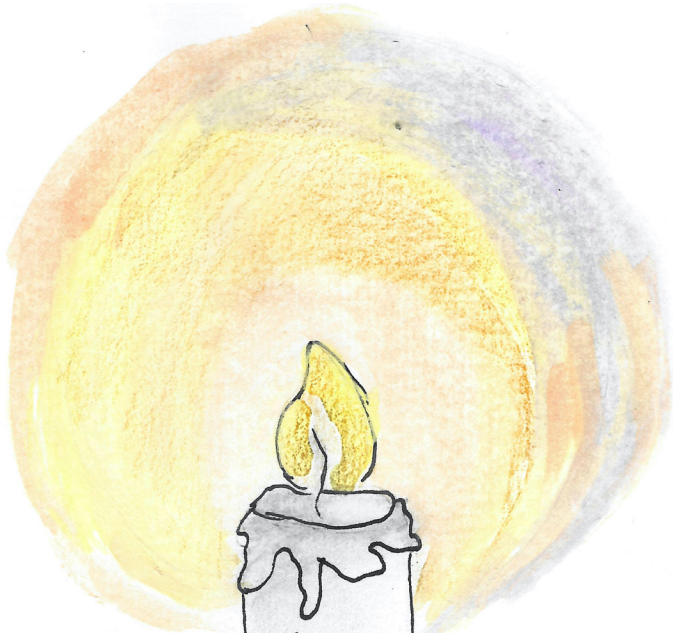


**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS  
AT SAVIOR**



CHURCH OF THE  
**SAVIOR**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020**



## Welcome to Church of the Savior

**If You are Visiting:** We'd love to meet you, even if only virtually! Please email Fr. Kevin at [kevin@friendsofthesavior.org](mailto:kevin@friendsofthesavior.org) to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

**About our Worship:** We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable. You can't make a mistake.

**Children & Youth:** While services are livestreamed, children and youth are strongly invited to join in alongside everyone else. For additional ideas to engage children, see Savior's family newsletter or contact Sarah Lindsay at [sarah@friendsofthesavior.org](mailto:sarah@friendsofthesavior.org). We also invite children to call Pastor Mary; email Mary at [mary@friendsofthesavior.org](mailto:mary@friendsofthesavior.org) to set up a time. Youth are meeting virtually; contact Fr. Andrew Unger at [andrewdunger@gmail.com](mailto:andrewdunger@gmail.com) for details.

**Third Week of Advent**, the season of spiritual preparation for Christmas. But by this point mid-way through Advent, the holiday season has likely begun to overwhelm us with events and gift-buying countdowns. So let us take a moment this evening to slow down, to quiet and humble our hearts. Let us experience the longing for Christ as we prepare our hearts for his coming. Take a moment to meditate on the words of this ancient hymn: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand." The next weeks are full of demands and celebrations. But through it all, let our hearts keep still as we await with awe and wonder the arrival of Christ.

**Want to Stay in Touch?** Let us know how at [FriendsOfTheSavior.org/visitor](https://FriendsOfTheSavior.org/visitor)

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE & WELCOME

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

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel*

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go

# THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

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Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: Come let us adore him.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."


Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Lord is My Light


*During the song, Leaders will light candles in the Advent wreath and you can light your own candles at home.*

*Theme I\**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

*Theme II\**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

*\*Both themes may be sung at the same time.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord  
for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.

<sup>8</sup> "For I, the Lord, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup> Their descendants will be known among the nations  
and their offspring among the peoples.  
All who see them will acknowledge  
that they are a people the Lord has blessed."

<sup>10</sup> I delight greatly in the Lord;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness  
and praise spring up before all nations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 126

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<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.

<sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, Lord,  
like streams in the Negev.

<sup>5</sup> Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

## ALLELUIA

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*Please stand.*

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,  
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

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## THE GOSPEL

## JOHN 1:1-11, 19-23

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said,



“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’”

as the prophet Isaiah said.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **ALLELUIA**

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*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

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**A Voice for the Rejected God**

Kevin Miller  
Rector

## THE APOSTLES CREED

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Officiant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

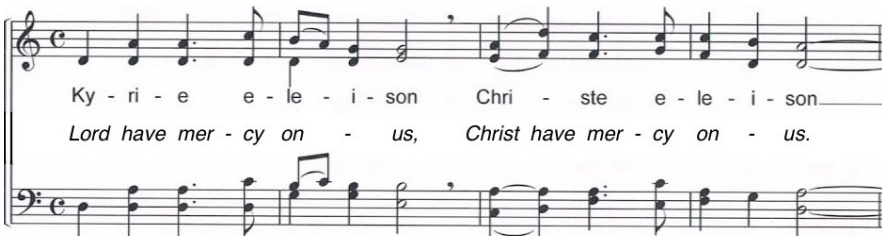
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Intercessor: Come, Lord Jesus. Come, light of the world!

