



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: HOPE

DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

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WELCOME VISITORS!

There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher or Fr. Brian.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

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THE LAST JUDGEMENT

Viktor Vasnetsov

1904

“The artist Viktor Vasnetsov created many religious frescoes. For the decoration of St. George’s Cathedral by Vasnetsov in 1896-1904, a painting-fresco “The Last Judgment” was painted, the first variation of which was painted by him in 1885-1896 for the Vladimir Cathedral in Kiev...

“Colorful scenes of the baptism of Russia on the walls of the temple were balanced by the gloomy composition of the “Last Judgment”. Dark colors with many shades of red, which makes the viewer treat the picture as a serious work and adds tragedy to the image. Denying the existing canons, Vasnetsov painted frescoes in the style of the ancient and somewhat theatrical.

“The plot of the picture is based on the Biblical concept of the Day of Judgment, when people are divided into the righteous and the sinners. The first are awarded, and the second, respectively, punished for their actions. In the center there is an angel with scales, around which the composition is built: below, on earth, the court is ruled, where the righteous are to the left of the spectator, turned to heaven with prayer, and to the right are sinners burning in hellfire.

“In heaven is the Lord holding the gospel and the cross, and next to it we see John the Divine and the Virgin, as well as angels and apostles. The face of God is illuminated by anger against sinners, who in the plot of the picture will burn in the fiery Gehenna, where the Serpent winds. “All are equal before God”, Vasnetsov wants to say, showing the same conditions for the court of Kings and poor peasants. Heralds of the Doomsday – the trumpeting angels, unite the celestial sphere with the earthly one, floating in the air between them”. (*en.opisanie-kartin.com*)

The Archangel Michelangelo standing with scales refers to weighing the souls to determine who went to heaven or hell. It echoes the “sheep and goat” reference to the right-side being the righteous and the left side symbolizing the damned.

HOLY COMMUNION



December 3rd 2023

*Before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet
as we ready our hearts for the Lord.*

“Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending”

Lo, He comes with clouds descending
Once for our salvation slain
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign

Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty
Those who set at naught and sold Him
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see

Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee
High on Thine eternal throne
Saviour take the power and glory
Claim the kingdom for Thine own
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign and Thou a-lone

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THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.

Surely the Lord is coming soon,
Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Immanuel”

From the squalor of a borrowed stable
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Savior of the human race
But the skies were filled
With the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel

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1ST CANDLE

HOPE

Priest: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. Bless us and accept these wreaths of light made from our hands. May their ever increasing brightness be a sign to us of the approaching nearness of your Son, that we might prepare in joy for his humble birth in a manger and be ready to receive him at his coming again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Explanation:

Layperson: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined." — *Isaiah 9:2*

Directions:

Light the first purple candle

Let us pray together:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

“Future / Past”

You hold the reins on the sun and the moon
Like horses driven by kings
You cover the mountains the valleys below
With the breadth of Your mighty wings

Pre-Chorus

All treasures of wisdom and things to be known
Are hidden inside of Your hand
And in this fortunate turn of events
You ask me to be Your friend
You ask me to be Your friend

Chorus

**And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past
And You, You are my first, You are my last
You are my future and my past [2nd Time To Bridge]**

The constellations are swimming inside
The breadth of Your desire
Where could I run where could I hide
From your heart’s jealous fire [*Pre-Chorus*]

Bridge

You are the beginning and the end [x4]

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Isaiah 64:1-9 (Page 623)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-17

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph
like a sheep; *
show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.
- ² Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- ³ Restore us again, O God; *
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be whole.
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angry with your people
that pray?

