

MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7th, 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 Christan 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 (verses | & 2)

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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 211

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach... ...and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LESSONS

BCP p. 357

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Bible OT p. 640-641

Please turn in your pew Bible to OT p. # 640.

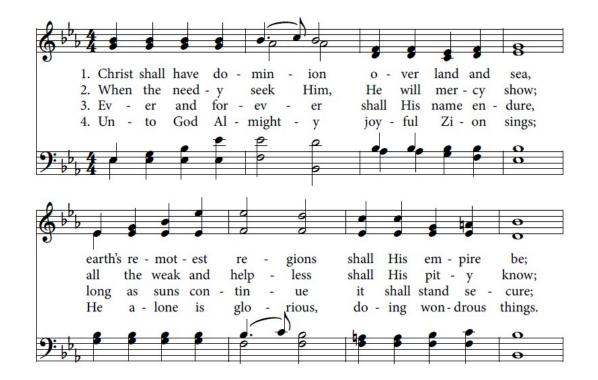
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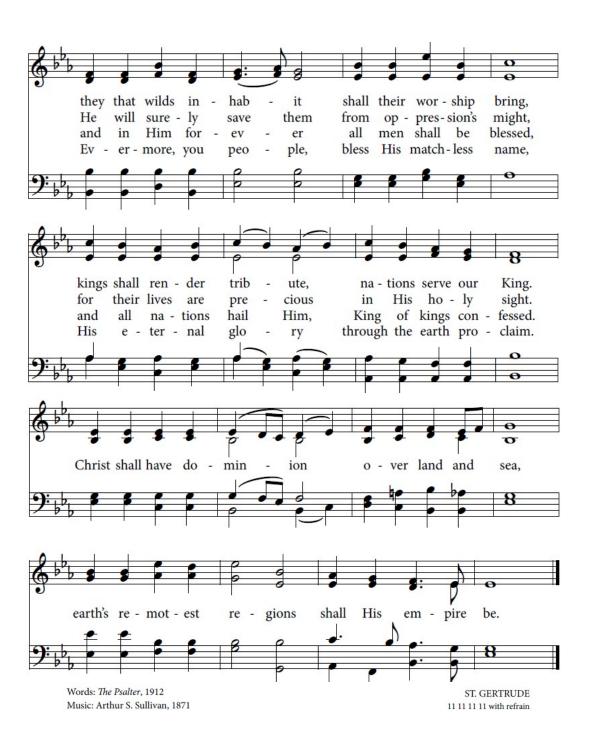
Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Psalm 72: Christ Shall Have Dominion





THE HOLY GOSPEL

(Matthew 3:1-12)

Bible NT p. 2-3

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 2.

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

the Rev Dave Langille

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

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

God With Us (Our Deliverer)





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11:00AM

And The Glory Of The Lord

And the glory of the LORD
Shall be revealed
And all flesh shall see it together
For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

from Handel's Messiah

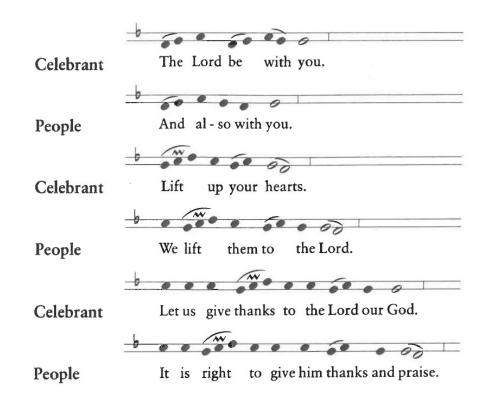
All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come from you, O God.

All And from your own have we given you.

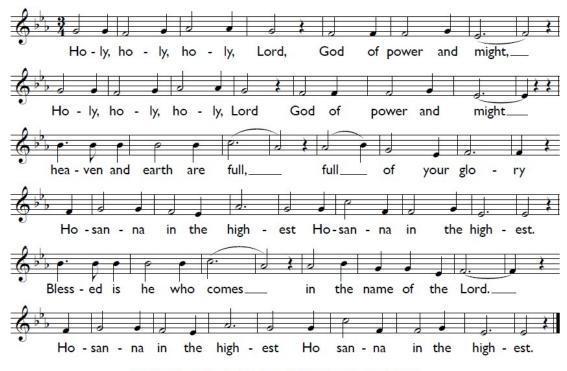
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C BCP p. 369

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



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

SANCTUS



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



Music:Senzeni na (What have we done?), South African; set to words of Mass by Betty C. Pulkingham (Freedom Mass); Used by permission.

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 Ann Schwarz and Joanne Slanger are available for prayer during communion.

II am service: Healing team members Mary Lou Henneman and Libby Johnson are

available for prayer during communion, concurrent with Joanne Slanger

& Jennifer Wilson available for prayer by calling 612-803-9020.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy







Softly And Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? (R)

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, death's night is coming, coming for you and for me. (R)

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. (R)

Text: Will L. Thompson; Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal #657

BCP p. 365

BCP p. 366

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.

ΑII 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

On Jordan's Bank

Hymnal #76

Please turn in the hymnal to our closing Hymn, Hymn #76 On Jordan's Bank.

ကစင်္ဂတိုင်ဘူး, စီးယီးဟုဉ်စ်း ခီးဟုဉ်တင်္ဂစုခင်္ဂတုံးမှုအထုအယိင် ဖုဂ်စီးပေးသည်အစီးပေးခီး, နေ့စဉ်တာဆိုခဲ့, လီးဝင်္ဂသမှင်္ဂ, ကတင်္ဂကတီးသုသးတကုင်္ဂ ခ်ဖီချဉ်သင်္ဂတို ၂. ပင်ကွင်ကယ်ကြာခဲ့ဘူးဒီး, നാന്നത്വാര്ന്നാര്റ് ပူးတဲ့နှင့်ဖုံကစ်္ဂယှဉ်ရူး

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

Postlude

THE DISMISSAL



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