

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 10:30 am • December 1, 2024

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE VOLUNTARY: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 J. S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 57. Lo! he comes, with clouds descending *Helmsley*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355 | CG 3

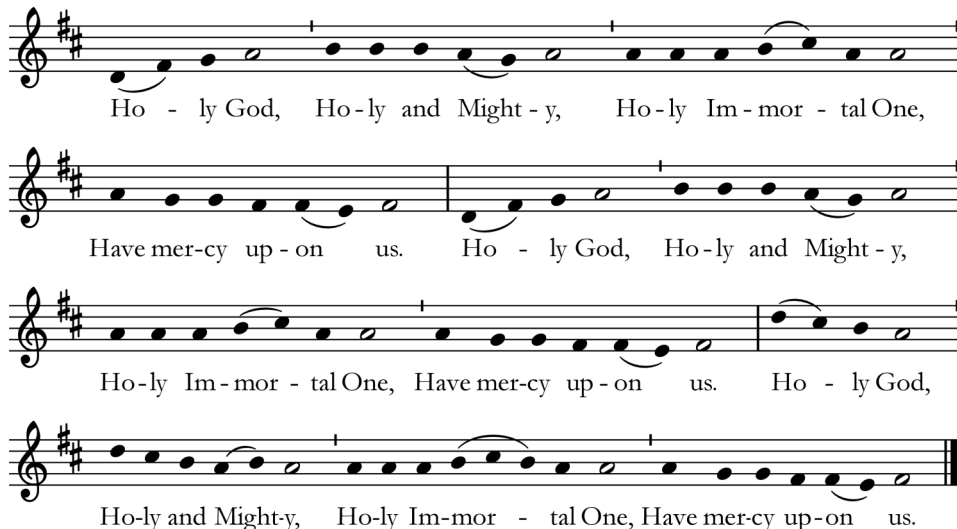
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SONG OF PRAISE: Trisagion BCP 356 | CG 5

8:30 Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

10:30 S 100 *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,
Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE WORD OF GOD

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 for ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (10:30)

The younger members of our congregation are invited to come forward to light the Advent candle. There is no Children's Formation today, so after the lighting they may return to the pews.

Leader We light this candle to remember God's promise of hope. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God will bring justice and righteousness to the world.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

THE FIRST 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.**

PSALM 25:1-9. *Domine, levavi*

8:30 *We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse.*

10:30 *The psalm will be sung by the choir. Chant: William Bradley Roberts*

- 1 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.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 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.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 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.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND 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.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 59. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glorify 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."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This Advent season, we pray expectantly for the return of Christ, waiting patiently in the darkness for a great light to lead us, guide us, and show us the way. Let us pray.

Root of Jesse, we remember that the Church has its roots in you. We pray for all believers around the world today, remembering we are all branches off of a common tree, with common ancestors and a common story. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Bright morning star, we give thanks for the gift of light today. We lift up caregivers, parents, teachers, community leaders, and all those who bring light to the world. May we similarly turn from darkness and the shadows of night and seek to walk in the light of Christ together. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Holy Spirit, Wisdom from on high, help us to order our common life to direct our attention towards you. In this season of renewal help us to pare down the distractions, distortions and despair that pulls us away from you and instead prepare the way for us. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Emmanuel, God with us, we ask that you be with those who are held captive in this day—those who mourn, those in exile, those struggling with addiction, loneliness, or pain or hurt of any kind. We especially lift up those in our church community: Alice, Becky, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Ilia, Jan, Jane, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Michelle, Nancy, Norris, Randy, Robin, Roy, and Steve. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

We also remember our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Bev, Brittany, Charles, Danielle, Diane, Evonne, Fori, Florence, Gemma, Gina, Jane, Jeff, John, John, Kate, Ken, Kerry, Licia, Lily, Michael, Michelle, Pam, Richard, Ron, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah Lou, Shannon, and Valeria. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

O Key of David, open wide the doors for those who have died and are seeking a way towards our heavenly home. Make safe the path for them and comfort their rest at the last. We pray for all those who have died, especially Andrew Wanhue, Kerry Coleman Wilke, Susan Smoley, Terry Mazzone, and Linwood Hedgpeth. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

O come, O King of nations, bind one the hearts of all mankind. Bid all our sad divisions cease and be to us and to all people our King of Peace. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

The People may add their own petitions, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: There is no rose

Graham Ellis

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia*. For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda* (“A wonderful thing”). By that rose we may well see that He is God in persons three, *Pares forma* (“Of the same form”). Now leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus* (“Let us go”).

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: 54. Savior the Nations, v. 1

1. Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
 Mar - vell now, both heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367 | CG 29

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

SANCTUS

BCP 371 | CG 43

10:30 S 124 *New Plainsong*, David 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Christ our Passover

BCP 364 | CG 47

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 S 154 *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Communion Propers for Advent I Adam Bartlett

The Lord will bestow his lovingkindness, and our land will yield its fruit. Lord, you have favored your land, and brought back the captives of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of your people, and covered all their sins. You averted all your rage; you turned back the heat of your anger. Bring us back, O God, our savior! Put an end to your grievance against us. Will you not restore again our life, that your people may rejoice in you? Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land. Merciful love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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,
 because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: LEVAS II 14. Soon and very soon



1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Pachelbel

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist & Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Josh Booth (8:30) Duff McAdams, Becky Christian (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Dearth (8:30) Alicia Lester-Bodford, Jeremy Clos, Owen McKimmon (10:30)
ACOLYTES (10:30)	Morgan Smith, Vance Dutton, Davis Dutton
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Logan Lee
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gail Till
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Charles Malone
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	The Booth Family

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Advent is a season of expectation, stretching four Sundays before Christmas, marking the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. It is a time dedicated to preparing the heart and spirit for the coming of Christ, both in the remembrance of His birth and in anticipation of His return. Traditionally, Christians around the world reflect on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Originating from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival," Advent has roots reaching back to the fourth century when early Christians set aside a season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Over centuries, the Advent season grew in significance, incorporating various traditions and customs that emphasize waiting and readiness for the fulfillment of God's promises. In many traditions, the Advent wreath, with its four candles—one lit each Sunday—serves as a reminder of the gradual unfolding of the promise of redemption.

The mood of Advent is distinct from the festive celebrations of Christmas; it carries a quieter, contemplative tone, urging believers to ready themselves spiritually. We reflect on Old Testament prophecies, like Isaiah's foretelling of the Messiah's arrival, alongside New Testament passages that anticipate Christ's return. Traditional Advent hymns such as *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* and *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* express themes of waiting and redemption, while quieter service music, such as chant, calls us to contemplation. The readings, prayers, and hymns associated with Advent are filled with longing and hope, capturing both the joy of the Incarnation and the yearning for a world fully reconciled with God.

Advent is a time to dwell on God's promises and to rekindle hope in the darkened world, remembering that Christ's light has come—and will come again. As the Church gathers each week to light another candle, it moves toward the joyful celebration of Christ's arrival, embodying the hope of a kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."



The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

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.



The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.



The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.