

NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2022  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

## IF YOU ARE ONLINE

We're glad that you are with us today! We hope that you will share your prayers and participation in the chat during worship. We also hope, that if you are able, you will join us in the sanctuary when you feel comfortable.

## IF YOU ARE IN THE SANCTUARY

We're glad you're here! Please remember that we are still taking precautions due to COVID. Therefore, we appreciate if you will help us care for the most vulnerable among us by doing the following:

Although you are no longer required to wear your mask while in worship, we encourage you to do what you feel is best to care for yourself and others.

When you receive communion, please leave plenty of space between yourself and others. We'll ask you to gather the elements from our communion servers, and then consume them when you reach the wicker basket.

After worship, we invite you to join us for fellowship in the courtyard garden or outside the front doors. These outdoor spaces afford us a lot more freedom than indoor spaces. The courtyard will be great for sitting to chat, the front will be great for standing to chat. You're welcome to stay for as long as you like to catch up with friends.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers who greeted you on the way in.

# WELCOME

## LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

*Please stand as you are able*

Light a — can - dle bright and tall for the Hope this sea - son brings. Hope like  
foun-tains brim-ming full; through our world now let it ring! Shine with - in our hearts to-  
day; come, o Hope, to us, we pray. For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the  
night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: Christ, our  
God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

- Reader 1 People of God, prophets like Habbakuk pointed to a future hope, a Savior.  
Reader 2 No one knew when He would come. They only hoped that this prophet wasn't wrong and that they would recognize the Messiah, the Son of God when He arrived.  
All **We wait with hope for the One who has come and is coming.**  
Reader 3 Today we light a candle of hope. We hope in the One who will come.  
Reader 4 People of God, a new Hope is coming.  
All **We need hope. Thanks be to God!**

## GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

# GATHERING SONG • 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon 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.

All **Alleluia!**

## FIRST READING

Reader The first reading is from Isaiah, the second chapter.

Reader <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!

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Reader The second reading is from the one hundred and twenty-second Psalm and will be read responsively.

Reader <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

People <sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Reader <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

People <sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

Reader <sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

People <sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.**

Reader <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

People <sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

Reader <sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able*

Glo-ry be to God on high; peace, good-will to  
all the Earth. Let us sing a joy-ful song to the Christ, the Liv-ing Word.  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## GOSPEL READING

Reader The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reader [Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“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.”

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

# SERMON

## SONG OF THE DAY • FLING WIDE THE DOOR



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able*

Deacon Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *(a brief silence)*

Deacon Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Deacon Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Deacon Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Deacon Uphold your children who cry out to you *(especially)*. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Deacon Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Deacon Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

Deacon For what else do the people of God pray?

*Here you are encouraged to offer a prayer of our community aloud. End your prayer by saying "God, in your mercy."*

Deacon In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All Amen.**

# PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor        The peace of Christ be with you all.  
All            And also with you.

*We encourage you to share a sign of peace with respect to the concerns and boundaries of others. Giving your neighbor the peace sign and tell them "Peace be with you" or putting your hand on your heart and saying "God's peace be with you" are two of many options for sharing a sign of peace.*

## OFFERING

*God has dealt abundantly with us. We practice that abundance by relinquishing our gifts and wealth as a sign of trust that through relationship, God continues to deal abundantly with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to join this community in mission, you send your offerings to 1550 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125 or give online at [www.cgslc.org/donate](http://www.cgslc.org/donate).*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*



Now we of - fer you, our God,  
Take our life that we may be,  
with the bread and with the wine, all our hopes and all our toils;  
con - se - cra - ted, God to thee. Take our mo - ments and our days;  
we are an of - fer - ing. Oh, God ex - tends an in - vi -  
we are an of - fer - ing.  
ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre - a - tion; where there's wine and light and  
bread, here the feast of life is spread.

Deacon Let us pray. Living God,  
 All You gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,  
 and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and  
 show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe  
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

LEADER: ALL:

May God be with you, and also with you.

