

Leonard Raybon, 11am

from Messiah
But Who May Abide
G.F. Händel

But who may abide the day of his coming?
And who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a refiner's fire.

SCRIPTURE Luke 21:25-36

HOMILY Just In Time
(What If Jesus Is Pulling Us Out of a Desire for Another World?)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION* 8:45am see insert
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, 206
We welcome you, as your mask remains on, to come forward to share the Bread and Cup. Upon receiving the Meal, simply remove your mask at that moment, then return to your pew with your mask on. Or, if you would like to remain where you are, we welcome you to utilize the Communion packet at your pew.

HYMN* Christ Is the World's Light, 188

BENEDICTION Go now in peace.
Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE Alvus tumescit virginis Michael Praetorius, 11am

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WE WELCOME ALL— All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: jay@raynenola.org

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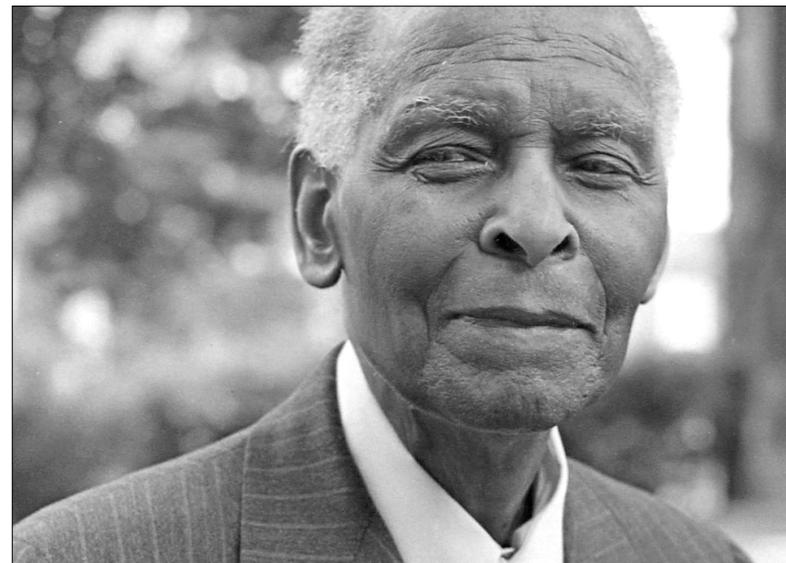
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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021



Benjamin Elijah Mays

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Nancy and Bob Hopkins' parents.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

PRELUDE

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach, 11am
Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

Our promised salvation is at hand.

A righteous branch has sprung forth, bringing hope to our world.

Our eyes have beheld the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

A Son has been given to us, bringing justice and mercy to our land.

Our hearts have felt the stirrings of God's presence.

The Spirit of truth is here to heal us, teaching us God's ways.

Let us worship the God of our salvation.

HYMN*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, 203

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lindsay and John Levine with Margot & Mary, 8:45am
Andee Reed and Todd Hebert, 11am

Keep awake! Be watchful! The Son of Man is coming with power and great glory. Hold your heads high, for your salvation is near. We light the first Advent candle, reminding us how God's promised Messiah will break into our time and space to show us the way of salvation.

May we stay alert for his coming.

And may we hold hope for the restoration of all creation.

Lighting of the first candle signifying hope.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, 196

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.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in
all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

PRAYER

The hope of Jesus Christ and his reign be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: **Holy One, your glory shines brighter than the sun. We remember your compassion and faithful love; we praise the glory of your name. Lift up our souls to meet the challenges we face; we desire to bear fruit worthy of our repentance. Help our lives abound in mercy and steadfast love. Inspire us to be ready and waiting when the one drawing near comes with power and glory to bring us to you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

11am

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, forever. Amen.

THE RED STEP

A Special Time for Our Children

At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may attend children's church in the education building.

MOMENT OF MISSION

The School For Contemplative Living
William Thiele

OFFERING *Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.*

Randy Bunnell, 8:45am

Child of Our Dreams
Marty Haugen

Holy child of poverty
So lowly is your birth
Sharing our humanity
Embracing all the earth
Every Nation, Every Race
Every person, where's your face
Come a new, O child of our dreams
Joyful child of mystery
Come warm our winter night
Fire our dull complacency
And fill us with your light
Speak the word that makes us whole
Lead each lost and hungry soul
Come a new, O child of our dreams

Sacred child of ecstasy
Creation sings your love
Light gives back your radiancy
And fills the skies above
Gentle glow from candlelight
Splendor of the stars of night
Come a new, O child of our dreams
Child of all eternity
Our justice and our peace
Born into a history
That hatreds all may cease
Bring us all to life and death
Be our hope, our joy, our breath
Come a new, O child of our dreams

*The People Standing

HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, 203

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.
4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

COMMUNION HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, 206*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus, God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

REFRAIN

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

(REFRAIN)

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

(REFRAIN)

HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light, 188

1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!
2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him and despise another. Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!
3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother; he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!
4. Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father; give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

All are welcome at the table!

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
the road of the faithful is hard and filled with challenges.
Sometimes we complain. Sometimes we take a different road.
Sometimes we allow others to lead us astray.
Sometimes we forget to follow the way of your mercy with justice.
Forgive us, we pray. Help us meet whatever challenges we face.
Help us rise when we fall.
Help us move toward your wisdom and peace.**

(silence)

PARDON

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just;
God will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
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 our thanks and praise.
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
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.
And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER