

WELCOME!
Trinity Lutheran Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 1, 2024

- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Roxanne Groff***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

- **Lighting The Advent Wreath**

R: O Come, O Come Emmanuel,

C: Into the dimness of our lives.

R: With Daniel, we hope in God.

(light candle 1)

**C: We light this candle in the hope of
your coming.**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Gracious God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: We confess to you and to our siblings in Christ that we have made decisions which have caused harm to you and our neighbors. We have put our selfish desires ahead of the needs of others. We have sought comfort in worldly things and forgotten you.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: For these and for all the ways in which we have fallen short, forgive us. Lead us back into a right relationship with you, our neighbors, and all of creation.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Beloved of God, I bring you good news of great joy for all people, for in Jesus Christ, all things are made new. For his sake, God forgives us all our sin and calls us into abundant life. Receive this gift with joy, in Jesus name.

C: Amen

*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

My Lord, What a Morning

WOV 627



Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.**

**1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.**

Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.**

**2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.**

Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.**

**3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.**

Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

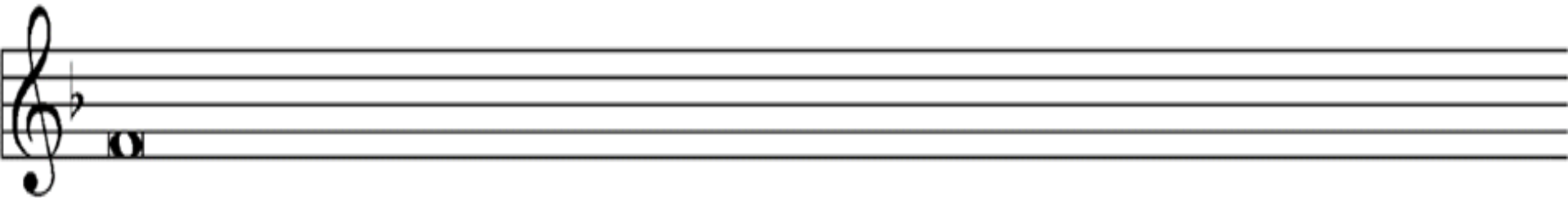


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Almighty God, help us trust in you when we encounter challenges that seem impossible. Grant us the strength to stand firm in your truth, and be our refuge in times of adversity. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen



• **Scripture Reading**

**L: Our scripture reading is from
Daniel, Chapter 6.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions.

⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.”

⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. ¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.

¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

approached the king and said concerning the interdict, “O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?” The king answered, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³Then

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

they responded to the king, “Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.”

¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

conspirators came to the king and said to him, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!” ¹⁷A

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. ¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?”

²¹Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.”²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.²⁴ The king gave a command, and those who had

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world:

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

“May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end.

