



St. Paul's

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 30, 2025 · 9:45 a.m.

Prelude An Old Noel: Theme and Canzona

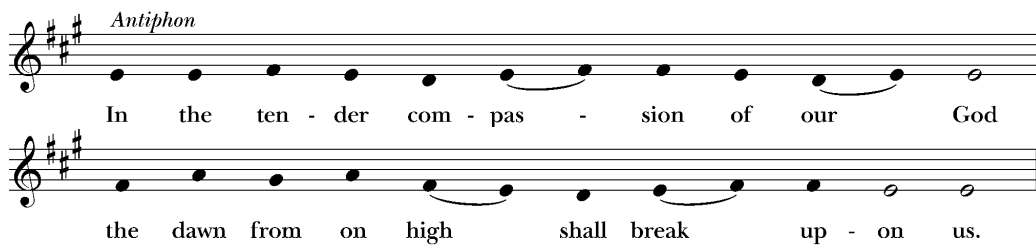
Tim Tikker

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introit #S-248 Canticle 16—The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

The Choir introduces the Antiphon, and then the Choir and Congregation sing the antiphon together.

Then, the Choir sings the canticle, and the People are invited to join in singing the antiphon where indicated.



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life. **[Antiphon]**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. **[Antiphon]**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom: now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as they are able. Silence is kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

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.**

Kyrie eleison #S-86

New Plainsong

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -
le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

All are seated.

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE FIRST LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 550.

In our first lesson the prophet Isaiah sets forth a majestic vision of a time when people throughout the world will worship the Lord and live in peace with one another.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

Please join the Choir in singing the psalm.



- 1 I was glad when they said to / me, *
"Let us go to the house of the / LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are / standing *
within your gates, O Je/rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city *
that is at unity with it/self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the / LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the / LORD.
- † 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
the thrones of the house of / David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jer/usalem: *
"May they prosper who / love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls *
and quietness within your / towers.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and com/panions, *
I pray for your pros/perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our / God, *
I will seek to do you / good."

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

All are seated.

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE SECOND LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 923.

In our second lesson Paul urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #73 The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

YOU MAY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE GOSPEL IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGE 806.

In our gospel lesson Jesus tells his disciples of the need for readiness because the Son of Man will come at a day and hour which no one knows.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev'd David Sibley

The sermon is followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as you are able.

**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.**

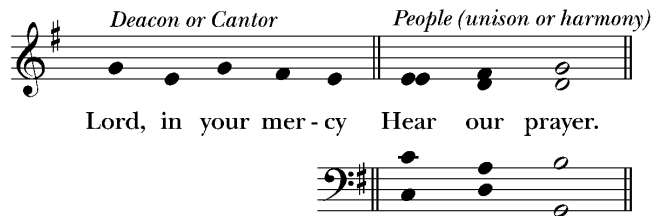
Prayers of the People

A cantor introduces the prayers singing: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The choir and congregation hum a drone as the lector then leads the prayers. After each petition, the cantor sings "Lord in your mercy" to which the people sing in response "Hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Gretchen, our Bishop, and Sean, our Presiding Bishop. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Anglican Church of Australia. We pray for the Diocese of Spokane, especially for the Episcopal Migration Ministries.

Silence



Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Donald, our President, Bob, our Governor, for legislators, judges, and all in public service.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

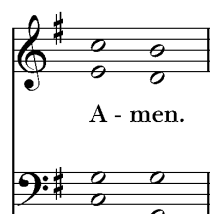
Cantor Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Cantor Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. After the collect, the congregation sings:



The Peace

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Thank you for your support of St. Paul's.

Thank you for your generous support of God's work at St. Paul's. At each worship service, an offering of money is received as an expression of gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. We invite you to give generously by scanning the code at right, by visiting give.stpaulsww.org, or by texting STPAULSWW to 73256. Together our gifts make the work of Jesus Christ in this community possible. Thank you for your generosity.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem Hark, what a sound

Highwood

Offertory Hymn #61 "Sleepers, wake!" a voice astounds us

Wachet auf

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...

