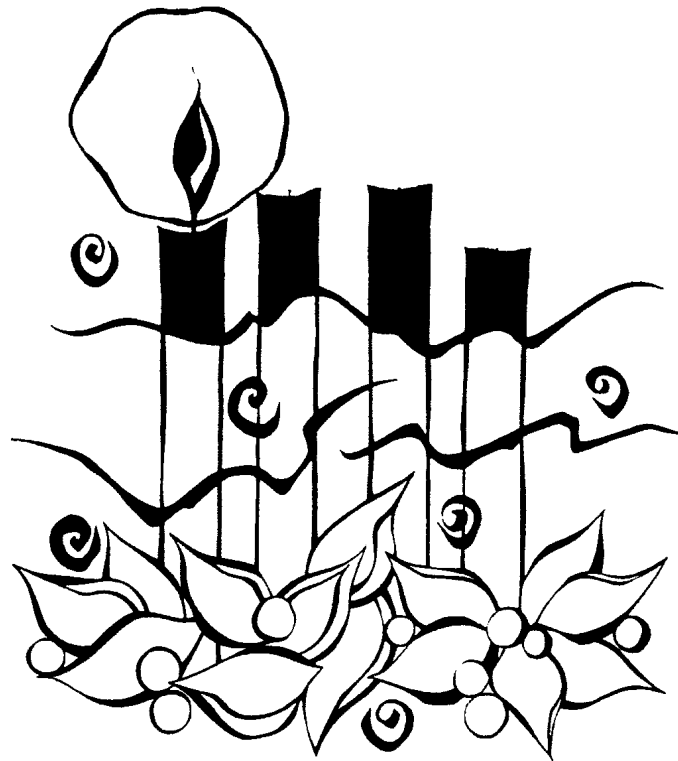


The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPISCOPAL)

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Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.
During these weeks of Advent, we keep silence prior to the start of the liturgy.
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The Word of God

The Prelude

Wachet auf

J.S.Bach

The Opening Hymn 61 Sleepers, wake!

Wachet auf

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 WLP 724 People look East

Besançon Carol



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.

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 forever. **Amen.**

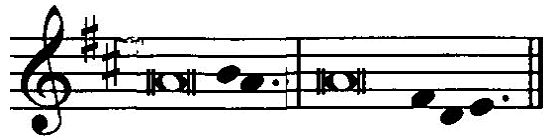
Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet 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.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.



Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like / a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the / cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Man/asseh, *
stir up your strength and come / to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God / of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God / of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of / your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread / of tears; *
you have given them bowls of / tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh / us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God / of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong / for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn a/way from you; *
give us life, that we may call u/pon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be saved.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and gospel.

The Sequence Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

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

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

The 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 human. 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]. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.

You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God, responding “hear our prayer.”

Silence

O Prince of Peace, rouse us from the sleep of indifference and preoccupation that we may be more attentive to your presence and power.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That we may discern your word in every sound, your power in every human embrace and your love in every gesture of kindness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That we may hold fast to the hope that your power to transform and to heal is at work in a world broken by sin and violence and ancient hatreds, and that your Advent heralds peace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Carol our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Church of Our Saviour, Arlington; St. John’s Church, Arlington; Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington; The Standing Committee; the Brotherhood of St. Gregory

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember especially those who have asked for our prayers: Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Ed Buckingham, Mary Clark, Mary Isner, Ed Mason, Jennifer Peters, Joan Payne, Joan Proctor, Helen Richardson, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, Andrew, Catherine, Lauren. And those we name before you now.

Silence

The People add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For families, friends, and neighbors, and for all worshipping with us today, here and in their own homes. In our parish cycle of prayer, we offer thanks for our altar guild.

Silence

The People add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Bruce Isner, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember those we name before you now.

Silence

The People add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Please stand as you are able.

The Absolution

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Yearning

Craig Courtney

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,
A yearning for tomorrow.
There is a yearning for the promised One, the first-born of creation.
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited his own, and by his death for sin atoned,
To bring to us salvation.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of his appearing.