- **Daniel 6:6-27**

²⁷He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

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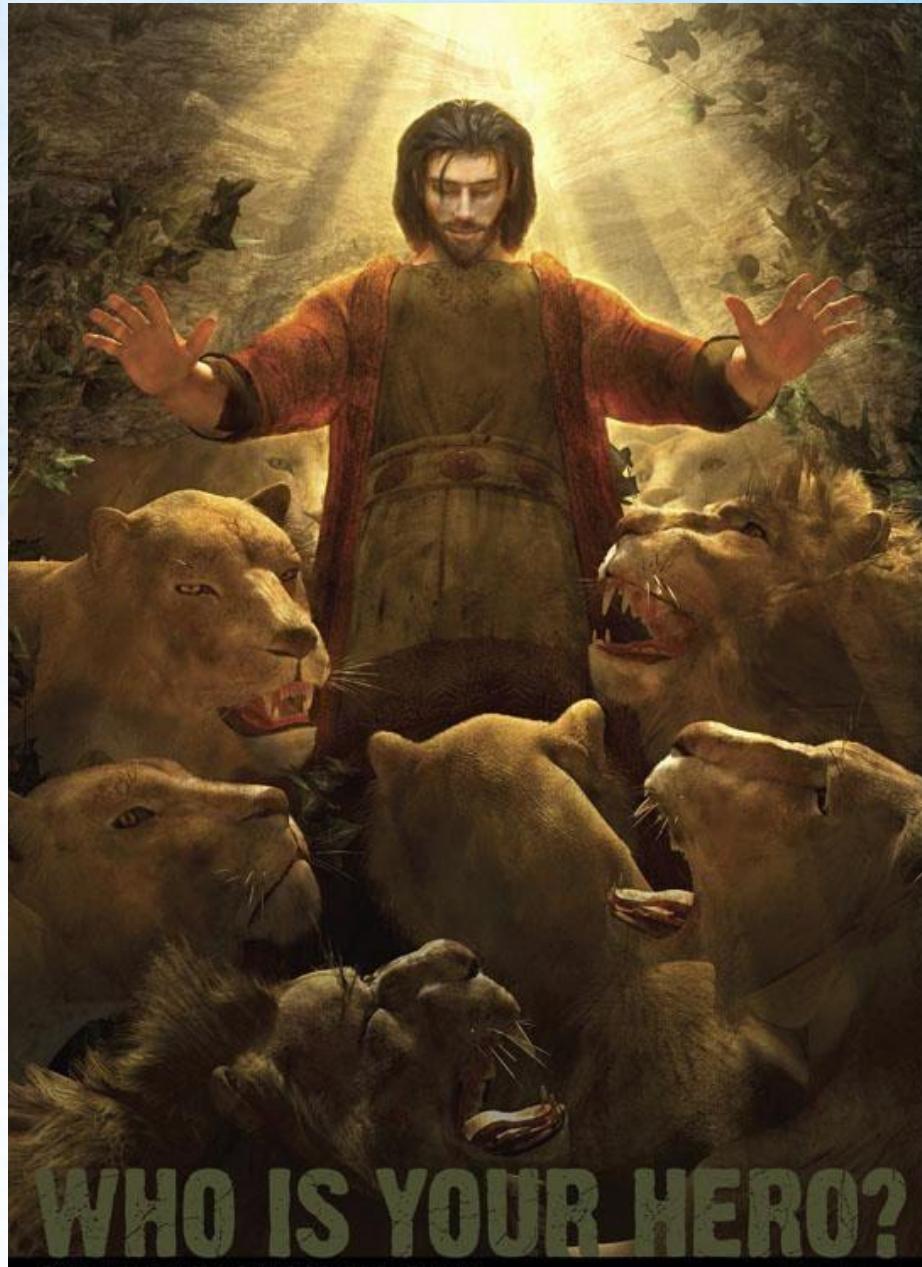
R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon



