



The King Shall Come

**HE IS COMING
TO SAVE US**



WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.graceglendale.org> for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Nick Lincoln / Bruce Rademacher
10:30 AM – Dean Rovey / Alan Borchardt

Organist: Michael Wilde

A/V Team: 8:00 AM – Christian Ryan / Jon Scheel
10:30 AM – Eleora Fredrich

Hymn: 302 Prepare the Royal Highway

Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story: (Refrain)

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal King!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! (Refrain)

Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised King!
Your King, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before him!
All nations, now adore him! (Refrain)

His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: (Refrain)

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(Please stand)

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth
is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will
forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have
sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I
have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved
others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and
forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his
innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Absolution

CW 188

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. The prophets all spoke of the

coming of Christ, how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born.

On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died.

On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead.

He then ascended into heaven.

On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

As the followers of Christ we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.

We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

(The candle of Hope is lit.)

Hymn: 512 We Lift the Light of Hope *sung to the tune of CW 512*

We lift the light of hope, O God,
Your presence burning bright.
In praise we sing the gift You bring:
Our hope complete in Christ.
In praise we sing the gift You bring:
Our hope complete in Christ.

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Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day: Advent 1

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1–9

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

²As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JUNIOR CHOIR (8:00)

"Baby Born in Bethlehem"

ADULT CHOIR (10:30)

"The Yearning"

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given
you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every
way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God
thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation: Gospel Acclamation - Setting 3 *Revelation*

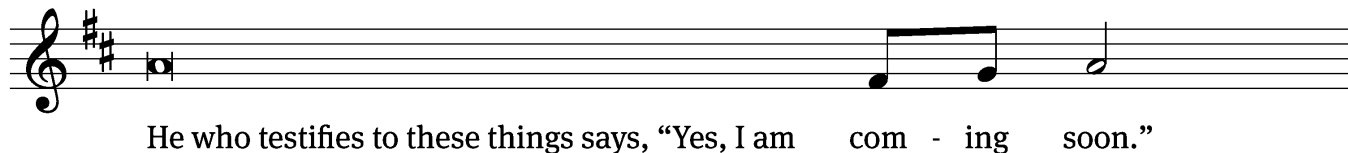
22:20



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel: Mark 11:1–10

Mark 11:1–10

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: 301 Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,
by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh,
woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
of the virgin undefiled,
though by all the world disowned,
yet to be in heav'n enthroned!

From the Father's throne he came
and ascended to the same,
captive leading death and hell.
High the song of triumph swell!

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

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Sermon

Isaiah 64:1-9

COME DOWN, LORD JESUS, AND SAVE US

1. Save us from our enemies.

2. Save us from ourselves.

(Please stand)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

(Please be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Special Intercessions

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Offerings of Love to Our Lord

Please fill out the “Welcome to Grace” register in your pew at this time!

Remember to mark if you are communing.

JUNIOR HANDBELLS (8:00)

"Come to Christmas"

(Please stand)

Preface

CW 199

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

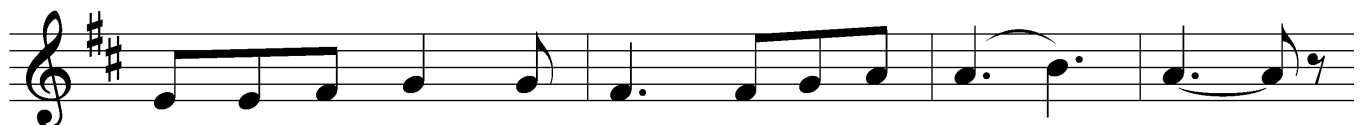
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

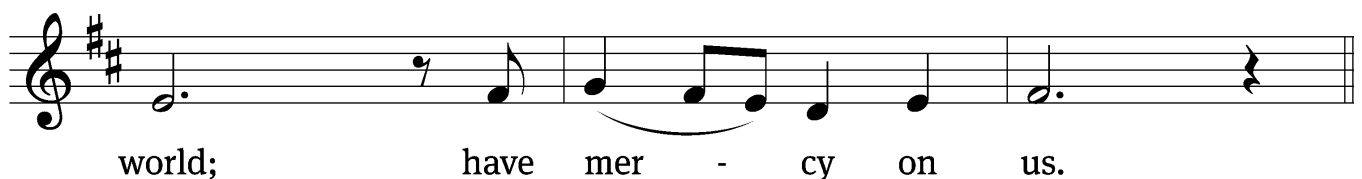
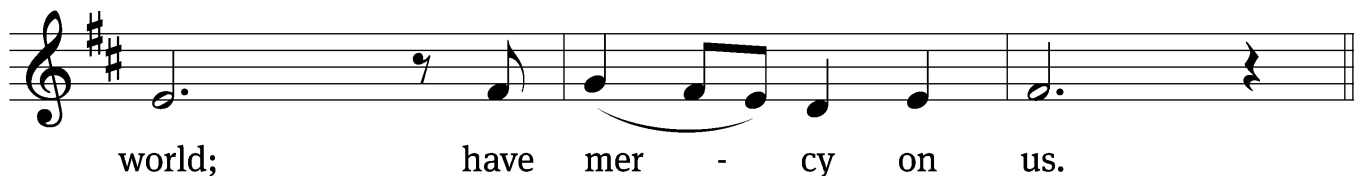
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