LEADER: ALL: LEADER: ALL:

Lift up your hearts, we lift them to God. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is

LEADER:

right to give our thanks to God. It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that

we should in all times and in all places give thanks to you God, through Jesus Christ, the

promised re-deemer and light of the world. And so with the angels and church on earth, we

praise your name and join their hymn: ALL: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly are you,

God of pow-er and God of might. Hea - ven and earth are filled with your light. Ho -

san - na in the high - est!

ALL:

Bless - ed is he who comes in your name. Who was and is and is to come. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from shadows, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace that you have shown your people in your promises; Our rescue from slavery, the gift of sustenance, the memory of the ancestors, the homecoming from exile, the prophet's words, and the fulfillment of Christ's resurrection.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it,  
And gave it to the disciples, saying:  
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you  
Do this for remembering me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is a new covenant in my blood  
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for remembering me.

For every time we eat this bread and drink this cup we are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes:

**All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of Christ, his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly, we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**All Alleluia! Come Lord Jesus.**

Pastor Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the communion of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of your kin-dom, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**All Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit.**

Pastor Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.*

**Our God, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. They will be happy to give you a blessing.*

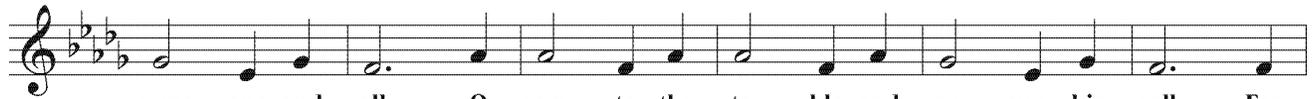
*As you go forward to receive communion, form one line. Please do not remove your mask until you reach the wicker basket at the end. There, you may consume the elements and replace your mask before returning to your seat.*

*Take your time! There is plenty of time. Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.*

# O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN



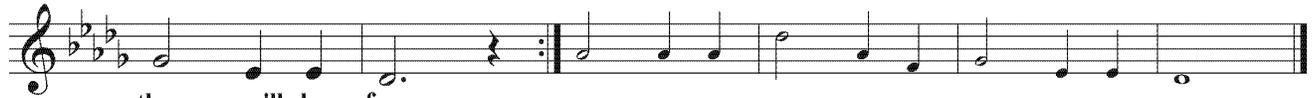
1. O come, lit - tle chil - dren, o  
 2. O come, lit - tle chil - dren, o  
 3. O come, lit - tle chil - dren, o



come, one and all. O come to the ta - ble and an - swer his call. For  
 come one and all. O come to the ta - ble and an - swer his call. For  
 come one and all. O come to the ta - ble and an - swer his call. For

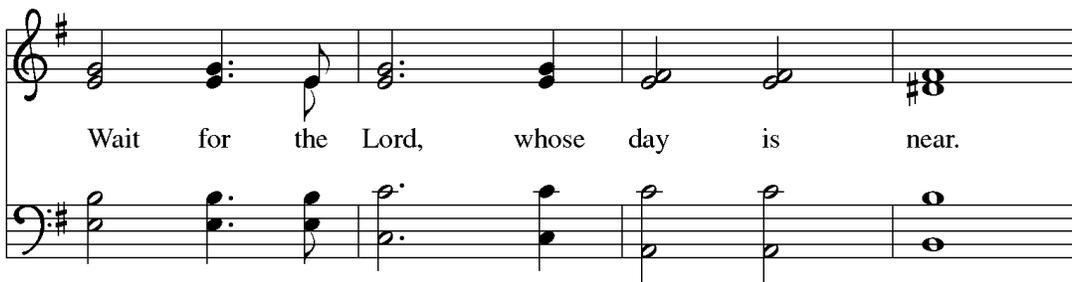


Je - sus is call - ing to you and to me. O come to the ta - ble and  
 Je - sus the lamb took our sins far a - way. O come to the ta - ble, you're  
 Je - sus is liv - ing and gives us his peace. O come to the ta - ble, o

