

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MORNING PRAYER RITE II
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

THE EPISCOPAL RIVER PARISHES

8:30 am - St. John’s, Cape Vincent
10:30 am Christ Church, Clayton

The Word of God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		ADVENT WEEK #1
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. <i>Amen</i>		
ENTRANCE HYMN	<i>Blest inhabitants of Zion</i>	1982 Hymnal #522
OPENING SENTENCE FOR ADVENT	<i>Standing as able.</i>	BCP p. 78
CONFESSION OF SIN		BCP p. 79
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER		BCP p. 80
VENITE		BCP p. 82
PSALM Psalm 122	<i>Read responsively by whole verse.</i>	BCP p. 779
¹ I was glad when they said to me, * “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”		
² Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.		
³ Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;		
⁴ To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.		
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.		
⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * “May they prosper who love you.		
⁷ Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.		
⁸ For my brethren and companions’ sake, * I pray for your prosperity.		
⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.”		

The Lessons

FIRST READING	A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.	Isaiah 2:1-5
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In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST CANTICLE *Officiant and People together, standing.* **Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah**
BCP p. 87

SECOND READING A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. **Romans 13:11-14**
You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND CANTICLE *Officiant and People together, standing.* **Canticle 21: You are God** BCP p. 95

THIRD READING A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. **Matthew 24:36-44**
[Jesus said to his disciples,] “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *Awake my soul stretch every nerve* **1982 Hymnal#546**

THE SERMON

The Prayers

SALUTATION

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The people stand as able.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SUFFRAGES - Form A or B

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

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Officiant may add other collects as appropriate.

PEACE *The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

CHOIR ANTHEM(10:30)

Come, Jesus, Come!

arr. by Gambil & Wall

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

1982 Hymnal #68

DOXOLOGY

1982 Hymnal #380, v 3

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*”

Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.
Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.
Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.
Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light.
Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near, especially those on our prayer list and those we name either silently or aloud.
Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever.
Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Officiant concludes with a prayer for mission. BCP p. 100

GENERAL THANKSGIVING BCP p. 101

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM BCP p. 102

DISMISSAL & CLOSING SENTENCE

CLOSING HYMN *Sleepers, wake!* **1982 Hymnal #61**

Thank you to Ann Rexford and Sharon Cantwell for their ministry in leading Morning Prayer today.

TODAY’S MINISTERS

8:30 am	Lay Worship Leader	Ann Rexford
	Lector, Psalmist & Prayer Leader	Faith Vernetti
	Acolyte	Colleen Mercer
	Usher	Diane Sanders
	Video Technician	Stephen Cougler
	Musician	Helen Timerman
10:30 am	Altar Guild	Tracy Brabant
	Lay Worship Leader	Sharon Cantwell
	Lector, Psalmist & Prayer Leader	Marty Yenawine
	Video Technician	James Glynn
	Usher	Susie Nolte
	Musician	Helen Timerman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD SENSE: December orders will be accepted by phone or in-person on **Mon, Dec 1, 9am-12 pm** or **Thurs, Dec 4, 9am-12 pm**. Online orders can be placedD at: <https://foodsense.foodbankcny.org/>
Deadline to order online is **Mon, Dec 8. Pick up** your order on **Thurs, Dec 18, 2:30pm - 4pm**.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Email to: episcopalriverparishes@gmail.com

ST. JOHN’S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider their pledge for 2026 and return the pledge card **by Dec. 14**.

CHRIST CHURCH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: The Finance Committee is finalizing the budget. The committee reminds parishioners, especially those who have pledged in the past but have yet to pledge this year, to complete pledge cards soon. Pledge online here:
<https://onrealm.org/ChristEpiscopal35600/AddPledge/pledgedgiving>

HEART TO HEART: The free community dinner at Christ Church will not be held in December. It will return on **Monday, January 5**.

Congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York
The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop
Helen Timerman, Organist and Choir Director