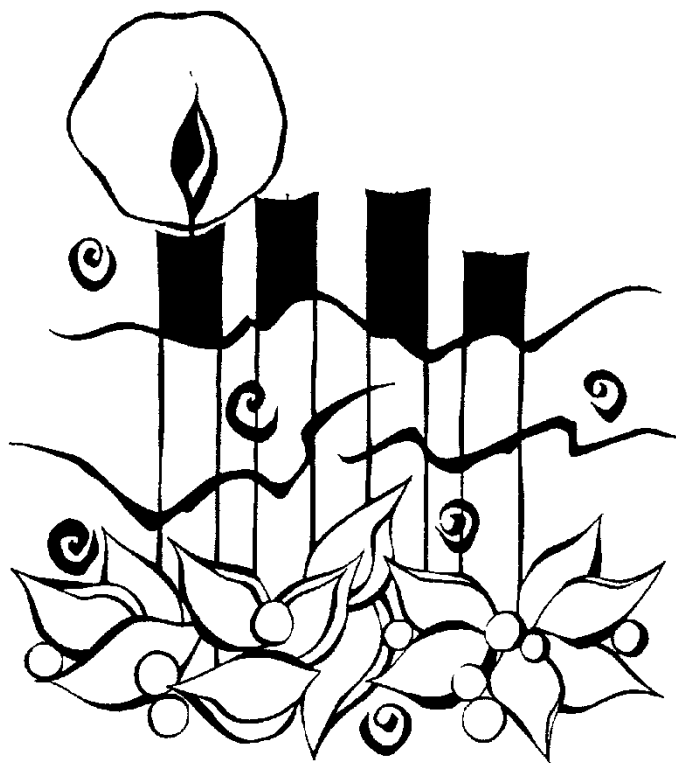


The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



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Silence Before Worship in Advent

During these four Sundays prior to Christmas, we invite you to join us in maintaining silence in church from about 9:50 am when choir practice ends and the candles are lit. Warmly invited but never “enforced,” silence isn’t absolute “absence of noise” as much as it is refraining from conversation and making room for our prayer. Thank you for exploring this new mode with us. We’ll have an opportunity to reflect on it together in the new year.

“O” Antiphon Introit

O Sapientia

O Wisdom, coming from the mouth of the Most High,
spanning the world in power from end to end, ordering all things for good.
Come and teach us the way of knowledge.

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Word of God

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.

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 (2:1-5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let

us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Psalm 122 I Was Glad They Came to Call Me



1 I was glad they came to call me, "Let us
 2 Let us pray for good in Zi - on: "May those
 go to where God rests." O Je - ru - sa -
 lov - ing you find peace. Let your dwell - ers
 lem, we praise you; here we stand, your pil - grim guests.
 live se - cure - ly; may their health and strength in - crease."
 Love - ly meet - ing place for wor - ship, sign to
 On be - half of all your peo - ple, hear my
 Is - rael of God's trust: thank you, LORD, for
 plea, "God's will be done." Since the LORD God
 Da - vid's cit - y, where the judg - ments all are just.
 lives a - mong us, I will pray, "Your king - dom come."

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:11-14)

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 73 The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

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

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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. We pray for healing from violence in our own nation and across your world in any region torn apart by war and civil unrest: Ukraine and Russia, Haiti, Sudan and South Sudan. We pray for the endurance of peace between Israel, Gaza and the West Bank.

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

For Sean our presiding bishop, and Julia our bishop; and for all people whose ministries show forth your love and healing power. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Church of Our Savior, St. John's Church and The Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, each in Arlington; The Standing Committee of our Diocese; and 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: Dick Anderson, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Sally Drew, Bill & Judy Gardiner, Joan Kirkby, Barbara & Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, John, Lauren, Linnea, Pat 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 pray for the community of the Terraces as its residents prepare to move to new homes.

Silence

The People add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

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

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember Ed and Betsy Mason who will be interred together this week, 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 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.

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.

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.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

