

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



November 28, 2021

10:30 am

Prelude: *Hark! the Glad Sound!*
Kevin Hildebrand (1973-)

Opening Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #72**
 Hark! The Glad Sound

Welcome by the Rev. Melissa Congleton

The people stand as they are able,

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: **The Hymnal 1982 #56 (v. 1 & 2)**
 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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 people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God**

Remain seated.

Psalm 25: 1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #397
Now Thank We All Our God

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Melissa Congleton

(All stand)
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:
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

Intercessor As we pray for ourselves and the world, please respond with
 “Be our hope and our salvation.”

Intercessor Friends, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in
 God, let us pray, “O come, o come, Emmanuel;

People: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

<i>Intercessor</i>	God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church and all its leaders on the paths of love and faithfulness. (<i>Silence</i>) O come, o come, Emmanuel;
<i>People</i>	Be our hope and our salvation.
<i>Intercessor</i>	God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. We pray especially for all first responders and all teachers. (<i>Silence</i>) O come, o come, Emmanuel;
<i>People</i>	Be our hope and our salvation.
<i>Intercessor</i>	God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity established; bring the people of this land, especially our President, our Governor and our Mayor, together in a spirit of love and respect. (<i>Silence</i>) O come, o come, Emmanuel;
<i>People</i>	Be our hope and our salvation.
<i>Intercessor</i>	God our hope, give your compassion and love for the healing of the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. Especially... (<i>Silence</i>) O come, o come, Emmanuel;
<i>People</i>	Be our hope and our salvation.
<i>Intercessor</i>	God our hope, forgive us all our days that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with joy. May we and all who have died, rise to live immortal with all your saints. (<i>Silence</i>) O come, o come, Emmanuel;
<i>People</i>	Be our hope and our salvation.
<i>Celebrant</i>	O God the hope of today and all our tomorrows, strengthen us to do your gracious will in our hurting world and let us be peacemakers in every part of the lives you give us. Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
(*silence is kept*)

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant,
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.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Presider says,

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *-Ephesians 5:2*

Meditation *Hark! the Glad Sound!*
C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

(*please kneel or stand as you are able*)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

The Hymnal 1982 #S124

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 Celebrant continues,

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."

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,

Celebrant and People,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 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. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 Breaking of the Bread

Hymn S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

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.

The Presider says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take Them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns

The Hymnal 1982 #318

Here, O My Lord

The Hymnal 1982 #344

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:

Celebrant and People,

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind....
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #57

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God*
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING THANKSGIVING of Family & Friends by Jim Freer; and IN LOVING MEMORY of my brother David Sweet by Sue Hammett.
- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and IN LOVING MEMORY of Ruth Mary Hart and Louisa Beaman by Nan Sparks.



Worship Ministers:
The Rev. Melissa Congleton;
Julie Baglien, Organist; Wayne Frey & Christy Randall, Vocal Leaders
Tom Holsinger-Friesen, 1st Reader & LEM; Leah Holsinger-Friesen, 2nd Reader & Acolyte;
Samuel Holsinger-Friesen, Intercessor & Acolyte;
Floyd & Barb Covey, Ron & Cathy Kapuga, Ushers
Special thanks as always, to our tech team - for their faithfulness & expertise!

Announcements

- There will be Bible Study this Wednesday, Dec 1st, but **no 12:15 Eucharist**.
- **No Cardio Drumming or Handbells** this week.
- There will be special treats for the kids at this year's St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 5th during coffee hour. Young families, please check the St. Paul's Facebook page or weekly newsletter for holiday church school updates and Epiphany pageant details. The Epiphany Pageant is a time-honored tradition of St. Paul's and one of the highlights of our program year. Help is needed to coordinate the pageant and as actors. Please contact Rev. Melissa if you are interested in helping out this year.
- For Advent, Rev. Sarah and Eric Magnusson will lead a parish wide study using "Traces of the Trade: Tales From The Deep North" during Adult Forum on the four Sundays of Advent as well as Wednesday evenings (beginning on Dec. 1st) at 5:30pm in the Small Dining Room. All study materials will be provided for you and a simple supper will accompany the Wed. study. Please plan to come and learn together during this Holy Season.
- The Women of St. Paul's ECW annual Christmas luncheon will be at the Country Club of Jackson on Saturday, December 11th at 11 am. Please R.S.V.P. on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the glass narthex so we have an accurate head count. Cost is \$20 per person. Financial help is available if needed, contact Pastor Sarah. All are welcome!
- ECW is collecting new children's hats, mittens and socks for the Priceless Gift Toy Store. They are preparing toys currently and can use volunteers on Tues., Thur. and Sat. from 10 AM- 3 PM. They can also use donations: Zipper type bags (all sizes), blanket zipper bags, batteries, baby wipes, eraser type sponges, paper lawn and leaf bags, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, dental floss, shavers and toilet paper. There is a collection box in the glass narthex. A big THANK YOU! for all the donations received so far! One delivery has already been made, and we are still collecting **until Sunday, December 12th**.
- There is still time to turn in your annual pledge if you haven't already!

