

The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

Holy Eucharist

*BCP refers to the **Book of Common Prayer**.*

*Hymns marked # and service music marked **S** are found in the **Hymnal 1982**.*

*Hymns marked (LEVAS II) are found in **Lift Every Voice and Sing**.*

***VOLUNTARY**

“Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme” (BWV 645)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - The First Candle

Cecilia Man, Peter Chow, Valerie and Johannes

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep shadow, on them a light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a special meaning.

One candle is lit as the following line is read.

The first candle represents HOPE.

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. *AMEN.*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 and all people shall see it together.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY (all in unison)

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 ELEISON

Cantor or Choir



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____

All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____

Cantor or Choir



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. _____

All



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. _____

Cantor or Choir *All*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____ Ky - ri -



e e - le - i - son. _____

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

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God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

All sit for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

At the conclusion of each Reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING

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.

PSALM 80: 1-7, 16-18 (sung)

Qui regis Israel

Plainsong Tone IV.4

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 Manasseh, *
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 away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Congregational Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

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.”

Congregational Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

SERMON

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly 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,
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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Creator God, we are your clay, we are all your people, each of us molded by the work of your hand. Gather us from the four winds and restore us, that we may be relieved of our unbelief, awakened by your Light, and never again turn away from you.

O LORD of Hosts,
Keep us alert and prepared.

Creator God, enlighten the souls and steady the hearts and minds of all who govern across this Earth. Straighten the path to peace and unity with local, national, and international friends and adversaries alike, guiding the path to justice, mercy, humanitarian, and planetary care. We pray especially for: Donald, our President; Tom, Chris, and Lisa, our Members of Congress; John, our Governor; Matt, our County Executive; and Mike, our Mayor.

O LORD of Hosts,
Keep us alert and prepared.

O Creator God, embrace and sustain all who are seriously ill or facing desperate times, that they, and those who give support, may know your warmth, light, and encouragement within. We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need...

O LORD of Hosts,
Keep us alert and prepared.

O Creator God, console and inspire us with the knowing that your Kingdom is welcoming with glory all who are now entering your gates, and awaiting all who are transitioning from this life. We pray especially for Max Bell, Rudolph Hengel, William McCain and Robert O'Neal.

O LORD of Hosts,
Keep us alert and prepared.

O Creator God, we pause in this moment to offer you our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions, and memorials...

O LORD of Hosts,
Keep us alert and prepared.

O Creator God, rekindle our hope in this waiting time, especially in all who are anointed in your Name, to lead us to your Truth that is our Christ. We pray especially for: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Kevin our Bishop; David, our Rector; Lloyd, our Rector Emeritus; Emily and Peter, our Associate Priests. We pray for the people of Nigeria and for St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

O LORD of Hosts,
Keep us alert and prepared.

The Celebrant adds the following prayer.

O Son of Man, Master of the House, keep us awake with joyful anticipation, preparing our souls through prayer and repentance, for the sudden unknown time of your return to claim us for eternity. We ask through the Holy Spirit, our Heavenly Advocate; and the Divine Architect of all that Is, who together with you reign as One God, forever and for always.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

***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.***

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Bye and Bye”

arr. Harold T. Burleigh

Kimberly Doucette, soloist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 - S 88

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

*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

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

INVITATION (all in unison)

*This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who seek him, those who love him,
and those who want to love him more.
So come, you who have much faith,
and you who have little, or are questioning faith.
Come, you who have been here often,
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.
Come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ who invites you to be known, fed, and loved here.*

Behold what you are
May we become what we receive

COMMUNION

*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

- 1 Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in Thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by Ttne all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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THE DISMISSAL

Congregational Response: *Thanks be to God.*

VOLUNTARY

“Hark, the glad sound”

Paul Manz

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