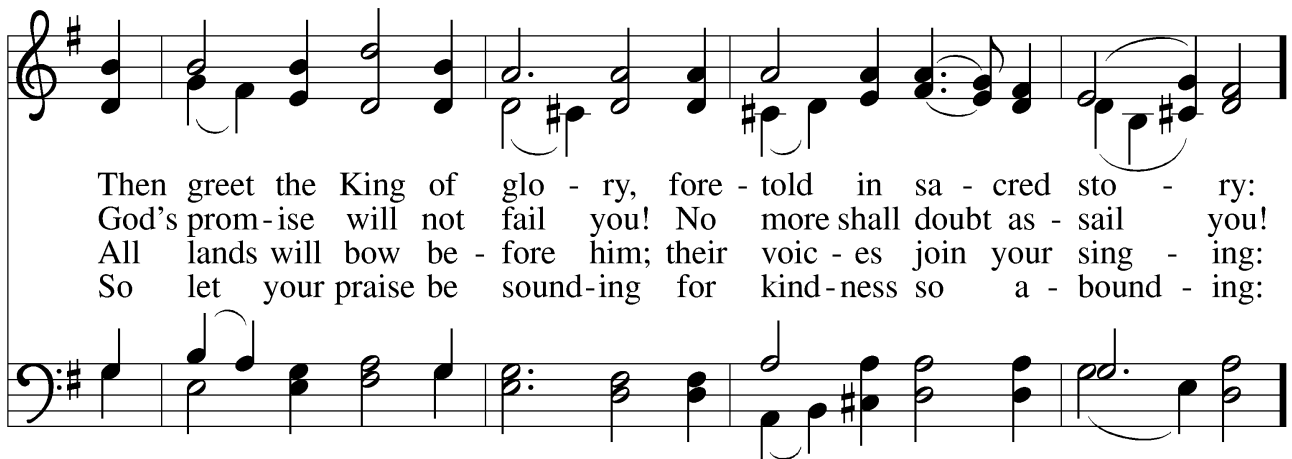
## SERMON



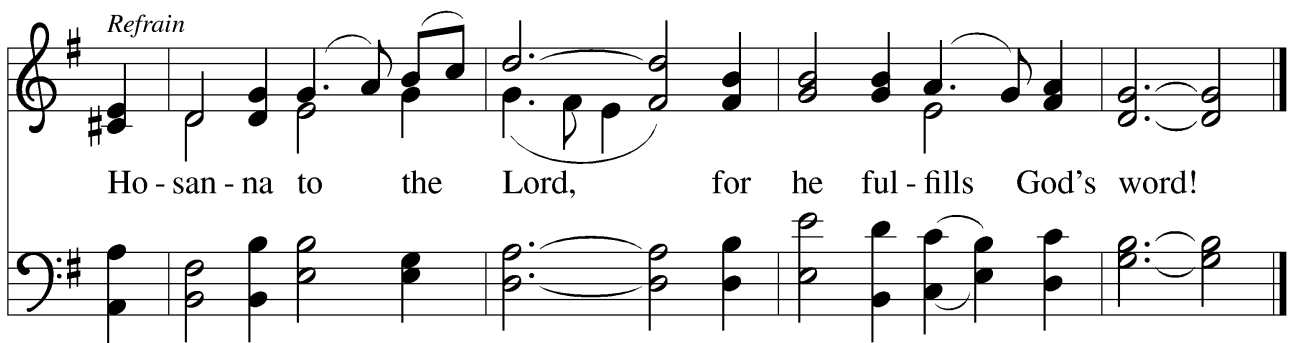
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## PRAYERS

P: Let us pray to the Lord saying,  
In your mercy, Lord, save us.

### *Brief silence*

P: Merciful God,  
You call us to goodness and lead us on right paths  
You encourage us with signs of your coming  
And urge us to keep watch,  
That we might greet you with heads raised high  
When you come to restore all of creation.  
Watching and waiting, we pray for this world that needs your saving power.