The Celebrant continues, offering our thanks for God's work in creation and for God's revelation to God's people throughout the ages. Then the Celebrant says:

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:

Celebrant and People

New Plainsong

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

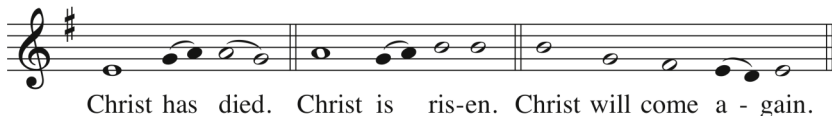
The Celebrant recounts before God how we were made in love and for love, and how, when we fell away from God's purposes, Jesus Christ lived among us to reconcile us to God. The prayer continues, recounting and remembering the Lord's institution of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the last supper to feed God's faithful people throughout this life and in the ages to come.

Then the Celebrant says:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Music for Celebration



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

The Celebrant voices our prayer that the Holy Spirit will descend upon our offerings of bread and wine so that they may be for us Christ's Body and Blood. We also pray that the Holy Spirit will also descend upon us, filling our hearts with God's presence as we prepare to receive them.

The Celebrant concludes:

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Music for Celebration

Celebrant and People



The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem #S-154 Christ our Passover

New Plainsong

Celebrant and People

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to God's table.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion, may cross their arms over their chests to receive a blessing.

*If you would like to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the clergy after the liturgy;
it would be our joy to walk with you as you enter into life in the body of Christ.*

Following the invitation the congregation may be seated and then come forward at the direction of the ushers.

All wafers used for Holy Communion are gluten free.

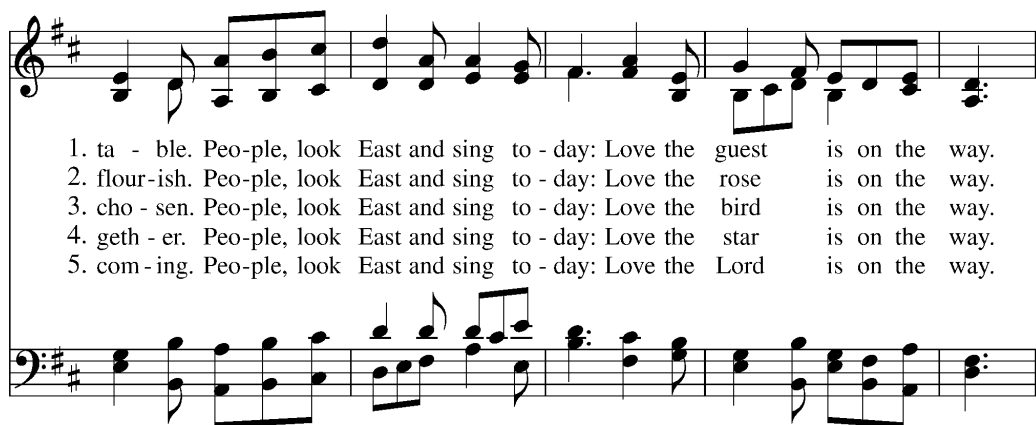
Communion Voluntary Wachtet auf

Johann Sebastian Bach

Communion Hymn #WLP-724 People, look East

Besançon Carol

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to
1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Birthday; Anniversary; Milestone Prayer

Any worshipper with a birthday, anniversary, or milestone to mark is invited to come forward at this time.

Offerings are accepted to benefit outreach ministries at St. Paul's, however, no offering is necessary to come forward for prayer.

**O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor on your servants in the journey of *their* lives.
 Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the
 days of *their* lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon offers a Dismissal.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession Lo! he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

1. Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him,
 3. Those dear tok - ens of his pas - ion thee,
 4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee,

once for fav - ored sin - ers slain
 robed in dread - ful maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bo - dy bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints a - tend - ing him,
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sa - vior tale the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced, and his nailed him tree,
 to and his ran - somed ers;
 claim the king - dom for ship thine own:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 O come quick - ly! O come quick - ly!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 O come quick - ly! Thou shalt reign and thou a - lone.

Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Johann Sebastian Bach

*We warmly welcome you to join us for a Potluck Brunch in Campbell Hall following our service,
 and, if you're visiting for the first time, we'd love to get to know you!*

We believe Jesus when he says that by his life, death, and resurrection, "I will draw all people to myself."

Following his example, St. Paul's warmly invites all people - of all ages, races, means, politics, sexual orientations, and gender identities - to grow as Jesus' disciples together with us and fully participate in our church's sacramental life.

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Hymn #73 The King shall come when morning dawns from *The Hymnal 1982*. Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones (1726-1800).

Prayers of the People #S-108 from *The Hymnal 1982*. Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950). © 1982, David Hurd.

Offertory Anthem—Hark what a sound from *Common Praise*, #28. *Highwood*, Frederic W.H. Myers (1843-1901), Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938).