All:



The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie eleison prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first line of lyrics is "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Chri - ste e - le - i - son". The second line of lyrics is "Lord have mer - cy on - us, Christ have mer - cy on - us." The music features a simple melody in the treble staff and a harmonic accompaniment in the bass staff.

*For centuries, Christians have sung this ancient prayer in Greek and in their own language.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.*

All: 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.

Officiant: 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

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Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## O Come Let Us Adore Him

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

## ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

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Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

All:



Our Fa - ther, Who art in hea - ven, hal - lo - wed be Thy Name.

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as

we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in -

to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For Thine is the

king - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Officiant: The gift of God for the People of God. Take it in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*At this point, all who have the Reserved Sacrament will eat it together. If you do not have the sacrament, you may pray the following prayer.*

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## COMMUNION SONGS

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### Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name  
Jesus, the only One who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
Oh, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken  
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## **Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor our empty praise  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

## **May The Mind**

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say

May the word of God enrich me  
With His truth from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea  
Him exalting, self abasing  
This is victory

May I run the race before me  
Strong and brave to face the foe  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go

Officiant: 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.

## **THE BLESSING**

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Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

*There will now be a few announcements.*

## **RECESSIONAL**

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### **Celtic Benediction**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
Wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness,  
Protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Saturday Service LiveStream:** We continue to worship on Saturday through Zoom. [Access our services here.](#) To assist with worship, a copy of our Order of Worship is available on our [Sermons webpage](#) and will be emailed out every Friday through Breeze by Whitney Burns, our Communications Director.

**Next Step after *White Awake*:** Finished reading *White Awake*, and you want to learn more about race in America? Our blog contains a list of resources to help you on your inward journey and prepare you for the outward journey of working towards racial justice: Learn more [here](#).

**Update Zoom for Advent:** During the lighting of the Advent candles, did you see a split screen of Pastor Esther on one side, and someone lighting candles on the other? If you didn't, you need to download the latest version of Zoom. Click [here](#) to visit the Zoom Downloads page. If you're using a mobile device or tablet to access the service—or just want a little extra help—find detailed instructions [here](#).

**Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve:** Our Christmas Eve service begins at 7pm (note different time from our usual worship services). It includes a reading of the Bible story, familiar Christmas carols led by Pastor Esther, a special solo of “O Holy Night,” and of course, candles at home. Suitable for all ages, and under an hour.

**Journey Into Savior Begins January 12:** If you are new-ish to Savior, or want to learn more about the church and about Anglicanism, mark your calendars for our next “Journey into Savior” classes. All sessions are Tuesdays from 7:30 - 8:45 via Zoom.

Jan. 12 : Getting to Know Savior

Jan. 19: Answering Your Questions about Anglicanism

Jan. 26: Taking Your Next Steps to Connect

For those who then want to be received as new members, that will take place on Saturday, Jan. 30.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer:** We are hosting Morning Prayer at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Find the link to join the livestream service on our [Facebook Page](#) and weekly Newsletter.

**Donations to Church of the Savior:** There are two ways to give to Church of the Savior in this season: MAIL: Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187 and ONLINE: Visit the [Giving page](#) on our website.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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**Zao Zoom Youth Room:** Youth group calls take place on Sunday night. 6th-8th grade meets from 6:30-7:30pm and 9th-12th grade meets from 7:15-8:30pm.

**In-Person Youth Gatherings:** On the 2nd Sunday of the month, from 4:00-5:30pm, youth group will gather in-person outside on All Souls' lawn. Email [Father Andrew Unger](mailto:father.andrew.unger@all-souls.org) for more information.

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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### Advent & Christmas at Savior

1st Week of Advent (November 28): “Why Haven’t You Torn the Sky Open Yet?”, Fr. Josh Steele

2nd Week of Advent (December 5): Mark 1:1-8, “Wild Man from the Wilderness,” Fr. Kevin Miller

*3rd Week of Advent (December 12): John 1:6-8, 19-28, “A Voice for the Rejected God”, Fr. Kevin Miller*

4th Week of Advent (December 19): Luke 1:26-38, “Like Mother, Like Son,” Becky Castle Miller

December 24: Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

December 26: End-of-the-Year Sharing Service

2nd Week of Christmas (January 2): Matt. 2:13-23 (Joseph, Mary, Jesus Escape to Egypt), Fr. Ron McGowin

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Thank you for your faithful giving!

As of December 5:

Actual = \$318,233

Budget = \$302,012

Over/(Under) = \$16,221

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