



## Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 29, 2020 | Online Service  
First Sunday of Advent

### Greeting and Announcements

**Hymn 56 (vs. 1, 5-7):** *Veni, veni Emmanuel*, "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.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

### Advent Lighting Prayer

*Officiant*

Lord God, let thy blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Opening Sentences

*Book of Common Prayer, page 78*

### Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Venite S35

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### Anthem: Softly and Tenderly

Will L. Thompson

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me!

*Refrain:* Come home! Come home! Ye who are weary, come home!  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *Ref*

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, death's night is coming, coming for you and for me. *Ref*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me! *Ref*

### Second Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. John McCard

**Apostles' Creed**

*BCP 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing as able.*  
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 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**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*BCP 97*

*Officiant and People together*  
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.

**Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let the people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain in us with your Holy Spirit.

**Collect of the Day**

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.*

## Other Collects

### Prayers for the Parish

#### Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

**Anthem:** E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him, who freed us from our sins,  
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God.  
Who was and is and is to come; sing, holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon.

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more;  
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

#### Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

#### Versicle and Response

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

#### Closing Sentences

**Hymn 57:** *Helmsley*, "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending"

Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers.  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Elsie Evans Ruehrmund*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Officiant:* Blake Singer, Lay Chaplain

*Musicians*

*Singers:* Nathan Bick, Lisa Edwards Burrs, Will Conn, Patty Duffy, Karen Harper, Heather Jones, Sabrina LaFleur, Jeanne Lapierre, Chris Rock, John Tyndall

*Soloist:* Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs with The Weldon Hill Jazz Trio

*Organist:* Virginia Ewing Whitmire

*Director of Music:* Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

## **Prayers of the People**

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

*For the sick and in need:* especially the family of Eleanor Angle, Susan Bain, the family of Anne Bedner, Margaret Bloor, Susan Bloor, Priscilla Cabell, Susan Campbell, Betty Crasten, Matt Curtis, Cameron Flippen, Charlotte Harbach, Mary Harrison, Palmer Johnson, Eleanor Lynch, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Harry Moore, Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Doug Rucker, George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Anne Sweets, Gordon Wallace, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Barbara Willis, Amy, and Paul

*For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers:* especially Chris Abplanalp, Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Robert Crutcher, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially Anne Carter Bland, Dan Gibbs, Grayson Harris, Ned Hayes, Will Hayes, Kristen Luck, Lucy Macon, Tracy Schneider, Ruthie White, and Mark Whitmire who celebrate their birthdays today

*For those who have died recently:* especially Anne Beazley Little and Jonnie Smith

## **Music Notes**



*“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1*

*Softly and Tenderly* was composed by Will L. Thompson in 1880. Thompson was a member of the Churches of Christ, the Christian denomination in which both Virginia and I were raised. The hymn has spread into the repertoire of various denominations and has been recorded many times. The film *The Trip to Bountiful* (1985) makes recurrent use of the song, particularly a recording of it by Cynthia Clawson.

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come* is by Paul Manz (1919 – 2009), an organist, teacher and composer for choir and organ. The lyrics were adapted from text in Revelation by his wife, Ruth Manz. Manz composed the motet at the bedside of their critically ill three-year old son, who was expected to die. According to Ruth, “I think we’d reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, ‘Lord Jesus quickly come.’”



**Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.: Our Christmas Hope –  
Live streamed on Facebook**

In the midst of the preparations and festivities, some find the holidays to be long, dark nights of the soul, full of struggle with life challenges, grief and loss of years past and present. You are invited to a special candlelit service of hymns and prayers for healing. The service will include carols and traditional songs accompanied by piano, flute and guitar.

In case you missed previous **Music at St. James's**, here are links:

- 9/20 Liz Nance– A Celtic Blessing (M. Whitmire)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIr4o8ddtUFgkFHcKIguFKQ>
- 9/27 Knox Hubbard– What good am I? (Dylan)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_1DFF7VFCtg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1DFF7VFCtg)
- 10/4 Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane - O praise the Lord who made all beauty (Hopson)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z93KIAKV3RA>
- 10/11 Heather Jones– I will sing new songs of gladness (Dvorak)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLw5hBePELA>
- 10/18 Nathan Bick - Then shall the righteous shine (Mendelssohn)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7WUd5clKAg>
- 10/25 Diane Wright, Sam Zimmer, Knox Hubbard, Scott Milstead - Come to Jesus  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjrwwu1uzRY>
- 11/1 Elisabeth Eckstein, Julianne Eckstein - I sing a song of the saints of God  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE_E)
- 11/15 Lisa Edward Burrs, Anthony Dowd, Matt Hall, Aaron Binder, He's got the whole world  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o-tlLc1kC0>
- Molly Sharp, Roberts Wadsworth - Be thou my vision (arr. M. Whitmire)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-87qrIBykLo>

### **Virtual Choir Links**

- Sicut cervus (Palestrina)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBE828xCRwE&fbclid=IwAR0Eljn2KQj99I1q6sEhxU3qbbkOO0XEql4ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>
- Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqELCw0uXsU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0Eljn2KQj99I1q6sEhxU3qbbkOO0XEql4ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>
- If ye love me (Tallis)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDGaKW-A2zg&feature=youtu.be>
- Ubi caritas (Gjelo)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0FrP0CrEmc&feature=youtu.be>