There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see
the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

Hymn 56 O come, O come Emmanuel

Veni, veni Emmanu



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

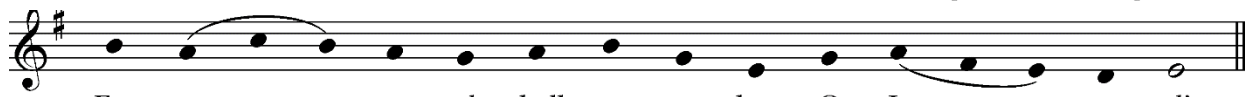


1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

As the offering is presented, please stand as you are able.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

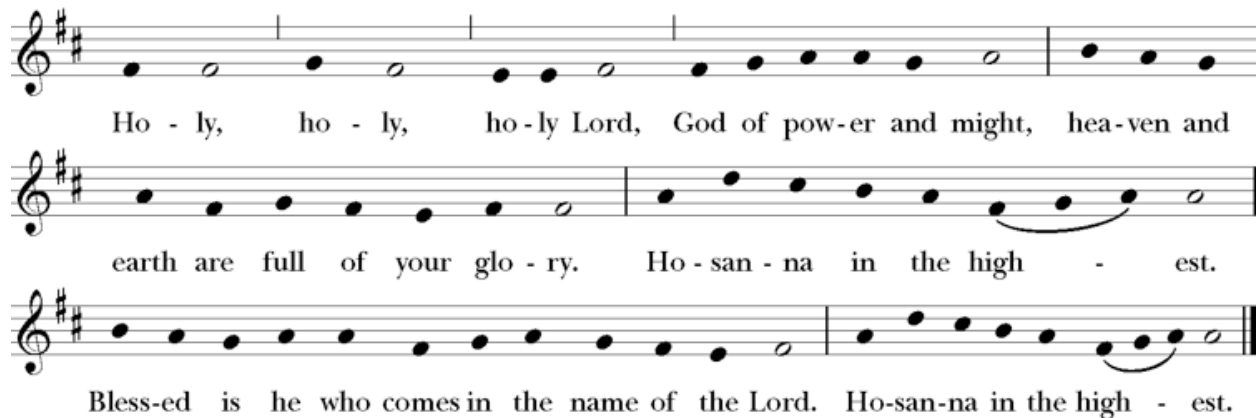
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep, and by your Word, you brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, And taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. You sought us out, delivered us from our captivity, and called us to live, once again, in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Sanctus S-124

Hurd



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.

You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.

Glory and praise to you, holy and living God. In your everlasting mercy, you determined to set us free from sin and death, and reveal the riches of your grace.

You looked with favor upon Mary your willing servant that she might conceive and bear a Son: Jesus, your holy and eternal Word.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

Then the time came for him to offer upon the Cross the Sacrifice of his life, to be glorified by you, and draw all the world to himself.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, Broke it and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, Gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, Which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, Do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, we remember Christ, crucified and risen; in whom we have been freed from sin and restored to the glory intended for us.

In grateful response, we present our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

And breathe your Spirit upon us, that in the abundance of Christ's Life, we may be made your new creation; the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**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

S-154 Christ our Passover

Hurd

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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 first and fourth staves contain the "Alleluia" refrain, while the second and third staves contain the main text.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Creator and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

Taize

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support. The score is in 3/4 time and ends with a double bar line.

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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 Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

Advent Blessing

May the God who stoops to become incarnate grant us the grace to remember that the world is too broken for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love. **Amen.**

May God take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, and take our hands and work through them. **Amen.**

May God stir our hearts with yearning for the coming kingdom and open our ears to the voices of the prophets. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 57 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

While many of us enjoy remaining in place for the postlude, we also understand that our liturgy ends with the dismissal. If you wish to leave church before or during the postlude, please do so quietly in support of those listening.

The Postlude

Wachet auf

Max Drischner

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Minister of Music

Joan Kirchner

Eucharistic Ministers

Priscilla Isner, Gail Binney-Sterne

Readers

Chris Crighton, Diana Crighton, Sarah Gregory

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Sally Dewing, Mary Anne Bragdon

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