

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

AD TE LEVAVI (FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT)
The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

December 3, 2023

AS WE GATHER: The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "*Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey*" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "*The LORD is our Righteousness*" (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" (Matt. 21:9). And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*" (Rom. 13:11).

INTROIT Ps. 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: Ps. 25:1-3a

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.
Let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
For I wait for you.
Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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***COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord and come,

People: that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 24 (responsively)

antiphon: v. 7

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof.
the world and those who dwell therein,**

for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

**Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?**

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does
not swear deceitfully.

**He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient
doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in
battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient
doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

