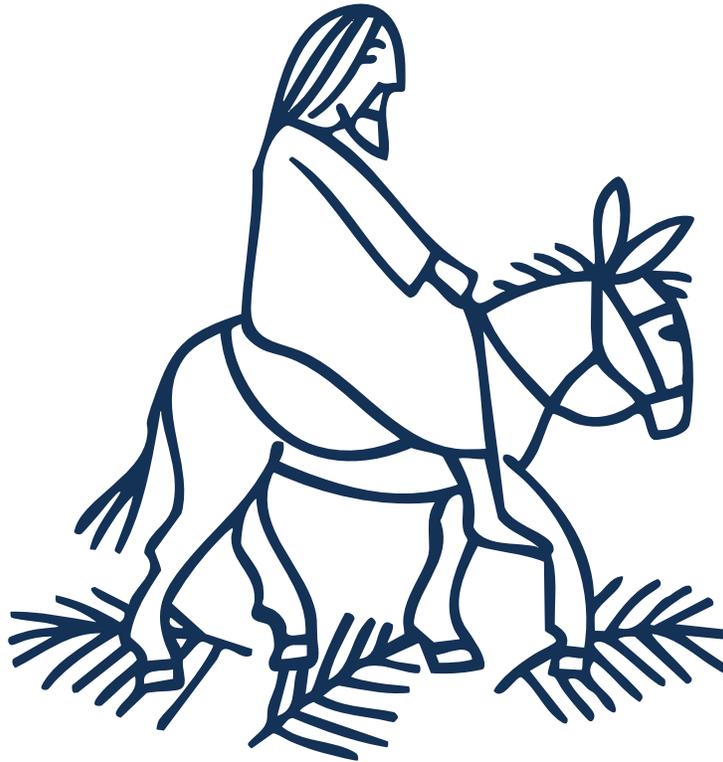




Pilgrim
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Church

Divine Service



November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Opening Hymn

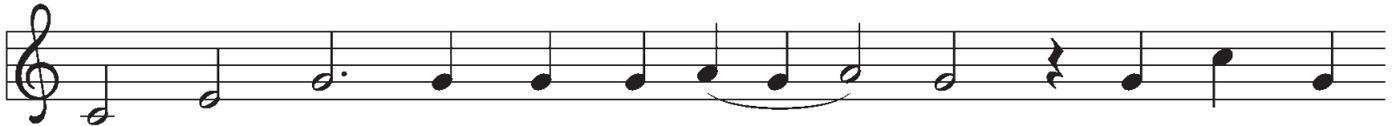
Wake Awake for Night is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



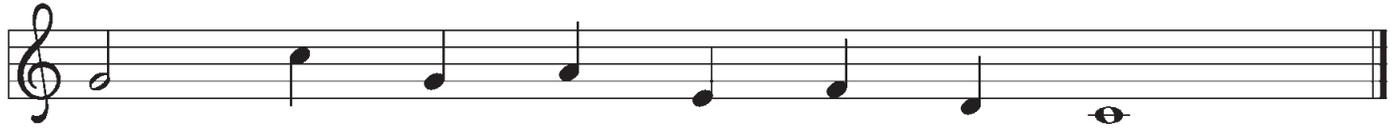
thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Songs of Praise

The King of Glory

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

Who is the king of glory, how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

In all of Galilee, in city or village
He goes among His people, curing their illness

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother
In all of Galilee was never another

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

Hope of the Broken World

In the beginning into the darkness
The Spirit's moving upon the waters
You spoke the words let there be light
And out of the chaos came the promise
The universe rose and applauded
When You commanded the newborn sun to rise

You are the Dayspring You are the Morning Star
Creation's splendor speaks of who You are
You are salvation You are the joy of the earth
Restoration comes the hope of the broken world

Into my weakness into my darkness
Your Spirit's moving upon my heart and
You speak the words let there be light
Into my chaos comes Your promise

The new is rising the old has passed on
You are reviving and making all things right

You are the Dayspring You are the Morning Star
Creation's splendor speaks of who You are
You are salvation You are the joy of the earth
Restoration comes the hope of the broken world

Arise shine the glory of the Lord has risen
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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 2

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

3 and 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 the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and 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 anymore.