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Sursum corda #S-120 Lift up your hearts from *The Hymnal 1982*. Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950).

Sanctus #S-124 Holy, holy, holy Lord from *The Hymnal 1982*. Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950). © 1981, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

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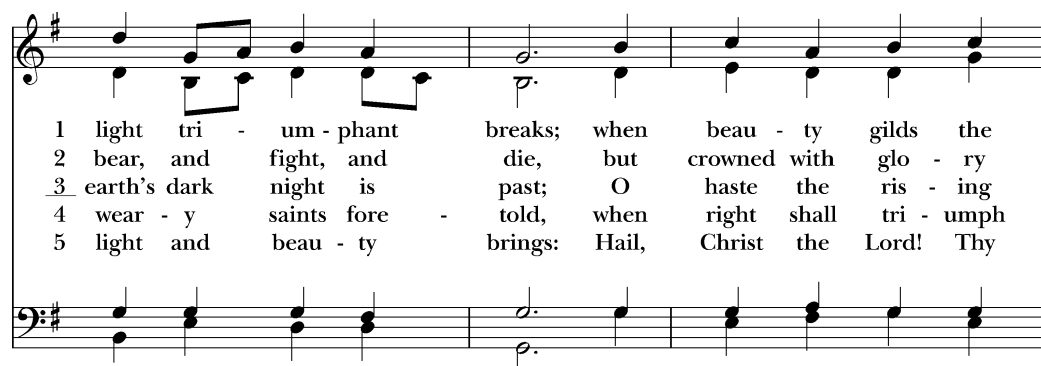
Hymn in Procession—Lo! he comes with clouds descending from *The New English Hymnal*, #9. Music: *Helmsley*.

Hymn #73 The King shall come when morning dawns

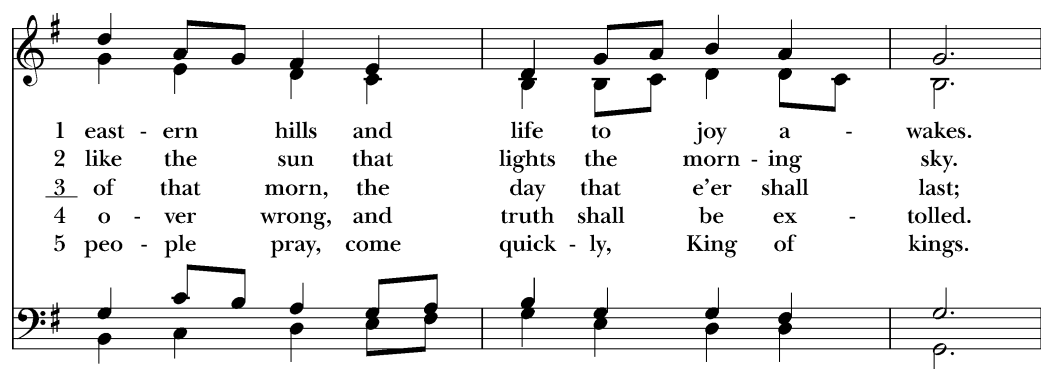
St. Stephen



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



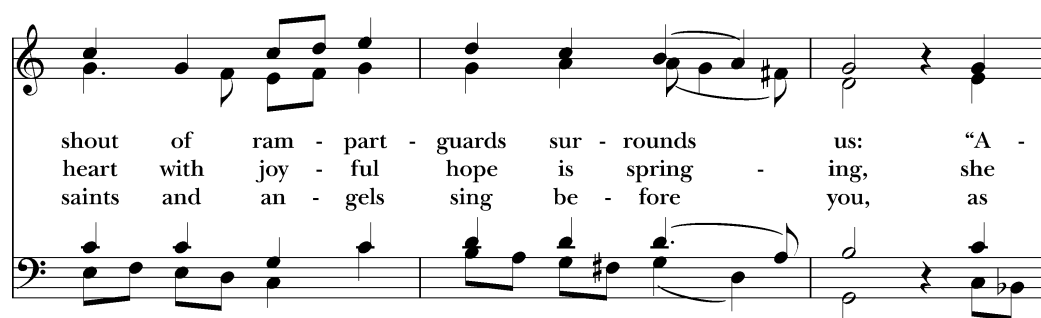
1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Offertory Hymn #61 "Sleepers, wake!" a voice astounds us

Wachet auf



1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let



shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star has is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.