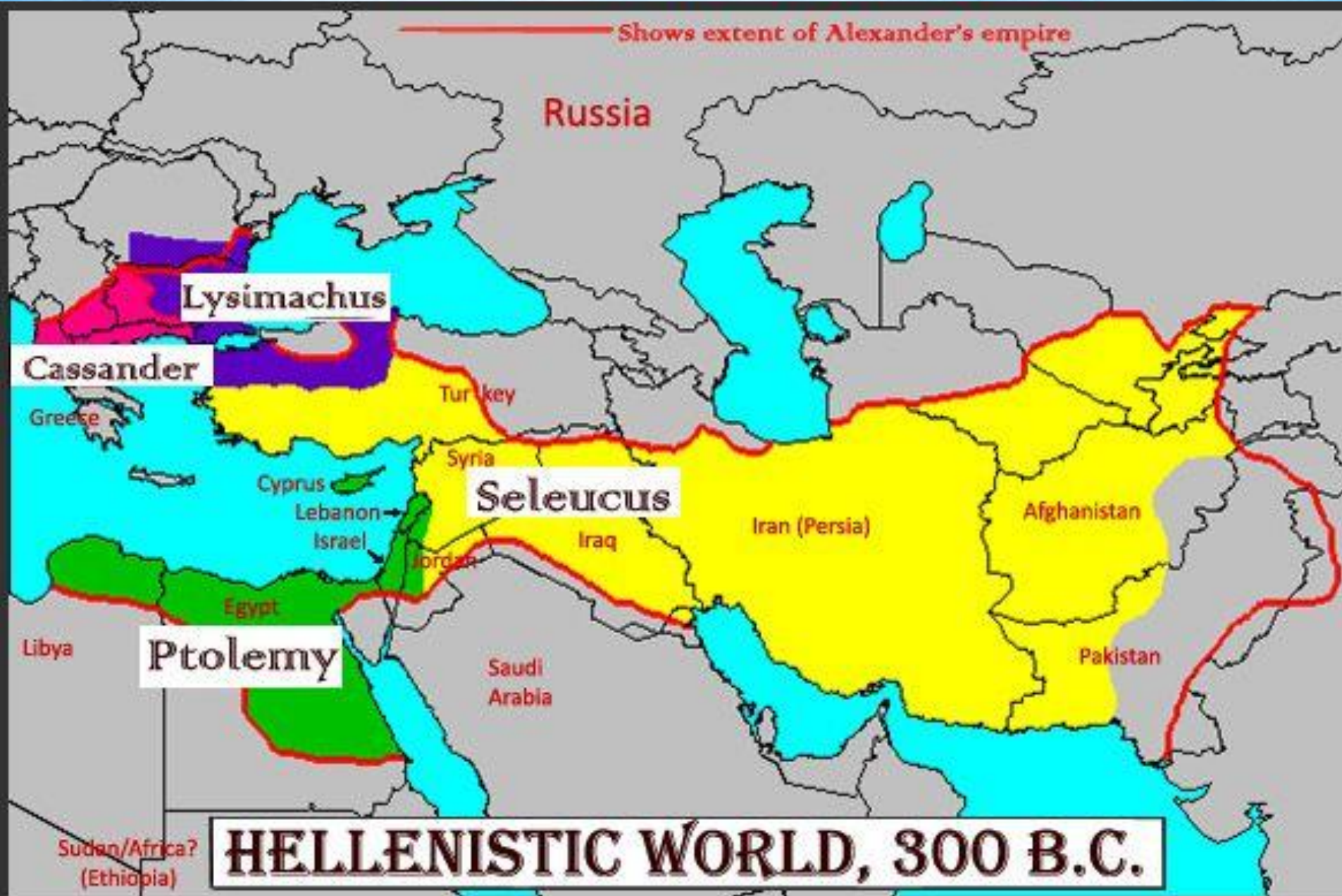
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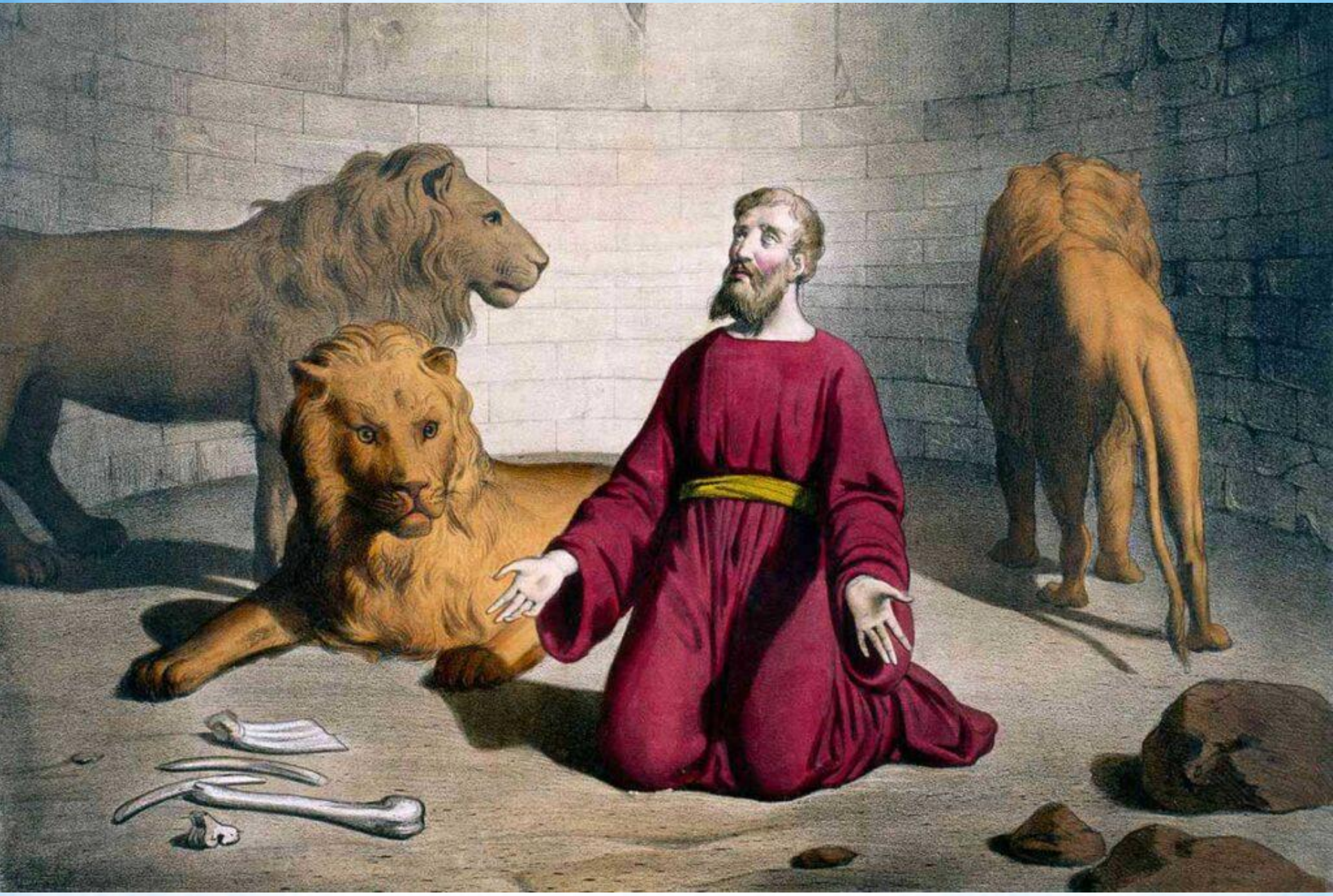
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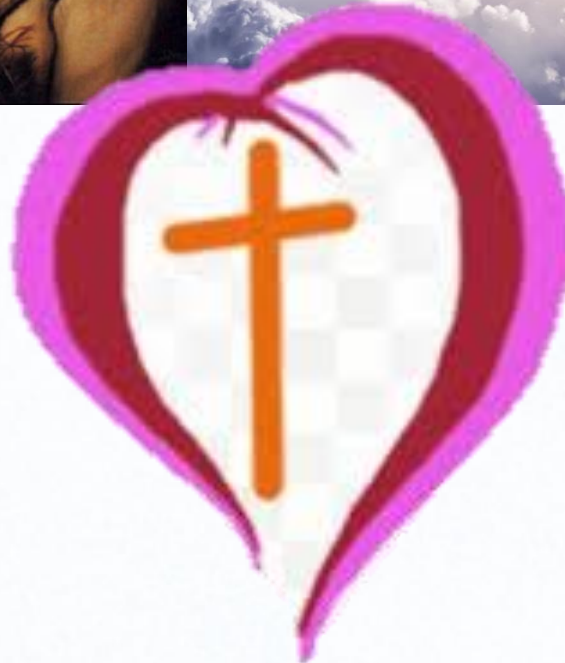


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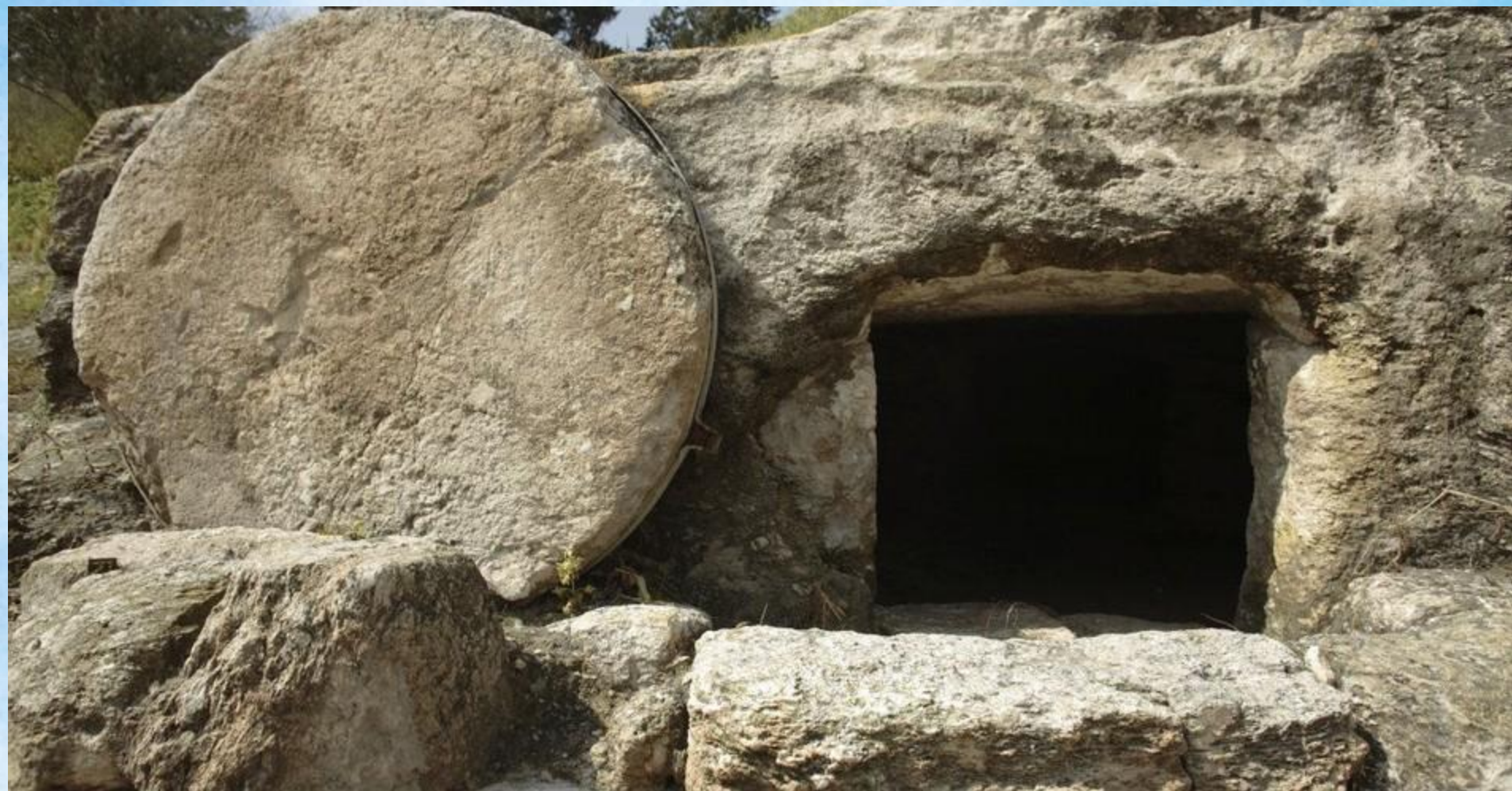
Three Comings of Jesus we're waiting for