P: For nations at war,  
In your mercy,

**C: Lord save us.**

P: For all who suffer from violence, in the streets or in their homes,  
In your mercy,

**C: Lord save us.**

P: For all who live in worry or fear,  
In your mercy,

**C: Lord save us.**

P: For those who have forgotten the way of righteousness,  
In your mercy,

**C: Lord save us.**

P: For those who have never heard of your rescuing love,  
In your mercy,

**C: Lord save us.**

P: For all those who have lost hope, or never had it at all,  
In your mercy,

**C: Lord save us.**

P: For those who are sick and in need of your care (*especially*),  
In your mercy,

**C: Lord save us.**

P: We pray, too, for your church in the world,  
That we may increase in passion for you and your children,  
And work in confidence for your coming reign.  
Now by the power of your Holy Spirit, make us ever more faithful,  
That we may greet you in confidence and joy on that great day;  
Through Christ, in whose name we pray,

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

## OFFERING

P: Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, And grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power,  
Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

(TEXT: ELW 263)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH\*

OFFERING HYMN ELW 294

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.  
~ Christina Rossetti\*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray...

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in God's grace now and forever, Amen.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Faithful God,

in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

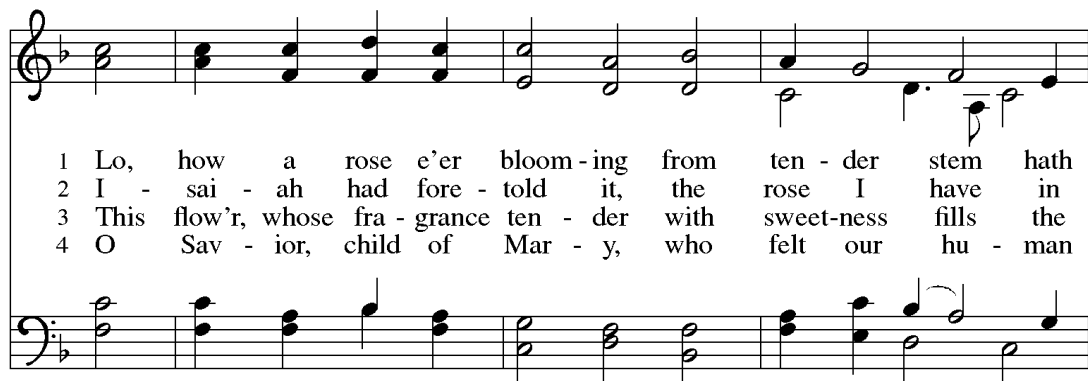
## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

SENDING CAROL ELW 272

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

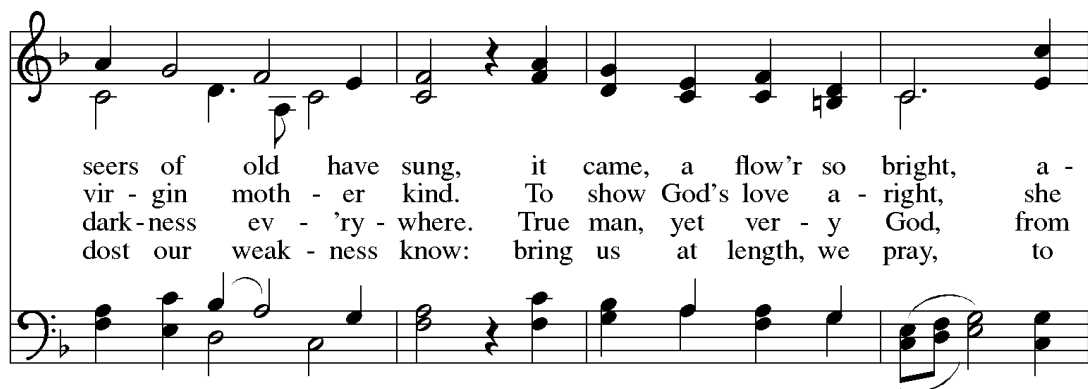
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1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

## BLESSING

P: Hear with your hearts the word and wisdom of the Lord.  
May the God of mercy keep you,  
The Holy Spirit cheer you,  
And Christ + in glory greet you,  
Now and at the day of his coming.

