The Word of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT sung by the choir

Matin Responsory

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming,

and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

"Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?"
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:

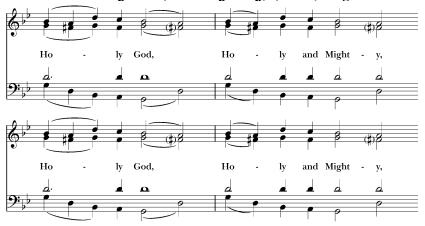
"Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. I look from afar (etc.) ...

ENTRANCE HYMN Rejoice! rejoice, believers (Llangloffan) (H 68)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

TRISAGION Holy God (Archangelsky) (S 102) sing three times



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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: Isaiah 2:1-5

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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.

3Many 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.

4He 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.

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The choir begins, all respond with the verses in bold.

- 1 I was glad when they/ said to me, * "Let us go to the I house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are I standing* within your gates, / o Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a/ city* that is at unity/ with itself;
- 4To 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 Je- / -rusalem: * "May they pros-/ -per who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your/ walls * and quietness with-/ -in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com-/ -panions' sake, * I pray for/ your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our I God, * I will seek to/ do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

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

¹¹You 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, 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.

SEQUENCE INTROIT O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56, v. 1)

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56, v. 2)

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP Form IV p. 388)

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 393)

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Audivi Media Nocte

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Audivi media nocte clamor factus est Ecce sponsus venit

(I heard a great cry at midnight; Behold, the bridegroom is coming!)

OFFERTORY HYMN Old 100th (H 380, v. 3)

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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (BCP p. 367)

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (S 130)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP p. 364)

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364) Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S 164)



 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)} \\ \textbf{The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of} \end{array}$ Salvation. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us (Wachet auf) (H 61)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365 or p. 366)

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley) (H 57)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Join us for refreshments & fellowship in our Upper Room following worship!

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

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In the Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Peggy & Mark Schauer.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 30 November 2025 AD, 10:00 a.m.



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Welcome! We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you need pastoral care, please email Fr. John at lakesinai@comcast.net. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better. If you are interested in getting to know us better, please include your email or phone.

NOTES: BCP is The Book of Common Prayer, the red book in the pew. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.