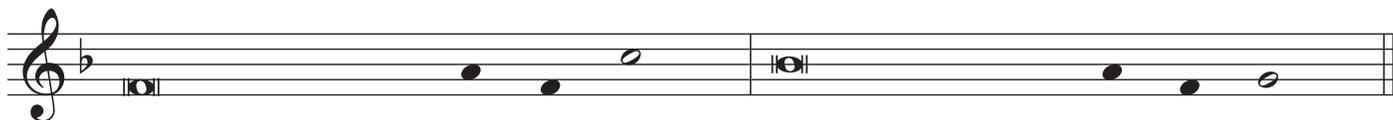
5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

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

Psalm

Psalm 122

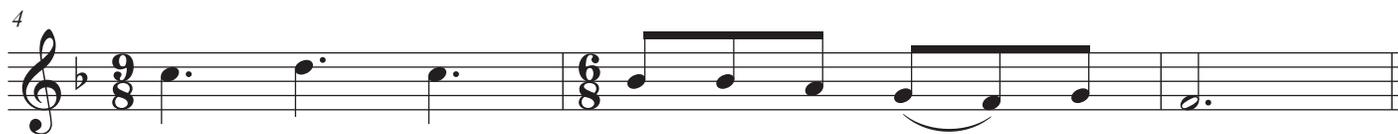
Tone



Refrain



Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.



Zi - on sing; sing out your peace — and joy.

Refrain: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

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.**

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.**

Refrain: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

5 For there are the • thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the • house of David.

6 Pray for the peace • of Jerusalem:

“May they pros- • per who love you.

7 Peace be with- • in your walls
and quietness with- • in your towers.

**8 For the sake of my kindred • and companions,
I pray for • your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the • Lord our God,
I will seek to • do you good.”

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son
and to the Holy • Spirit;
as it was in the be - • ginning,
is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

Refrain: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

Second Reading

Romans 13

11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Children’s Message

Gemma Rodriguez

Gospel Acclamation

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

21 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' "

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Lew Upchurch

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**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**

Prayers of Intercession

Following each prayer petition:

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Offering

The Sacrament of the Altar

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

O Lamb of God...



Ways to Commune

Intinction – Pastor places bread in hands. Communicant dips bread in chalice held by Communion Assistant.

Sealed Cups – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together).

Prayer – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest.

Communion Song

Christ the Lord

Darkness hangs the world is aching
Yearning for the coming light
In His rising hope awaking
Love has come to steal the night
In our hearts true east we're facing
Toward the coming of our Lord
Morning rising gloom now fleeing
Christ returned His word is true

As we wait with hope for rescue
Love descends and all is well
Prophets tell your God is with us
Heaven's gift Emmanuel
He is here but hid as lowly
In the poor and mystery
Where the bread and wine are offered
He is here our God and King

Parting clouds reveal His wonder
Mighty King in victory
Trembling earth and rolling thunder
Blazing sun and quaking sea
Now He comes our King in glory
Saints rejoice and darkness flees
Rising rays of light His chariot
Christ the Lord has made us free

On us now the Son is shining
Lifting us to His embrace
Shame is cursed no more confounding
Lift your head and know His face
Love incarnate breath indwelling
Now in truth is truth made known

We are His and He forever
Is our God and He alone

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Blessing

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Announcements

Step By Step

O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used
Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary*

Sermon Notes



Serving at Worship Today

Preaching & Presiding

Rev. Lew Upchurch

Director of Music

Mary Harper

Upcoming Events



Learn more about all upcoming events at pilgrimsm.org/calendar

'Tis the Season to be Giving!

Help fill the HOLIDAY HAMPERS for the UPWARD BOUND HOUSE (upwardboundhouse.org)
—our neighbors on 11th Street in Santa Monica.

Between **Sunday, November 23** and **Sunday, December 14** Pilgrim Lutheran Church will be collecting LAUNDRY PODS, DRYER SHEETS AND DEODORANTS or ANTIPERSPIRANTS for women and men. *Please bring your donated items on Sunday and place them in the holiday hampers in the Narthex.*

Holiday Bell Choir Concert presented by Concordia University Irvine

Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 PM.

First Lutheran Church of Venice: 815 Venice Blvd, Venice, CA

Joint Wednesday Night Advent Services

December 3rd at 7:00 PM. *First Lutheran Church Venice*

December 10th at 7:00 PM. *Pilgrim Lutheran Church*

December 17th at 7:00 PM. *First Lutheran Church Venice.*

Carpooling will be available.

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th. Please join us in the gym after Service.

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 PM

Pilgrim Giving



Your faithful financial stewardship is as important as ever. We will be creating cards with QR code to access online giving.

Serve at Pilgrim



Interested in serving at Pilgrim? Scan the QR code or go to <https://pilgrims.org/serve-at-divine-service/> to complete an information form. We will contact you when trainings are scheduled for various service opportunities.

Bible App



Scan this QR code to download a Bible app and access scripture, devotionals, and more right from your phone!



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**we are an intergenerational community of
worship and service**
that invites the people of
Santa Monica and beyond
**to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ
through Word and Sacraments.**

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