



# CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN VIENNA

ADVENT SUNDAY  
27 NOVEMBER 2022

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"*  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## HYMN 50

- 1 **The advent of our King  
our prayers must now employ,  
and we must hymns of welcome sing  
in strains of holy joy.**
- 2 **The everlasting Son  
incarnate deigns to be;  
himself a servant's form puts on,  
to set his servants free.**
- 3 **Daughter of Sion, rise  
to meet thy lowly King;  
nor let thy faithless heart despise  
the peace he comes to bring.**
- 4 **As judge, on clouds of light,  
he soon will come again,  
and his true members all unite  
with him in heaven to reign.**
- 5 **All glory to the Son  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever One,  
through all eternity.**

## GREETING

In the name of the living God: Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.*

## LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

*The service continues with the Prayer of Preparation.*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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 COMMANDMENTS

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people and examine your hearts. God spake these words and said:

I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt have none other gods but me.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image,  
nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,  
or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.  
Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.  
For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,

and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children  
unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,  
and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me  
and keep my commandments.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain  
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.  
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do;  
but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

In it thou shalt do no manner of work,  
thou, and thy son, and thy daughter,  
thy manservant, and thy maidservant,  
thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates.  
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that in them is,  
and rested the seventh day:  
wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour thy father and thy mother  
that thy days may be long in the land  
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,**

**and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,  
thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant,  
nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

#### **CONFESSION**

*The officiant uses an invitation to confession.*

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## COLLECT

*The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.*

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 122*

**I was glad when they / said to / me:**

**'Let us / go · to the / house · of the / Lord.'**

**And now our / feet are / standing:**

**with-/-in your / gates · O Je-/-rusalem;**

**† Jerusalem which is / built · as a / city:**

**where the / pilgrims / gather · in / unity.**

**There the tribes go up the / tribes · of the / Lord:**

**as he commanded Israel \***

**to give / thanks · to the / name · of the / Lord.**

**There are set / thrones of / judgement:**

**the / thrones · of the / house of / David.**

**O pray for the / peace · of Je-/-rusalem:**

**may / those who / love you / prosper.**

**Peace be with-/-in your / walls:**

**and pros-/-peri-ty / in your / palaces.**

**For the sake of my brothers / and com-/-panions:**

**I will / pray that / peace be / with you.**

**For the sake of the house of the / Lord our / God:**

**I will / seek / for your / good.**

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:**

**and / to the / Holy / Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be:**

**world without / end./ A-/-men.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Romans 13:11-14*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 30**

- 1 **Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.**
- 2 **Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**
- 3 **Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
- 4 **By thy own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone:  
by thy all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 24:36-44*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## CREED

*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,  
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 worshipped 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*A member of the congregation offers prayers.*

## PEACE

*The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN 595

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**
- 3 **Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**
- 4 **Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 5 **High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## EUCHARIST

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,

we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory,

for ever praising you and *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.]**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you 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.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **INVITATION**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.  
**Amen.**

*The celebrant distributes communion.*

### **HYMN 663**

- 1 **Dearest Jesu, we are here,  
at thy call, thy presence owning;  
pleading now in holy fear  
that great sacrifice atoning:  
Word incarnate, much in wonder  
on this mystery deep we ponder.**
- 2 **Jesu, strong to save — the same  
yesterday, today, for ever —  
make us fear and love thy name,  
serving thee with best endeavour:  
in this life, O ne'er forsake us,  
but to bliss hereafter take us.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*The celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;

...and the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **HYMN 41**

- 1 **Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.**
- 2 **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,  
shall the true Messiah see.**
- 3 **Those dear tokens of his passions  
till his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!**
- 4 **Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,**

**claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium in G Minor*  
Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

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