- ⁵ You feed them with the bread of tears *
and give them plenteous tears to drink.
- ⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us again, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be whole.
- ⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you have cast out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You made room for it, *
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The hills were covered with the shadow of it, *
and the boughs thereof were like the
mighty cedar trees.
- ¹¹ It stretched out its branches to the sea *
and its boughs to the river.
- ¹² Why have you broken down its hedge, *
so that all those who go by pluck off its grapes?
- ¹³ The wild boar out of the wood roots it up, *
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
- ¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; *
behold, and visit this vine,
- ¹⁵ And the place of the vineyard that your right hand
has planted, *
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.
- ¹⁶ As for those who burn it with fire and cut it down, *
let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

¹⁷ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand *
and upon the son of man, whom you made so
strong for yourself.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Page 952)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

“He Will Come and Save You”

Say to those who are fearful hearted,
Do not be a-fraid, the Lord, your God, is strong
With His mighty arms, when you call on His name;
He will come and save.

Refrain

**He will come and save you, He will come and save you;
Say to the wear-y one, your God will sure-ly come,
He will come and save you**

**He will come and save you, He will come and save you;
Lift up your eyes to Him, you will arise again,
He will come and save you.**

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Mark 13:24-37 (Page 850)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

Say to those who are broken-hearted,
Do not lose your faith; the Lord your God,
Is strong with His loving arms
When you call on His name;
He will come and save.

Refrain

**He will come and save you, He will come and save you;
Say to the wear-y one, your God will sure-ly come,
He will come and save you**

**He will come and save you, He will come and save you;
Lift up your eyes to Him, you will arise again,
He will come and save you.**

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THE SERMON - THE REV. BRIAN MILLER

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Joe, our President, Greg our governor, members of congress and those who serve in the courts, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially your servants Archbishop Foley, Bishop Keith, Suffragan Bishop Mark and his wife Cindy, Father Brian, Deacon Nan, Holy Spirit Anglican in Billings with Fr. John and his wife Marji, and for all the clergy, congregations and people of our diocese, that by their life

and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Silence

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world and the Anglican Province of Congo. Strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Silence

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Silence

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be added, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

THE OFFERTORY

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following offertory sentence is said.

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? *Romans 10:14-15*

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

Tho' none go with me still I will follow
Tho' none go with me still I will follow
Tho' none go with me still I will follow
No turning back no turning back

The cross before me, the world behind me
The cross before me, the world behind me
The cross before me, the world behind me
No turning back no turning back

Will you decide now to follow Jesus
Will you decide now to follow Jesus
Will you decide now to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



THE SANCTUS

“Holy”


Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of hosts
Hea - ven and earth
Are full of your glo - ry
Hosanna__ in the highest.
Bless - ed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna__ in the highest.
Hosanna__ in the highest.

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify,  with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." 🕯

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." 🕯

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled[†] with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray

**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.**

THE FRACTION

The Breaking of the Bread

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

“Agnus Dei”

Lamb of God, You
Take a-way the
sins of the world
Have mer-cy on us **[Repeat]**

Lamb of God, You
Take a-way the
Sins of the world,
Grant__ us__ peace,
Grant__ us__ peace.

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“End of Exile”

The Maker of the sun and moon
The Maker of our earth
Has made an even greater move
Himself is brought to birth

How blessed was all creation then
What heavenly release
When Christ to heal our broken hearts
Brought righteousness and peace

Chorus

Glorious miracle
Here is the end of exile
God the invisible
Flooding the world with light

No star in all the heights of heaven
But burned to see Him go
Yet unto earth alone was given
His human form to know

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His human form that we denied
Took death for human sin
Overcame the great divide
Let resurrection in

Chorus

Glorious miracle
Here is the end of exile
God the invisible
Flooding the world with light

O perfect love eternal light
Igniter of the stars
Descend upon the world tonight
And heal our broken hearts

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“Glorious”

All of my hope has been founded in You
I’m hidden inside of Your hands
This light will not flicker I’m burning for You
I trust You with all that I am

Chorus

Glorious, all I can do is sing
Glorious, so worthy and true
Glorious, I’m hidden inside of Your hands

All of my weakness is met by Your grace
The empowering presence to change
In every season more scales fall away
I’m catching new sides of Your face **[Chorus]**

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

MILESTONES| CLERGY BLESSING| JESUS SIGHTINGS

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that e'er shall last;

And let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings.

Music: St. Stephen Words: Greek; trans. John Brownlie, 1907

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!