Sermon



Sermon



The background of the image is a golden-hued sunset or sunrise over a landscape. In the upper left, a bright star with a four-pointed crosshair pattern shines against the dark sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a darker, almost black, at the top. In the lower third of the image, the silhouettes of three figures are visible against the bright horizon. One figure appears to be walking, while the other two are riding horses. They are positioned on a dark, rounded hill. The overall mood is serene and anticipatory.

{ADVENT}

Prepare for Christ's Coming

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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;

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: We lift up all our prayers, spoken and unspoken to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

- **OFFERING**



* OFFERING PRAYER




"May your
GOD,
whom you
SERVE
continually,
RESCUE
YOU!"

DANIEL 6:16, NIV

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE




P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P' (Priest), has a melody of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5. The second part, marked 'C' (Cantor), has a melody of a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a quarter note B5.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P', has a melody of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a whole note E5. The second part, marked 'C', has a melody of a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, and a quarter note G5.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of dialogue is a single part marked 'P'. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a whole note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a whole note B5.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue is a single part marked 'C'. The melody consists of a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, and a whole note F5.

*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End...

...both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: As the stone was rolled away revealing Daniel, unharmed, so the stone was rolled away revealing Jesus resurrected from the dead, for the redemption of all creation. Our resurrected God invites us to this feast of new life.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All will commune “At the Railing”.

The bread may be broken for distribution.

*As the ministers give the bread and wine,
they say these words :*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen.**

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

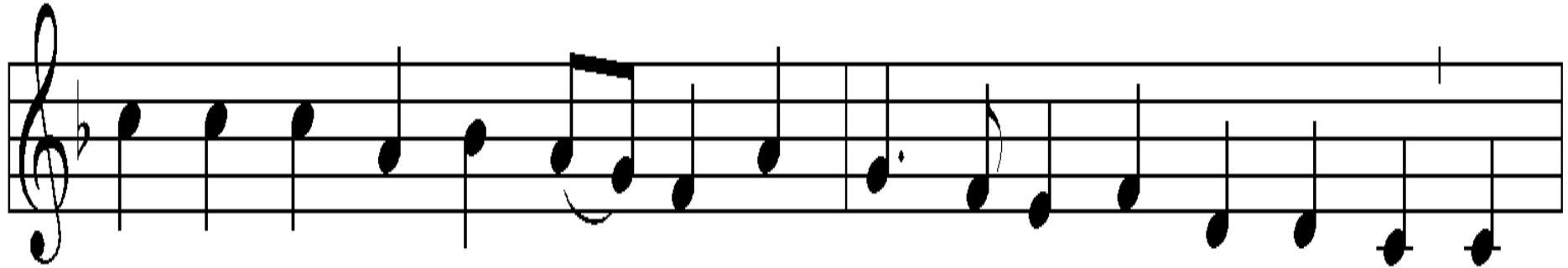


☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together.

Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

- **Greetings
From
Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt**



- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church
Announcements

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you ✝ now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Sending Song

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

LBW 343



***“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”-- LBW 343**

**1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

***“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”-- LBW 343**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

***“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”-- LBW 343**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death
and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises,
songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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