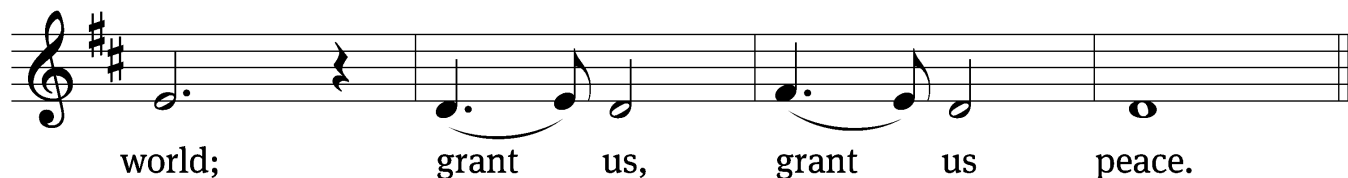
Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202





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(Please be seated)

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 305 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates!

Behold, the King of glory waits.

The King of kings is drawing near;

the Savior of the world is here.

Life and salvation he will bring;

therefore rejoice and gladly sing.

To God the Father raise

your joyful songs of praise.

The King is born in poverty,

his chariot is humility,

his kingly crown is holiness,

his scepter, pity in distress.

The end of all our woe he brings;

therefore the earth is glad and sings.

To Christ the Savior raise

your grateful hymns of praise.

How blest the land, the city blest,

where Christ the ruler is confessed!

O peaceful hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is he
who comes to set his people free.
To God the Spirit raise
your happy shouts of praise.

Fling wide the gates; prepare your heart
to be a temple set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
and new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
for word and deed and grace!

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to you; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with your saving grace;
show me your kind and friendly face.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on
until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
we offer to your name.

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(Please stand)

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Hymn: 309 The Advent of Our King

The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son,
in flesh content to be,

himself a servant's form puts on
to set his servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise
to meet your lowly King,
nor let a faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again
and his true members all unite
with him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone,
the old self all be put away,
the new self now put on.

All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Worship: 8:00 AM – 124 10:30 AM – 152

Sunday School: Adults: 93 – Children: 24

Midweek Bible Class: Tue: 18 – Wed: 7 – Fri: 12

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and December Bible-reading and activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for December 9th will be captained by Jon and Sarah Floerke with Brayden Floerke, Acacia Floerke, Greg and Claudia McDunn, Jake and Merida Oliphant, Makenzie Oliphant, and Andrew Oliphant.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS... Please sign up for altar flower donations by filling out the Altar Flower binder in the narthex. Altar bouquets cost \$35 each. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and place it in the collection plate.

2024 SCRIPTURAL WALL CALENDARS... are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall before Bible Class for \$9.00 each. The proceeds support the Grace Ladies' Aid.

SCRIPTURAL CHRISTMAS & GREETING CARDS... are available for purchase before Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Cards are \$6.00 per box or \$1.00 per card. Proceeds support the ministry of Grace Ladies' Aid.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

TODAY: COMMUNION WORSHIP, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Campus Ministry 11:45 AM

MON - Handbells, 6:15 PM

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

TUE - Bible class, 2:00 PM

Ladies Aid, 7:00 PM

WED - **ABC: Adult Breakfast & Coffee, 8:30 AM**

Public School Confirmation, 6:30 PM

Bible Class, 7:00 PM

THUR - Elders Meeting, 3:00 PM

FRI - Bible Class, 10:00 AM

SAT - **LES Glendale Christmas Parade, 9:00 AM**

Foundations of Faith #4, 9:00 AM

SUN - **WORSHIP, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Celebration of Christmas, 6:00 PM

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP...

ABC... Adult Breakfast and Coffee Group will meet this Wednesday, December 6, 8:30 AM at Village Inn, 9490 W Northern Ave. For more information, please text Pat Walker, at 480-717-0131 or email patwalker1950@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

ALRC ADVENT SERVICES... Arizona Lutheran Retirement Center (1928 W. Orangewood Ave., Phoenix, 85021) will be hosting Advent services on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM, beginning this Wednesday (12/6). The theme for the season is "The Clothing of the King". Services will be in the activity room. All are welcome.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS... Next Sunday at 6:00 PM, Grace music groups will present the Celebration of Christmas service. Please use the insert in your bulletin to invite friends and family to attend and hear the retelling of the Christmas story!



FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Need amounts are based on an offerings goal of **\$947,436.00 by 6/30/2024.**

Week ending 11/26/2023:

Weekly Need:	19,200.00
Weekly Actual:	12,313.29
Weekly +/-:	-6,886.71

YTD 7/1/2023 through 11/26/2023:

YTD Need:	381,500.00
YTD Actual:	364,549.09
YTD +/-:	-16,950.91

Totals include \$4,094.00 from Thanksgiving Service