

*Everyone's safety is of the utmost importance. Masks are now required regardless of vaccination status in all areas of the church campus.
We also ask that everyone practice social distancing regardless of vaccine status.
Thank you for your cooperation in being a good neighbor.*



Worship Bulletin
Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite One

*(Please join in the celebration by responding with the words in **BOLD/ITALICS**)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (*Matthew 24:42-44*)

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

The following is said, all standing

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM 25:1-9 *(The Psalm is read responsive by full verse)*

Remain seated.

¹To 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.

³Show 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.

⁵Remember, 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.

⁷Gracious 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.

⁹All 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

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36

All stand.

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

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

THE CREED

All stand.

*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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O God, to all bishops and to all other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O God, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor, Amanda and Coryn, Baby Archer, Constance, Deb, Dee, Deeanna, Donita, Donna, Duke, Edie, Edgar, Emily, Francisco and Andrea, Frank, Genie, Gloria, Hal, *Harold (Bud)*, Jace, *Jackie*, Jane, Jason, Jess, Joe and Zandra, Jordan, Joyce, Kole, Leighton, Liz, Baby Lyla, Marcia and *Bill*, Marion, Marjorie, Mary, Mya, McKenzie, Madeleine and Steph, Michelle, Mimi, Parker, Patricia, Patrick, Pete, Richard, Roseann, Sandy, Sharon, Shirley, *Stan*, Susan, Wayne, and Vedran, and all those others we now name _____. Also, remember all the families who care for their loved ones.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially for Maria Grazia Audi, Barbara Gallipeau (mother of Kathy Carten), and for all those we now name _____, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Michael, the Archangel, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For an Anniversary

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For all our Students

O, gracious and all loving God, we praise Your holy name! We thank You for Your presence in our lives and for the abundance of gifts with which we have been blessed. Today, we bless and honor our students who have excelled in their work at school. We know they have been given many talents. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Spiritual Communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the bread wine.

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Thank You For The Privilege of Your Time Today

The Worship is over – Now the Service Begins.

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

(November 28, 2021): This week we especially pray for all those who are sick or homebound; or need our prayers for support, strength, or Thanksgivings. We especially remember Amanda and Coryn, Baby Archer, Constance, Deb, Dee, Deeanna, Donita, Donna, Duke, Edie, Edgar, Emily, Francisco and Andrea, Frank, Genie, Gloria, Hal, *Harold (Bud)*, Jace, *Jackie*, Jane, Jason, Jess, Joe and Zandra, Jordan, Joyce, Kole, Leighton, Liz, Baby Lyla, Marcia and *Bill*, Marion, Marjorie, Mary, Mya, McKenzie, Madeleine and Steph, Michelle, Mimi, Parker, Patricia, Patrick, Pete, Richard, Roseann, Sandy, Sharon, Shirley, *Stan*, Susan, Wayne, and Vedran. Also remember all the families who care for their loved ones.

SAINT MICHAELS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN

The Rev. Jules Jodko

Vesna Mehinovic, Pianist and Choirmaster

Lector: Hal Hebb

Altar Guild and Flower Arrangements: Edie Campos, Melissa Zaldo, Debbie Porter,
Ann Lineweber, Linda Ploski, Tina O'Connor, Beth Mathey

THE VESTRY OF ST. MICHAEL'S

Senior Warden: Rick Brodeur

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Church News and Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Basket Collections for the Foodbank

Thank you to everyone that donated to the baskets!

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Thank you to everyone who made donations and to all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication!

Gift Cards for Christmas

If you would like to order gift cards for Christmas, please contact Linda Ploski via email ploski@sbcglobal.net before December 10th to ensure delivery for Christmas

Christmas Artisan Bazaar

Saturday, December 4th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Snow date - Saturday, December 11th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bring an unwrapped toy or non-perishable item to help fill our donation boxes.

Volunteers needed

Contact Deb Deptula 203-648-3243 or Debdeptula@yahoo.com

Conference of Churches Christmas Toy EVENT

The Toy Sale will be held this year in the Parish Hall from Monday, December 6th through Wednesday, December 8th.

Please bring unwrapped toys /clothing to the Wing, leaving the prices on.

Volunteers are needed for setup Sunday, December 5th and during the sale Monday, through Wednesday.

Please call Michelle Tortorici at 203-723-4005 if you can lend a hand.

Christmas Services

Blue Christmas and Longest Day Reception – December 21st at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Choral Concert at 10:30 pm. (Precedes the 11:00 pm. Service)

Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm

Advent Adult Study

Mondays in December

12/6, 13, 20 at 6:30 pm both in person in the wing and via Zoom (link to be published later)

Book Study

Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry