

November 28<sup>th</sup> & November 29<sup>th</sup>

First Sunday of Advent

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

STUTT GART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in



1. set thy peo - ple free! From our fears and  
2. all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of  
3. child, and yet a king: Born to reign in  
4. all our hearts a - lone; By thine all - suf -



1. sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.  
2. ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
3. us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
4. fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.

Music: Christian F. Witt's *Harmonia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

## First Reading

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

*Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!*

You, Lord, are our father,  
our redeemer you are named forever.

Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways,  
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants  
the tribes of your heritage.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
with the mountains quaking before you,  
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,  
such as they had not heard of from of old.

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you  
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.

Would that you might meet us doing right,  
that we were mindful of you in our ways!

Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;  
all of us have become like unclean people,  
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;

we have all withered like leaves,  
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

There is none who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to cling to you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have delivered us up to our guilt.

Yet, O Lord, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.

## Lectionary Psalm

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O Lord of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted,  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name,

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

# Second Reading

1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

*We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account  
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,  
that in him you were enriched in every way,  
with all discourse and all knowledge,  
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,  
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift  
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end,  
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful,

and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42a, 44

(R.) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love;  
And grant us your salvation.

(R.) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Be watchful! You do not know when the lord of the house is coming.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,

each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,

whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

## **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty  
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*All bow up to and including "the virgin Mary,"*  
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; on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty; from there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

-OR-

## **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of  
all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and  
was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I 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 adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Communion Song

## BEYOND THE MOON AND STARS

Dan Schutte



Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our



hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home



be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels



sing.

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Our eyes have longed to see        | your lov - ing   |
| 2. Your roads have led us, Lord,      | 'cross des - ert |
| 3. Up - on our dark-ness, Lord,       | a light has      |
| 4. With shin - ing star at night,     | and cloud by     |
| 5. When life's great jour - ney ends, | and day is       |



to Refrain

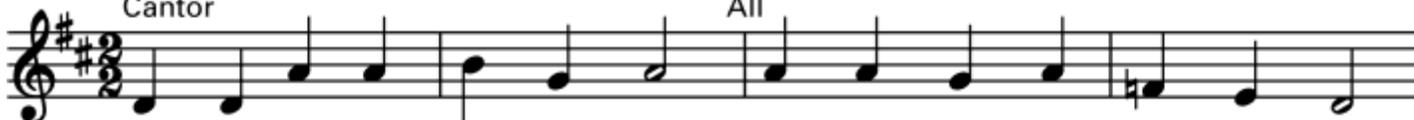
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| 1. face,  | to live with - in your courts | for all our days.       |
| 2. sand.  | We place our hopes and dreams | with - in your hand.    |
| 3. shone. | You chose to dwell with us    | in flesh and bone.      |
| 4. day,   | you brought us here to see    | your love's dis - play. |
| 5. done,  | then may our eyes be - hold   | your Ho - ly One.       |

# Closing Song

## SING OUT, EARTH AND SKIES

Marty Haugen

Verses  
Cantor



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Right-teous One;
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with righ-teous-ness;
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twink-ling star and burn-ing sun;
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up - on the earth;
5. Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a - new;

Cantor

All



1. Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glo - ry of your Son.
2. Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives your love con-fess.
3. God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one.
4. Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth.
5. Come and make op - pres-sion cease: Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy-ful cries! Dance to the life a-round you!