St. Paul's Weekly Calendar

11/28/2021 – 12/5/2021

Day	Activity	Time	Location
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Youth Ed Adult Forum Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upstairs Classrooms/HSB Sm. Dining Room Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	Toastmasters	6:00 pm	Library
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study No Holy Eucharist Parish Advent Study FB Live Compline Service	10:30 am 12:15 pm 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	Sm. Dining Room Chapel Sm. Dining Room Facebook
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Church School Adult Forum Holy Eucharist St. Nicholas Party /Coffee Hour	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upstairs Classrooms Sm. Dining Room Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall

Opening Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #72

Hark! The Glad Sound

1 Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes,
the Savior promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

2 He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved Name.

Words: Philp Doddridge,
1702-1751
Music: RICHMOND

Hymn of Praise: The Hymnal 1982 #56 (v. 1 & 2)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain

Latin;
VENI, VENI,
EMMANUEL

Sequence Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #397

Now Thank We All Our God

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Praise to God

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662);

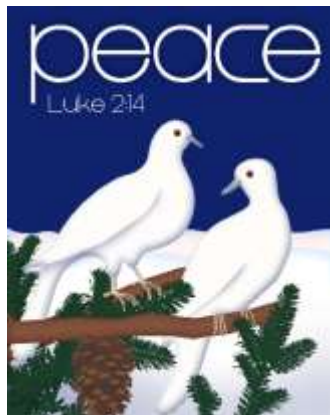
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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Communion Hymn:
The Hymnal 1982 #318
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.
2. Here would I feed upon the Bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
3. I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.
4. Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God!

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889 (alt.) Music: NYACK; Warren Swenson, b. 1937
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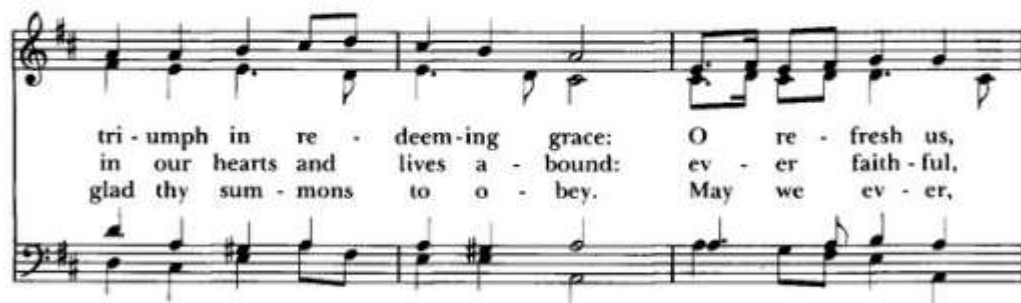




1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.


Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published
The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

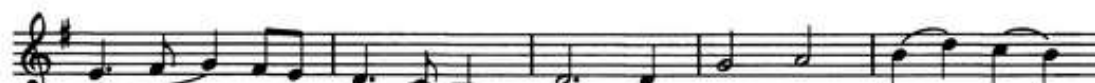
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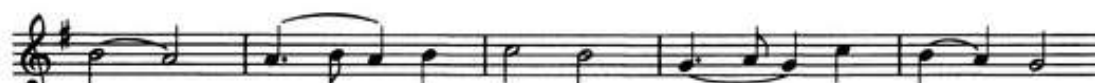
1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on




our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 and nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



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!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

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**“...you know
that the kingdom
of GOD is
near.”**

LUKE 21:31

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