

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025

# Marriage and Holy Eucharist

10:00 am



The Wedding at Cana

Today we celebrate the marriage of Valerie Wang and David Langhans during the service.

Immediately following the service, all are invited to a reception and coffee hour

in the Great Hall of the Ebsworth Life Center.

All are invited to make an Advent wreath in the Great Hall after the service.

Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available 9am-1pm in the Ebsworth Life Center. Access the Childcare Room from the north lobby, nearest the main parking area, just past the elevator. Follow the signs or please ask an usher to escort you to Room 109.



Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach VOLUNTARY

**CALL TO WORSHIP** The pealing of the bells calls us to prayer.

# LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a Celebrant meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The first Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

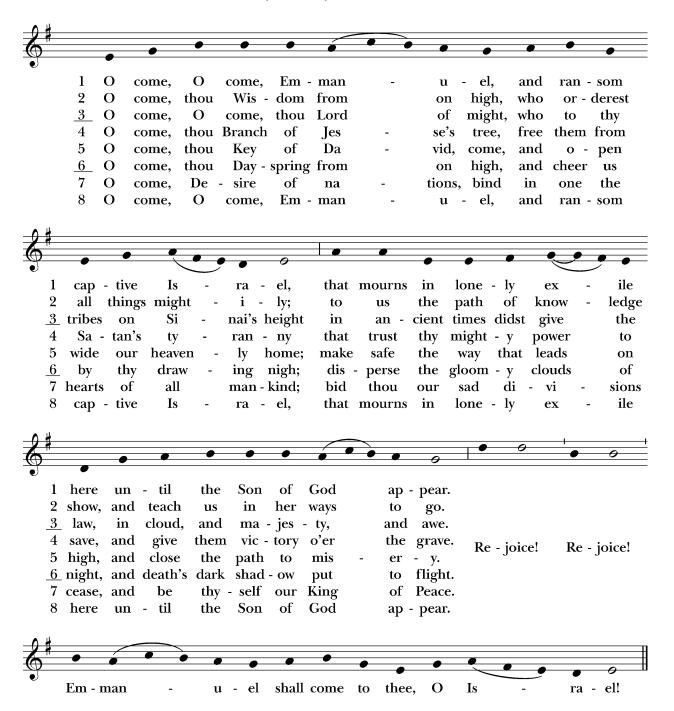
> Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our

redemption and hope.

**A11** Amen.

# **OPENING HYMN**

# O come, O come, Emmanuel



The Hymnal 1982, 56 ©; Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

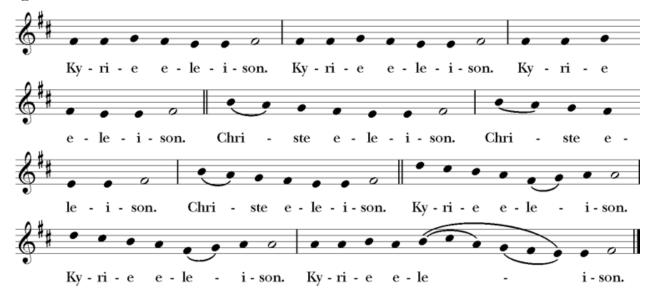
Celebrant

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.

All Amen.

#### **KYRIE**

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, S 86 ©; Setting: from New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All 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.

#### **COLLECT FOR MARRIAGE**

Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God: look tenderly upon David and Valerie, who stand before you in the company of your Church. Lift them up in joy in their life together. Grant them so to love selflessly and live humbly, that they may be to one another and to the world a witness and a sign of your never-failing care; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages.

All Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# THE FIRST READING

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (2:1-5).

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

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.

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.

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.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the LORD!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

# Psalm 122

#### Laetatus sum

Sung by the choir.

- 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 Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself;
- 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 Jerusalem: \*
  "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \* I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \* I will seek to do you good."

# THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (13:11-14).

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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All rise as able and sing.



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#### THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44).All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 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, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

All may be seated.

Silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

# THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

#### **INRODUCTION**

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ, we have gathered together today to witness Valerie Wang and David Langhans publicly committing themselves to one another and, in the name of the Church, to bless their union: a relationship of mutual fidelity and steadfast love, forsaking all others, holding one another in tenderness and respect, in strength and bravery, as long as they live.

Therefore, in the name of Christ, let us pray that they may be strengthened for the promises they make this day, and that we will have the generosity to support them in what they undertake and the wisdom to see God at work in their life together.

# **DECLARATION OF CONSENT**

Celebrant Valerie, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the

covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as

you both shall live?

Valerie I will.

Celebrant David, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the

covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you

both shall live?

David I will.

Celebrant Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these

two persons in their marriage?

All We will.

#### THE MARRIAGE

David faces Valerie and takes her right hand in his.

David In the Name of God, I, David, take you, Valerie, to be my wife, to have and to

hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This

is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.

Valerie faces David and takes his right hand in hers.

Valerie In the Name of God, I, Valerie, take you, David, to be my husband, to have

and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This

is my solemn vow.