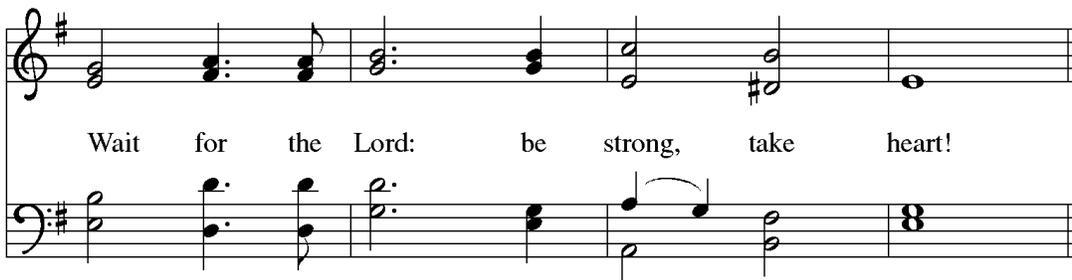


there you'll be free.  
 wel - come to - day.  
 come to the feast.

# WAIT FOR THE LORD



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

Deacon      Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God,  
All            for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where  
                  hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the  
                  resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We share with one another the ways that God is moving in our lives. This is one way that we see God's promises made manifest among us. If you have a need, celebration, or way that God is working through you, we hope you will share it with us.*

*You can learn more about how CGS proclaims, welcomes, and serves by visiting [www.cgslc.org/living-together.html](http://www.cgslc.org/living-together.html)*

## BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able*

Pastor      May God bless you and keep you.  
                  May the new light of resurrection shine on you.  
                  May the joyful surprise of the unexpected Spirit be within you  
                  In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

All            **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG • MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

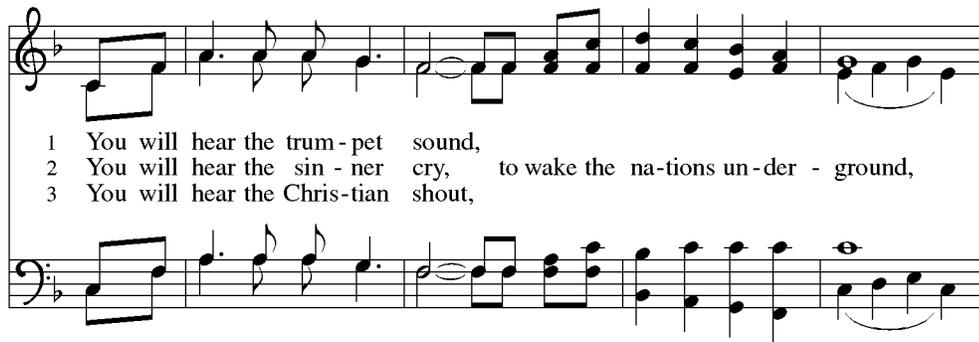
*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

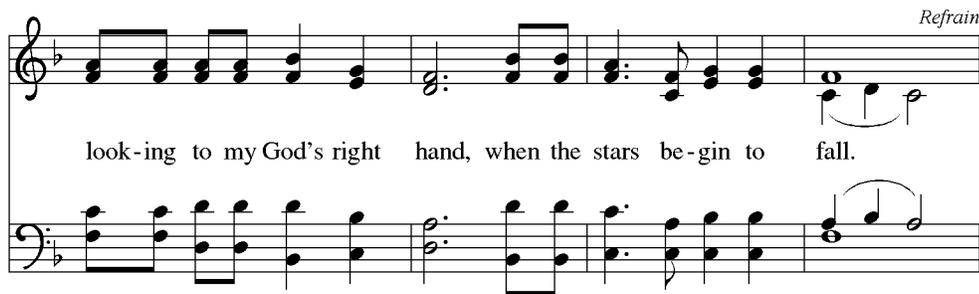


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

## DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
Deacon Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
All Thanks be to God.

**Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

Text: Philipp Nicolai; tr. composite

Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai

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**Fling Wide the Door**

Text: Georg Weiszel; tr. Gracia Grindal

Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J.A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*

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**Wait for the Lord**

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier

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**My Lord, What a Morning**

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual