First Sunday in Advent

Holy Eucharist

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2026



Church of the Apostles

COPPELL, TEXAS

The Rt. Rev. Robert Price, Bishop
The Rev. Tim Cherry, Rector

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

Luther

Savior of the Nations, Come!
By the Spirit of our God,
Grant your presence ‘til that day,
When we see your Holy Face.

Thou, the Father’s only Son,
Has o’er sin the vict’ry won.
Boundless shall thy kingdom be;
Soon shall we its glories see.

Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be,
Ever and eternally.

THE WORD OF GOD

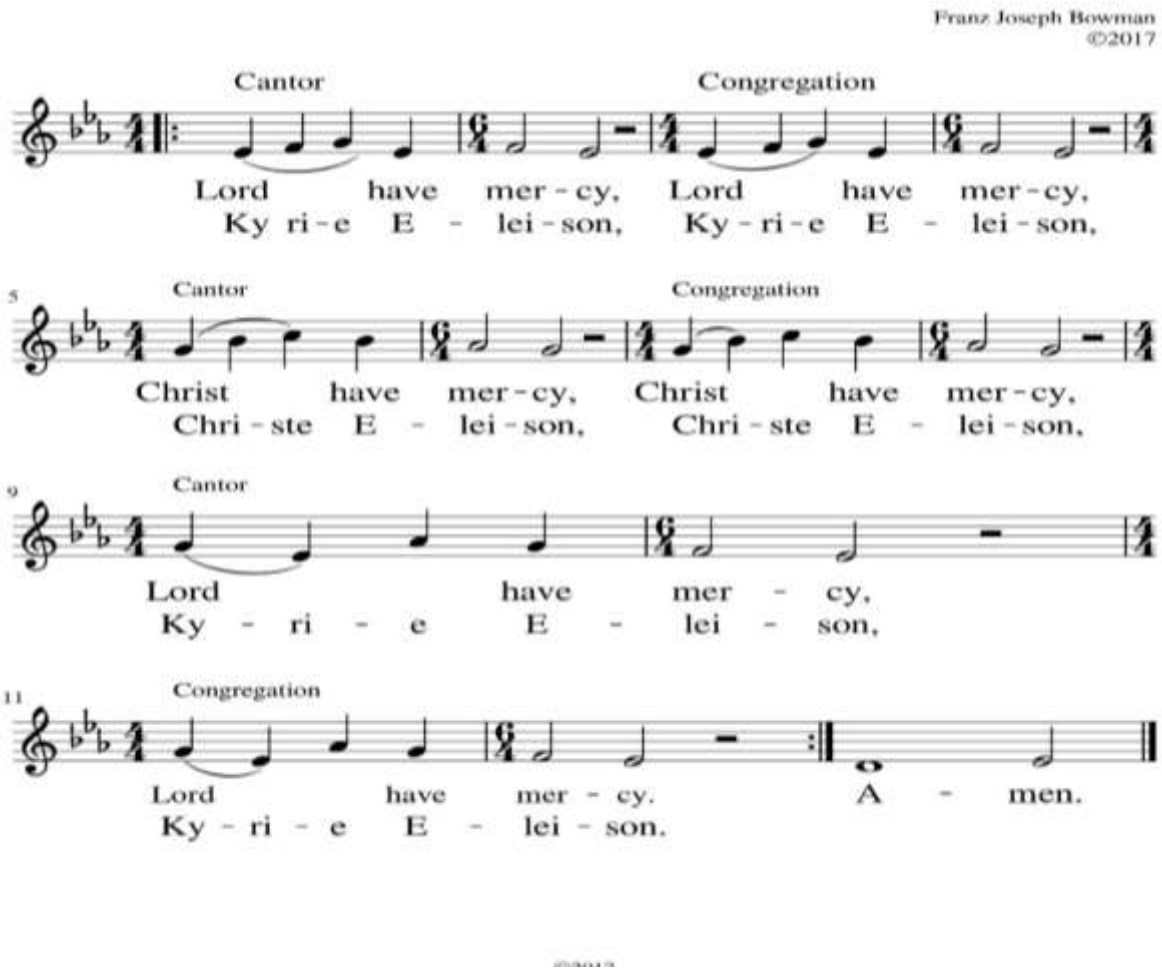
PRIEST Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

RESPONSORIAL KYRIE *Bowman*



THE COLLECT

OFFICIANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**
OFFICIANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

READER **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." *(Mark 13:24-37)*

PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

THE NICENE 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed † eternal rest,
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

With Bishop Price, we pray for those from our Diocesan family still in immigration detention. We pray for all of those on our parish prayer list, and we invite you to lift up other names or needs now, whether you are in person or online… Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *You may add your own petitions… Please pray loudly enough for others to hear and add their "Amen"… (The Celebrant will add concluding petitions.)*

MINISTER Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son *Jesus Christ,* have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

PRIEST: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

TAKE MY LIFE *Havergal*

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE **We lift them to the Lord.**
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn proclaim the glory of your Name:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE **SANCTUS** *Schubert*

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent *Jesus Christ*, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord *Jesus Christ* took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this † for the remembrance of me." … After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this † for the remembrance of me." ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify † us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son *Jesus Christ*. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**.

CELEBRANT And now as our savior Jesus Christ has taught us, are bold to pray *(spoken by all)*

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

CELEBRANT Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
PEOPLE **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
CELEBRANT The † Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All Christians are welcome to receive communion. You may request a priestly blessing or prayer for healing at the altar rail by simply raising one hand.

PEACE BE STILL



He says peace, peace be still
Lifts his hands, peace be still
Like a child the winds obey him
When he says peace be still

He says peace, peace be still
Lifts his hands, peace be still
Like a child my heart obeys him
When he says peace be still

Hear his voice peace be still

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior *Jesus Christ*; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

PRIESTLY BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

ANCIENT OF DAYS *Sadler/Harvill*

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto the Ancient of Days.
From every nation, all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days.
Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;
You will be exalted O God, and Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

PRIEST Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

from our Flower Guild: **Weekly altar flowers may be given in honor of a birthday, an anniversary, or in memory of a loved one!** To reserve a date, please contact the office!

Also, the Guild is collecting donations for the **Christmas poinsettias. Envelopes are on the table by the office.** We will have 15 poinsettias, and donors can take one home after Christmas.

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