They loose their hands.



#### BLESSING OF THE RINGS

Celebrant

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# All Amen.

David places the ring on Valerie's ring finger.

David

Valerie, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Valerie places the ring on David's ring finger.

Valerie

David, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant joins the right hands of husband and wife.

Celebrant

Now that David and Valerie have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring, I pronounce that they are husband and wife, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.



All stand as able and say together.

# THE NICENE CREED

All 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.

#### THE PRAYERS

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon this man and this woman whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony.

All Amen.

Celebrant Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that

each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a

comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy.

All Amen.

Celebrant Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in

your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all

the days of their life.

Celebrant Give them grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge

their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours.

All Amen.

Celebrant Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world,

that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer

despair.

All Amen.

Celebrant Give them such fulfillment of their mutual affection that they may reach out in

love and concern for others.

All Amen.

Celebrant Grant that all married persons who have witnessed these vows may find their

lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

All Amen.

Celebrant Grant that the bonds of our common humanity, by which all your children are

united one to another, and the living to the dead, may be so transformed by your grace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; where, O Father, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign in perfect unity,

now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

Celebrant O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is

represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for

ever.

All Amen.

Celebrant God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep

you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life,

and in the age to come have life everlasting.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The ministers and the people greet one another.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

As stewards of all that God has given us, we share the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at stthomasmedina.org/giving.



#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

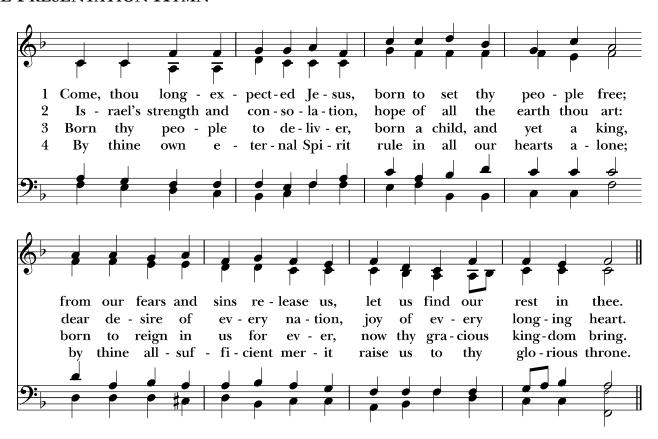
Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within they walls And plenteousness within thy palaces.

text: Psalm 122:6-7

All rise as able and sing.

# THE PRESENTATION HYMN



The Hymnal 1982, 66 ©; Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

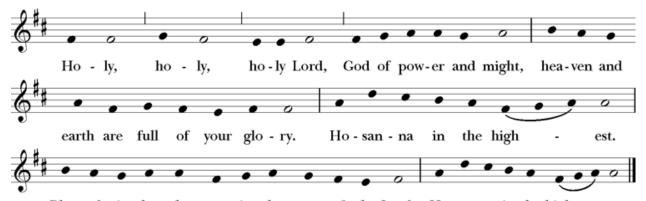
All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 triumph 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:

# **SANCTUS**

All sing.



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

Hymnal 1982, S 124 ©; Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Thomas, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

# All AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

A11

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

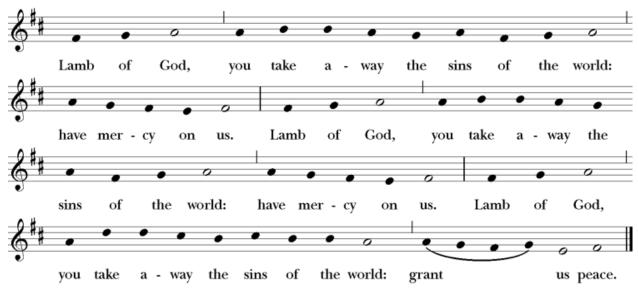
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The bread is broken.

# FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, S 161 ©; Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion.

Ushers will guide each row to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is **not** available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY** Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, op. 122 no. 8 Johannes Brahms

#### Prayers during Communion

We invite you to pray silently for those in our community who have requested our prayers.

Loving God, comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially: Donna, Bryan, Barbara, Janet & Tom, Fr. George, Luigi, Jerry, Ben & Beth, Jennifer, Marsha, Hannah, Donna, John, Joseph, Carol, Erik, George, Cam, Chris, Sarah, Christina, Mary Ann, Nancy, Joseph, Martha, Jean, and Catherine & Jim.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially: Jean Johnson, Jean Haehl, Jane Leffingwell, Christiane Gee Porter, and Guenter Odlozinski.

All sing.



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Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

All rise as able.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

# **EUCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING** \*\* When appropriate.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood.

All We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from

before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and

the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.



# **CLOSING HYMN**

The King shall come when morning dawns

All sing.



Hymnal 1982, 73 ©; Words Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

# THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

# **SERVING THIS DAY**

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

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The St. Thomas Church Choir

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