



MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**First Sunday of Advent
November 30th, 2025 8:30 and 11 am
Holy Communion, Rite Two**

Advent Worship.

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.

Our theme for Advent and Christmas comes to us from the Nicene Creed, which the Church has professed for almost two millennia. This year marks the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. We will teach about the Creed over three Sundays, beginning on Dec. 7th, in our Adult Forum. The history of the Creed is fascinating. For example, St. Nicholas of Myra—yes Santa Claus! —was there. As was a Bishop named Arius, who promoted a new and more palatable version of the faith for former pagans, and the powerful in the Empire, to accept and co-opt. It was a Unitarian version of Christianity named after its inventor, and Arianism had spread quickly once Christianity was now legal under Constantine. Thankfully, this newly Christian Emperor called the Bishops of the Church together to shape and set boundaries for the Christian faith. Questions around the deity of Jesus and the work of the Triune God, were settled once and for all.

Worship Changes for Advent.

It is customary in the Episcopal Church to use the different Eucharistic Prayers and Prayers of the People forms seasonally. As we did last year, this Advent we will pray Eucharistic Prayer C, the standard Confession, and Prayers of the People Form V weekly. We also have a bilingual booklet available for S'Gaw Karen speakers that includes the Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession and Absolution. Your clergy will guide you. I will also lead Morning Prayer each Monday on our Youtube channel at 7am. I invite you to begin each week of the season in scripture and prayer.

With every blessing, Dave+



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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Please stand.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (verse 1)

Hymnal #66

Please turn in the hymnal to our opening Hymn, Hymn #66 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

A member of the Altar party will light the Advent Candle.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #355.

Leader Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known... and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison/Lord Have Mercy

Musical score for "Kyrie Eleison/Lord Have Mercy" in 4/4 time. The score consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ky - rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris - te E - lei - son, have mer - cy. Ky - rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy. Chris - te E - lei - son, have mer - cy. As we come be - fore You with the needs of our world, we con - fess our fail - ures and our sin; For our words are man - y yet our deeds have been few; Fan the fire of com - pas - sion once a - gain.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 211

Leader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness...
...and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit.

THE LESSONS

BCP p. 357

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Bible OT p. 631–632

Please turn in your pew Bible to OT p. # 631.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Psalm 122: With Joy I Heard (to tune of Sussex Carol)

With joy I heard my friends exclaim,
“Come, let us in God’s temple meet”;
Within your gates, O Zion blest,
shall ever stand our willing feet!

Chorus: Come, let us sing salvation's song;
Zion, proclaim your living Lord!

How beautiful does Zion stand,
A city built forever fair;
The people of the Lord unite
With joy and praise to worship there. (Chorus)

They come to learn the will of God,
To pay their vows to Him alone,
For there is judgment’s royal seat,
Messiah’s sure and lasting throne. (Chorus)

For Zion’s peace let prayers be made;
May all that love you prosper well!
Within your walls let peace abide,
And gladness with thy children dwell. (Chorus)

THE HOLY GOSPEL (Matthew 24:36-44)

Bible NT p. 27-28

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 27.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading:

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

THE SERMON

Fr Marc Landeweer

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #358, as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All We believe in one God...
... and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM V

BCP p. 389

After every petition we respond, “Lord, have mercy.”

All stand.

CONFESSION

BCP p. 360

ABSOLUTION & PEACE

BCP p. 360

11:00AM

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.

All **And also with you.**

Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.

Please take a moment to share the sign of peace with those around you.

All sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A greeting from our clergy to Messiah members and our guests; we'll also share news for the Messiah community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.

OFFERTORY HYMN

8:30AM

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Hymnal #59

Oh, Children Come!

Hear the cry from Bethlehem: Oh, children come!

Son of God now born to men, Oh, children come!

Bring your troubles, bring your fears, bring the needs that draw you near

Find the hope of all the years, Oh, children come!

Oh, children come!

Peace on earth good will to men, Oh, children come!

Righteous rule that will not end, Oh, children come!

Lay down all your bitterness, turn from sin's toil and distress,

Find His grace and perfect rest, Oh, children come!

Oh, children come!

Interlude Ooh ooh oh

Ooh eh oh

Where the Father's grace has walked, Oh, children come!

Where you see the hurt and lost, Oh, children come!

Show the mercy shown to you, gifts of kindness to renew

Love from hearts sincere and true, Oh, children come!

Show the mercy shown to you, gifts of kindness to renew

Love from hearts sincere and true, Oh, children come!

Oh, children come! Oh, children come!

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All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come from you, O God.

All **And from your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C BCP p. 369

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 369

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 him thanks and praise.

Leader God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy...
... proclaim with them your glory, in their enduring hymn.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of power and might —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry

Ho - san - na in the high - est 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 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Leader And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and...
...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection,**
as we await the day of his coming.