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Keep Your Lamps*

ANDRÉ THOMAS\*

## SENDING

P: Go in peace, Christ leads you to do justice and service in the world.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Reading: Pat Anconetoni

Music: David Buice & Chancel Choir

Ushers:

Video Host: Kathy Brandstetter

Altar Guild: Dallas Presley

Video Tech: Wally Powelson

Fellowship: Community Potluck

### Scripture Passages for Next Sunday

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

### UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Budget Forum: Sun. Nov 27

Budget Meeting: Sun, Dec 4

All meetings Hybrid at 11:00a

**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** André Thomas is the Owen F. Sellers Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Choral Music Education at Florida State University. He studied at Friends University, Northwestern University, and the University of Illinois. Before coming to Florida State University he was a faculty member at the University of Texas, Austin. He is in demand as a choral adjudicator, clinician, and director of Honor/All-State Choirs throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, New Zealand, and Australia. *Keep Your Lamps* is one of his most popular choral arrangements.

This morning's anthem is sometimes titled, *My Lord, What a Mourning*, and is also seen titled as *My Lord, What a Morning* (see ELW 438); the first spelling reflects our awe in the face of God's judgement, similar to the *Dies Irae* of the ancient Mass, while the second spelling perhaps reflects more the wonder and joy of redeemed souls as they meet in resurrection.

The Offertory is an *organ chorale* by **J. S. Bach**; presenting the chorale melody without interludes, Bach uses the harpsichordist's "broken style" (*style brisé*) technique to portray a mounting urgency for salvation as well as a "step motive" in the pedal, perhaps representing the faith that lets us "step out" as believers, as Peter stepped out of the boat to meet Christ on the water.

**Christina Georgina Rossetti** was an English poet who wrote a variety of romantic, devotional, and children's poems. She is best known for her long poem *Goblin Market*, her love poem *Remember*, and for the words of the Christmas carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*, which became widely known after her death when set to music by Gustav Holst.

# ADVENT HAPPENINGS



## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Advent Wreath Making  
and Community Potluck

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

As in the past few years, an Advent Devotional has been prepared with short reflections on the passages used for worship in during the season of Advent. There is one a day from Nov. 27 through Christmas Eve Day. Most of the reflections have been done by members of Faith.

If you receive the weekly email then starting the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, you will get a daily devotional reflection via email. A hardcopy will be mailed to our homebound members. There is also a pdf on the Events page of the faith website. There is also a pdf on the events page of the Faith website ([www.faithseattle.org](http://www.faithseattle.org))

## HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

The Faith Website has a link to a service from Holden and music so you can sing along if you wish. Use these resources to enhance your Advent Season anytime you want.



## ADVENT PAGEANT

Sunday, December 11

During 9:45a Worship

Followed by cupcakes and "Happy Birthday" to Jesus!



## A LAUTENWERCK CHRISTMAS

*Strangely Familiar Music for the Holidays*

Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

David Buice, Lautenwerck (lute-harpsichord)

*Part I: The Story of Christmas; Part II: The Christmas of Story (Liz Story)*

Free-will offering accepted to benefit the Pipe Organ Fund.

**Morning Devos (zoom):**

Mon-Fri. 7:00a

**Bible Study (zoom):**

Wednesdays at 10:00a

**Yoga (zoom):**

Tuesdays at 9:45a

Wednesdays at 5:30p

**Ruth Circle (zoom):**

The 3rd Thursday at Noon

**Women's Book Group**

In Person the 3rd Tuesday

7:15p Location TBD

**Coffee Fellowship (zoom):**

Fridays at 11:00a

*Links are on the Faith Website: [www.faithseattle.org](http://www.faithseattle.org)*

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