

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 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 (verses 1 & 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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. 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. When the cries of vic - tims go un - heard in the land, and the scars of war re - fuse to heal, will we stand for jus - tice to em - pow - er the weak, till their bonds of op - pres - sion are no more?

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.**

All sit.

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.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Psalm 72: Christ Shall Have Dominion

1. Christ shall have do - min - ion o - ver land and sea,
2. When the need - y seek Him, He will mer - cy show;
3. Ev - er and for - ev - er shall His name en - dure,
4. Un - to God Al - might - y joy - ful Zi - on sings;

earth's re - mot - est re - gions shall His em - pire be;
all the weak and help - less shall His pit - y know;
long as suns con - tin - ue it shall stand se - cure;
He a - lone is glo - rious, do - ing won - drous things.

they that wilds in - hab - it shall their wor - ship bring,
He will sure - ly save them from op - pres - sion's might,
and in Him for - ev - er all men shall be blessed,
Ev - er - more, you peo - ple, bless His match - less name,

kings shall ren - der trib - ute, na - tions serve our King.
for their lives are pre - cious in His ho - ly sight.
and all na - tions hail Him, King of kings con - fessed.
His e - ter - nal glo - ry through the earth pro - claim.

Christ shall have do - min - ion o - ver land and sea,

earth's re - mot - est re - gions shall His em - pire be.

Words: *The Psalter*, 1912
Music: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

ST. GERTRUDE
11 11 11 11 with refrain

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)



1. Oh, You've come to bring peace, to be Love,
2. Oh, You've come to be Hope to this world,



to be near - er to us. You've come to bring life,
for Your hon - or and name. And You've come to take sin,

to be Light, to shine bright - er in us. Oh, Em -
to bear shame, and to con - quer the grave.

man - u - - el, God with us.

Chorus
Our De - liv - er - er, You are Sav - ior. In Your pres - ence we
find our strength o - ver ev - 'ry - thing, our Re - demp - tion,
God with us, You are God with us.

Bridge
You are here. You are ho - ly. We are stand - ing in Your glo - ry.
in Your glo - ry, Lord.

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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

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, — *Alli* 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.

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.
11 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

Joseph Hart; Refrain, Anonymous

Walker's Southern Harmony

1. Come, ye sin-ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore.
2. Come, ye thirst - y; come, and wel - come; God's free bount - y glo - ri - fy.
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Lo! th'in - car - nate God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it of His blood.

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
Ven - ture on Him, ven - ture whol - ly; let no oth - er trust in - trude.

I will a-rise and go to Je - sus, He will em-brace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, oh, there are ten thou-sand charms.

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

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

On Jordan's Bank

Hymnal #76

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

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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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