

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 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

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

PRELUDE

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56)

December 23
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

December 17
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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 96 *Lord, have mercy upon us (Schubert/Proulx) (BCP p. 356)*

The following is sung, all standing

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

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 (SAID RESPONSIVELY 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

(Merton) (H 59)

All stand.

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36

All stand.

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

[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 to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

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.

Celebrant:

We seek the mighty God in the most unlikely places as a child in a stable, and in an empty tomb. May God hear these prayers, which come from the unlikely corners of our lives.

Intercessor:

My brothers and sisters may God strengthen your hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray,

“O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness. (*Silence*) O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. (*Silence*) O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you. *(Silence)* O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village, and town—together in a spirit of love and respect. *(Silence)* O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. Especially all those on our Parish Prayer Chain, the Community Prayer List, and for those who we now name _____. *(Silence)* O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, especially Maria Grazia Audi, and all those others we now name _____, rise to life immortal with all your saints. *(Silence)* O come, o come, Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

Celebrant

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 our Savior 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.***

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

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 your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Open Your Eyes”

Bob Cull (BCP p. 361)

DOXOLOGY *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)*

*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.*

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.***

PROPER PREFACE

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because you sent your 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS (HYMN 130)

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage

Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.
On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

of your daughters and sons,
that with Michael, the Archangel, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

COMMUNION MUSIC (BCP p. 365)

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ADVENT 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.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Watchman, tell us of the night (Aberystwyth) (H 640)*

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.

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

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!

DISMISSAL

People Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
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
Cantor: Al Betts
Lector: Tim Kelly
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
Junior Warden: Debra Deptula
Treasurer: Tina O'Connor
Parish Clerk: Sara Euvino
Asst. Treasurer: Paul Mathey
Kyle Kellar
Barbara Kelly
Melissa Zaldo
Edie Campos
Hal Hebb
Cheryl Koenemund
Beth Mathey

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