



St. James's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

11:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Rudolf Moser

Hymn 56 (vs. 1-4): *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Advent Lighting Prayer

Celebrant

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.*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie S91 *(Each petition is sung three times.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

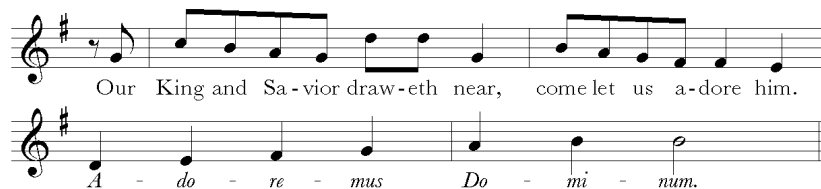
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will 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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-9

setting: M. Whitmire

The Antiphon is introduced by the Cantor, repeated by the People, and sung at the designated times.



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.
 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
 Show me your ways, O LORD,
 and teach me your paths.
 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.
 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
 for they are from everlasting.
 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. *Antiphon*
 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
 He guides the humble in doing right
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Antiphon*

Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 73: *St. Stephen*, “The King shall come when morning dawns”

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Nicene Creed

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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 of the People, Form III

Let us kneel together in prayer and open our hearts to God.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons:
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and
who have asked for our prayers:

Leader and People

Basil Acey, Elizabeth Austin, Jennifer Ball, Hylah Boyd, Bryana Braxton, Tom Evelyn, Leigh Hulcher, Dave Johnson, Sue Kneip, Eileen Long, George Longest, Matt Mattox, Linda Mays, Eve McCray, JoEllen McGugan, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Carol Piersol, Bradford Smith, Jay Stegmaier, Marian Stevens, Alan Stone, Jessie Sumrell, Ginger Trice, Jim Tucker, Anne Turnbull, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Ben and Eloise, Ace, David, Dylan, Elaine, James, and Melissa

The Leader continues.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: Wachet auf

Johann Sebastian Bach

Zion hears the watchmen's voices, with gladness all her heart rejoices,
she eager wakes to greet the day.

See, her Lord from heaven descending, with grace and truth and
power unending; her daystar dawns with brightest ray.

O come, thou blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hosanna!
We follow there thy feast to share, and taste the joys beyond compare.

Hymn 60 (v. 6): *Conditor, alme siderum* "To God the Father"

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all
times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus S114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Music at Communion

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 thy walls
And plenteousness within thy palaces.

Chant: O Sapientia

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 59: *Merton*, “Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Johann Sebastian Bach

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Suzanne S. Neal and Alexander W. Neal, Jr.*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Deacon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Assisting: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Lector: Randy Ellis

IWC Greeter: Page Kastelberg

Musicians: Parish Choir

Organist:: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Music Notes



Wachet Auf is a setting by J. S. Bach (1685-1720) of the well-known Reformation chorale tune. The text is based in Jesus' words on a reading from the Gospel of Mark: “Keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.”

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem is a setting of Psalm 22 is by the English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1978). Howells was a student of Stanford and Charles Wood at the Royal College of Music. In 1920 he began teaching composition at the RCM, where he continued until his eightieth birthday.

O Sapientia is from the seven “O Antiphons.” The “O Antiphons” are prayers that come from the service of Vespers during the week before Christmas Eve. Each antiphon begins with “O” and addresses Jesus with a unique title which comes from the prophecies of Isaiah and Micah, and whose initials, when read backwards, form an acrostic for the Latin “Ero Cras” which means “Tomorrow I come.”

Music Calendar

Sunday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m.: Advent Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.: Our Christmas Hope

Handel’s *Messiah*: Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Poinsettias



It’s time to order your poinsettias! The Flower Guild welcomes memorial gifts for poinsettias during the Christmas season. They will be delivered to home-bound parishioners after Christmas. The deadline is Friday, December 10. You may email your memorials to gyoung@doers.org or call Gina Young at 355-1779, ext. 315.

Amount per poinsettia: \$25 payable to St. James’s Episcopal Church (clearly marked for poinsettia)

Include: your name and the name of honoree(s)

Mail to St. James’s Episcopal Church, 1205 W. Franklin St., 23220.

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