

ST JOSEPH'S

EPISCOPAL • CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Prelude *10:30 service

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

**Hymns are played at the 10:30 service.*

Processional - Hymnal #75

There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.

Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away;

3. but the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he'll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he'll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.

Candle Lighting *8:30 read aloud the starred stanzas, *10:30 sing verses following the choir

Choir

Light one candle for hope
one bright candle for hope
he brings hope to every heart
he comes, he comes.

**Choir & Congregation*

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Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

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.

Gloria *8:30 service

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

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.*

First Reading: 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."

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

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.*

Second Reading: 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.

After the reading

Reader The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn - Hymnal #640

Watchman Tell Us of the Night

1. Watchman, tell us of the night,
 what its signs of promise are.
 Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,
 see that glory-beaming star.
 Watchman, does its beauteous ray
 aught of joy or hope foretell?
 Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
 promised day of Israel.

Watchman, will its beams alone
gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

2. Watchman, tell us of the night;
 higher yet that star ascends.
 Traveler, blessedness and light,
 peace and truth its course portends.

3. Watchman, tell us of the night,
 for the morning seems to dawn.
 Traveler, darkness takes its flight,
 doubt and terror are withdrawn.
 Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;
 hie thee to thy quiet home.
 Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace,
 lo! the Son of God is come!

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Before the Gospel reading

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People *Glory 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."

After the Gospel reading

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Ann B. Barker

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 - Form IV

People respond in italics.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

Confession

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Doxology *(After the elements are prepared.)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also 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.*

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

Proper Preface is said by the priest.

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 *8:30 service

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus – S130 *10:30 service

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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.

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

**8:30 service*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**10:30 service Hymnal S164*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Advent Spiritual Communion Prayer **10:30 service*

Celebrant and Virtual Attendees

Dear Jesus, in Advent we long for you to come into our hearts and lives. This Advent we also long for the gift of your presence in the Eucharist. Since we cannot now receive the Sacrament, we pray that you will come spiritually into our hearts and fill us with your love. Keep us close to you always. Amen.

The Celebrant invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn - Hymnal #70

Herald Sound the Note of Judgement

1. Herald, sound the note of judgement,
warning us of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness
till once more we sing the song.

2. Herald, sound the note of gladness;
tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!

Christ, the Savior King, has come!

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Recessional - *Hymnal #61*

Sleepers Wake A Voice Astounds Us

1. "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:

her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight,
no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
for ever let our praises ring.

Dismissal *The congregation responds: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

The sanctuary lamp is lit for the Glory of God.

November Birthdays

Candy Rhinehart - 3
James Pompey - 4
Ginny Lucas - 6
James Andrew Jr. (JJ) Oliphant - 7
Mary Lou Badger - 10
Lindsay Jones - 11
Richard Calhoun - 15

Seth Bailey - 18
Kerry Girardin - 19
Phil Bailey - 19
Abigail O'Neill - 20
Riley Theophile - 20
Patrick Baker - 21
Dale Drane - 23
Kim Elliott - 24
John "Mac" Hale - 26

Tom Stanfield - 26
Tim LaCerra - 28
Iris Padin - 29

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Announcements

November Alms

Because it has been so rewarding and appreciated in the past, our angels again this year are developmentally delayed adults living in group homes. The angels will be ready for you to take from the tree on November 28. A gift description will be written on the angel. Purchase the gift and return it unwrapped (they may be put in gift bags) to the church by Sunday, December 19. Please return the angel tag with the gift. Almsgiving donations will go toward buying Christmas meals for the angels.

Join us in sharing the love and joy of Christmas!

Lessons and Carols

The lessons and carols service will be held Sunday, December 5 at 6:00 pm. Make plans to attend this festive tradition. A brief reception will follow.

Christmas Poinsettias

As is our tradition, we will be using poinsettias at our Christmas services. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or email the church with your loved ones name, and if it is in thanksgiving of, or in memory of. Each poinsettia is \$10.00. Deadline to submit: Tuesday, Dec 14.

Adult Christian Formation

Today we will begin a four-week Advent study. No book is needed. Adult Christian formation meets at 9:30 in the parlor unless we have a larger group, in which case we will go to the library or the parish hall. Please join us.

Bible Study

A new zoom Bible study has begun. Join us either on Tuesday at 10 am or Thursday at 7 pm. The study is called "Parables." In total it is 12 sessions long, but we will do 5 sessions before taking a break for the holidays and then pick it back up for the final 7 sessions after the new year. Feel free to drop in and out as you would like. If you have not been in the Bible study before, please let Rev. Ann know so she can send you the zoom link. The book is available on Amazon or Intervarsity Press.

Youth Christian Formation

Young people through 8th grade will meet downstairs for Christian formation at 9:30. Please join us and explore our faith.

Children's Church

Children ages Kindergarten - 5th grade meet in the Children's Chapel downstairs at 10:20 am. They will be brought up to join the regular service prior to communion.

Prayers of the People

If you have a prayer request, you may submit it on the website. Please do so no later than Thursday at 10am for it to be included on Sunday during the Prayers of the People. If you want someone mentioned for longer than one Sunday, please submit another request the following week.