



St. James's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

Introit: Kyrie

Leo Sowerby

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

Advent Lighting Prayer

Celebrant

Lord God, let your 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 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

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.*

Kyrie S95 (*The People echo each petition sung by the Cantor.*)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

BCP 211

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.*

Epistle: 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.

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, Levavi*

BCP 614

The Cantor sings the first half of each verse; the congregation sings the second half.



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**.
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**.

Hymn 73 (vs. 1-2): *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 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children’s Procession (*The children may follow the clergy to Children’s Chapel at this time if they wish. Please send them with their coats, as Children’s Chapel may be held outdoors, depending on the weather.*)

Hymn 73 (vs. 3-5): *St. Stephen*, “The King shall come when morning dawns”

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

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.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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!, ruft uns die stimme Johann Sebastian Bach

Zion hort die Wachter singen,
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.

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

Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prachtig,
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.

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

Nun komm, du werthe Kron,
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!
Hosianna!

O come, thou blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hosanna!

Wir folgen all zum Freudensaal
und halten mit das Abendmahl.

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, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People 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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*The Celebrant continues.*)

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:

Sanctus S125

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.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

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.

Celebrant 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.

As the children return to their parents, the people sing

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
For the Lamb of God has tak-en a-way our sins.

Verse

Sing with all the peo - ple of God,
and join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.

repeat Antiphon

Music at Communion

Anthem: Christ hath a garden

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,
a paradise of fruitful ground,
chosen by love, and fenced by grace
from out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
there planted by his mighty hand;
by Eden's gracious streams that flow
to feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
their sweetest perfume through the air:
stir up, O south, the boughs that gloom,
till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet
among the trees that he hath set;
that he may evermore be seen
to walk amid the springing green.

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

BCP 365

Please kneel as able.

Celebrant and People

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.

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.

*The flowers 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: Eddie Macon

IWC Greeter: Sidney Bland

Musicians: The West Gallery Choir

Psalmist: Trey Sibley

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 those serving in our Armed Forces: especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teefey

For justice and reconciliation among all the peoples of this earth and all who work toward that end: especially for our efforts here at St. James’s through Sacred Ground and our Becoming Beloved Community Ministry, that you would grant us the grace, humility, and courage necessary to engage in such work

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Andrew Basham, Trevor Cox, Hugh Feehan, Meredith Hurt, Kilpy Singer, and G Wyatt

For those who have died recently: especially JoAnne Campbell and Irene Owen

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.

Music Notes



Kyrie was composed by American composer and church musician, Leo Sowerby (1895 – 1968). Sowerby, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for music in 1946, was often called the “Dean of American church music.” In 1927 he became organist-choirmaster at St. James Cathedral, Chicago. In 1962, after his retirement from St. James, he was called to Washington National Cathedral to become the founding director of the College of Church Musicians, a position he held until his death in 1968.

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 in the Gospel of Mark: “Keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come.”

Christ hath a garden is set to an English folk song (O waly, waly) arranged by the American composer Gerald Near (b. 1942), a prolific composer of church music who has served as composer-in-residence at the Cathedral of St. John, Denver. Several of Near’s compositions appear in *Hymnal 1982*, including the setting of “Christ our Passover” that we often sing at Eucharist in the 11:15 service. The text is by Robert Bridges (1844-1930). Trained as a physician, Bridges practiced medicine until age 37, when—due to ill health—he retired to the Berkshire village of Yattendon, where he lived for the next thirty years.

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.

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