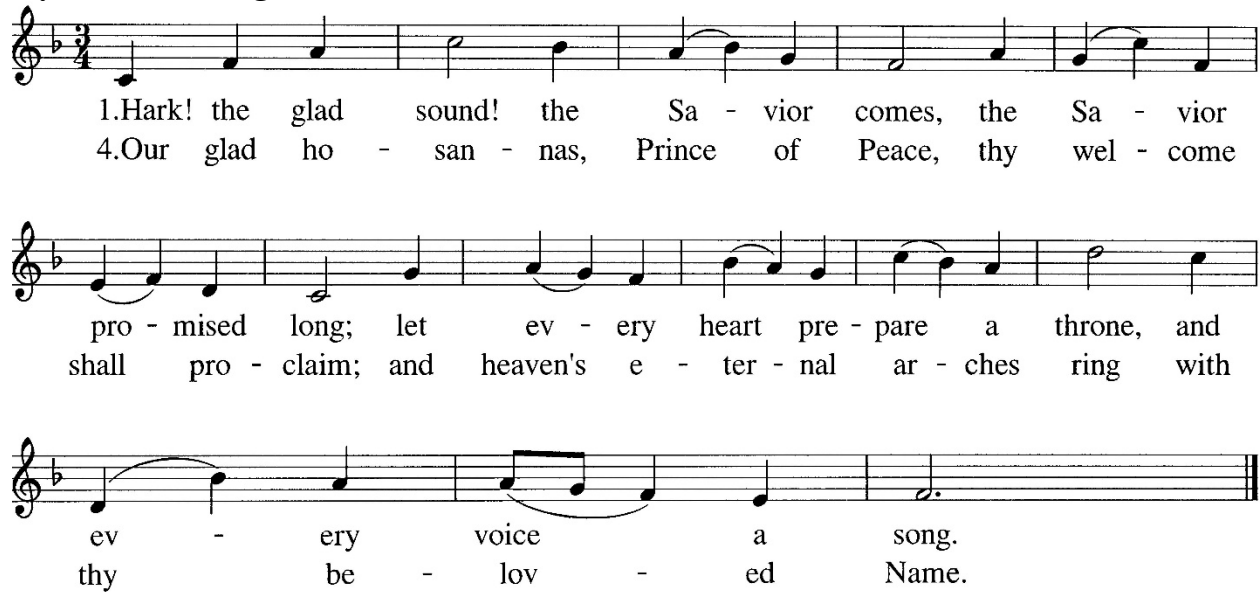
The Offertory

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

Carl Schalk

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light,
O star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone.
*As the blue expectant hour before the silv'ring skies,
We long to see your day arise whole and wise, O lucent Morning Star.*
As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,
may we your healing light release, living peace, unto your holy dawn.
*Shine your future on this place, enlighten ev'ry guest
That through us stream your holiness, bright and blest.
Come dawn, O Sun of grace.*

Hymn Hark! the glad sound!



1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

pro - mised long; let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal ar - ches ring with

ev - ery voice a song.
thy be - lov - ed Name.

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

Eucharistic Prayer 3 from *Enriching Our Worship*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing together:

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 honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations. You delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

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,

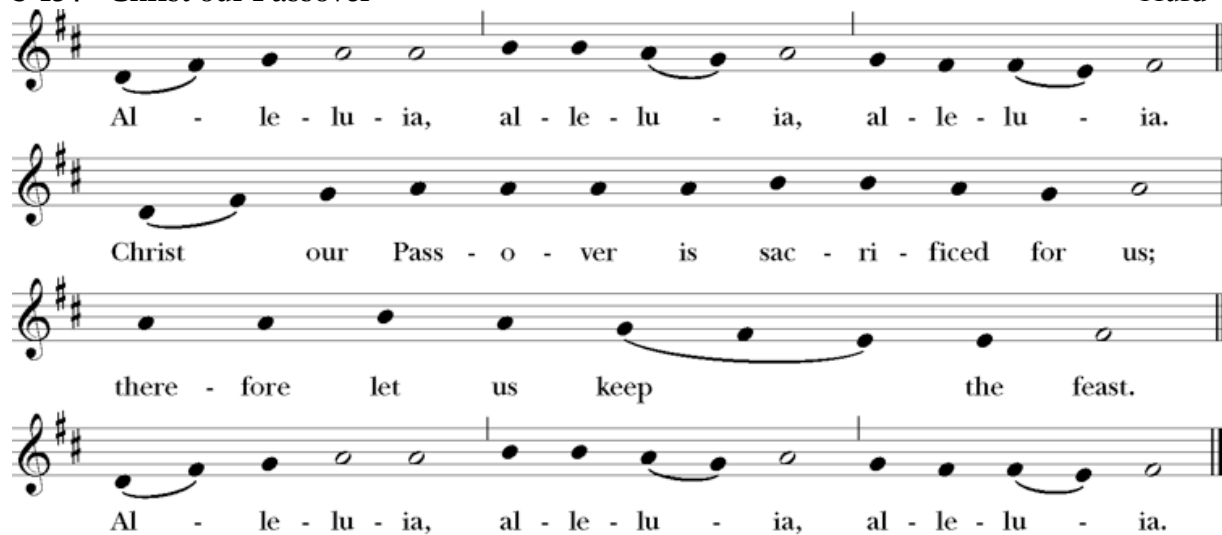
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

S-154 Christ our Passover

Hurd



The 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

We offer the following prayer each week in solidarity with those viewing from home as well as those receiving communion at this time at The Terraces (Orleans) thanks to our Eucharistic minister team.

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. Waiting 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 617 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Song 1

WLP 724 (green hymnal) People, look East

Besancon Carol

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 forever 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, we 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.**

The 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 Sung Dismissal

Palestrina/Ledger

Celebrant Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed...

Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you. *(refrain)*

Celebrant Stand ye still and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord... *(refrain)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost... *(refrain)*

The Postlude

Wachet auf

Max Drischner

Celebrant and Preacher

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