Leader Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and...
... gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**

Leader And now as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cantor Our Fa - ther, — *All:* Our Fa - ther, in hea - - - ven,

hal - lowed be, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom

come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give, for - give those, those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP p. 364-366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.

Leader Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance ...
 ... and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to kneel in prayer at the Communion. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you.

8:30 am service: Healing team members George Slanger and Jean Smidt are available for prayer during communion.

11 am service: Healing team members Walter and Anne McManus are available for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slanger & Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal #324

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| ၁. တၢ်ဖဲးတၢ်ညးခဲလၢတၢ်အိၣ်ဘျီၣ်
လၢတၢ်ယျၢၤ, ကနိး, ဆၢထၢၣ်
ပၢ်ကွဲၣ်တၢ်ခိၣ်တၢ်ဆိကမိၣ်
ခရၢ်ပကစၢ်ဟဲလိၤ
တၢ်ဆိၣ်ဂ့ၤအိၣ်လၢအစုလိၤ
ပတၢ်ယုးယိၣ်, ဟံးန့ၢ်အိၤ. | ၂. အိၣ်ဖျါလၢမၤရဲၣ်ဖျါစိၤဟံး
ခိၣ်လၢပျၢၤဖဲဟိၣ်ခိၣ်အံၤ
အိၣ်ဆၢထၢၣ်လၢနီၣ်ခိၣ်သ့ၣ်
ကစၢ်တဖၣ်အကစၢ်
ကဟ့ၣ်အပုၤလၢကလုာ်တီ
နီၣ်ကစၢ်ဖူခိၣ်တၢ်အိၣ်. | ၃. ဖူခိၣ်သးဖျါဂီၢ်ဖျါတဖၣ်
လဲၤလၢညါသလၢအသး
ခိၣ်တၢ်ကပိၤနီၣ်နီၣ်ဆဲးလိၤ
အလိၤဖဲဖျါဆါတလၢာ်
ခိၣ်သိးလၢရၢ်အစိကမိၤ
တၢ်ခဲးခဲးကွဲၣ်ဟိၣ်လိၤ. | ၄. အစိၣ်ထံးစုရၤဖၣ်တဖၣ်
ခရၢ်ဘျီၣ်လၢတဖၣ်တဖၣ်
အိၣ်ကျၢ်ဘၢဖဲလၢအဖဲၣ်ညါ
ကိးထီၣ်ခဲတလိၤတူၢ်ဘျီ
အလၢလူၤယၢၤ, အလၢလူၤယၢၤ
ဆူတၢ်ခိၣ်တၢ်ထီကစၢ်. အမၤပုၣ်. |
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King Of Kings

Verse

1. In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spi - rit, three in one.

God of glo - ry, maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of kings.

2. To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (To Chorus)

3. And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored. (To Verse 4)

4. And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (To Chorus)

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At Messiah we generally stand for the last Communion song, the Altar party will stand first.

There's A Voice In The Wilderness

Hymnal #75

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP p. 365

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members
... with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All stand.

CLOSING HYMN

Lo! He Comes

Hymnal #57

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| <p>၁. ယုန်ရှူးလောပုလဲမာထံကွဲင်အိာ,
ဟဲလိာလောတၢ်အာန်အလိာ,
ပုလဲထီအိာမုာ်သကီၤအိာ,
အိန်ဒီးလောကပိာမးဒိန်,
ဟးလံာ်လုာ်ယာ,
ယုန်ရှူးဟဲလိာဆူဟိန်ခိန်.</p> | <p>၃. ကွဲာ်ကွဲာ်, လောယုန်ရှူးအနီာ်ခိ
ပုလဲလိာ်ထီဆွဲတဟါမုာ်,
ဒီးကယံာ်ပုလဲသုာ်တိသးလိာ,
ကွဲာ်အိာဒီးသးခုဒိန်မး,
သုန်ခုသးခု,
တုာ်အထံန်ပုလဲလိာ်အိန်ပျါ.</p> |
| <p>၂. ပုလဲဒုန်ခွဲန်ဒီးပုလဲဆါကွဲာ်အိာ
ပုလဲထီအိာလောထုန်စုညါ
ကီၤလဲးကထံန်ဒီးပျဲအိာ,
လောကပိာ်ကွဲာ်တဘုန်ဘုန်,
ဟိန်တၢ်ယာတၢ်,
တုာ်အထံန်ဘုန်မးရှဲအာ.</p> | <p>၄. ဆုန်နီာ်နဲလောလိာ်ပစိာ်ဒီး,
မိပုလဲလောာ်ဘါထီန်နုာ်,
ဘိမုာ်ဒီးတၢ်စိတၢ်ကမိာ်,
ဟးနုာ်နဲဒီးဟဲဟတၢ်,
ဟးလံာ်လုာ်ယာ,
ဟတၢ်ခိန်မုာ်နုာ်အာ.</p> |

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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