



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
NOVEMBER 30, 2025  
11:00AM

*Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.  
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.  
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

**Voluntary**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659* Johann Sebastian Bach

### **The Word of God**

**Hymn 66**, *Standing, sung by all*

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus* STUTTGART

### **The Opening Acclamation**

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Kyrie S94**, *Sung by all*

Plainsong

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

### **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 First Reading**, *Seated*

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 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 ploughshares, 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.**

**Psalm 122**, *Please join the choir in singing the bold portions of the Psalm*

*Tone VIII.1*



- 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 u-/nity 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 Je-/rusalem: \***  
    **"May they pros-/per who love you.**
- 7 Peace be with-/in 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 God, \*  
    **I will / seek to do you good."**

## **Second Reading**

## **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.**

**Hymn 601**, *Standing, sung by all*

*O day of God, draw nigh* ST. MICHAEL

*During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are  
invited to follow the children's cross out to Children's Chapel  
Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But 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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dn. Dr. Robert A. Serio

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People, Form I**, *Standing or kneeling*

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**The Confession and Absolution**, *Standing or kneeling*

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**The Peace**, *Standing*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory Anthem

*Ad te levavi*

Josef Rheinberger

Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam;  
neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te expectant,  
non confundentur.

*To you I lift up my soul, O Lord, my God.  
In you I trust; let me not be put to shame, let not my enemies exult over me.  
No one who waits for you shall be put to shame.  
—Psalm 25:1–3*

### Presentation Hymn 68, st. 3, *Standing, sung by all*

LLANGLOFFAN

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, above  
this darkened sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of  
earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C *Standing*

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*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.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you forever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island  
home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us  
with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we  
turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you  
revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only  
Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom  
and peace.

*People*     **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus S122, *Sung by all***

Plainsong

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.

*Standing or kneeling*

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

*People*     **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of Coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People*     **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all***

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**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.**

**Agnus Dei S160, *Sung by all***

Plainsong

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## **The Invitation to Communion**

*Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with a clergy person after the service or contact the church office. Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

## **Music during Communion (11am only)**

*Advent Prose, 'Rorate caeli'*

*Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

1. Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:

thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. [Ant.]

2. We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away:

thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. [Ant.]

3. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me:

I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:

and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. [Ant.]

4. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:

Fear not, for I will save thee:

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. [Ant.]

—7th century Latin

## Hymn 63

*O heavenly Word, eternal light* VERBUM SUPERNUM PRODIENS

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:*

*Celebrant* We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## The Postcommunion Prayer *Said by all, standing or kneeling*

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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.**

## The Blessing

**Hymn 57, *Standing, sung by all***

*Lo! he comes with clouds descending* HELMSLEY

## The Dismissal

*The Deacon offers a dismissal followed by:*

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

## Voluntary

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

Bach

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Virginia Clark Parnell by Shari, Nick and Clara Williams.*

**CELEBRANT** The Rev. Rose Veal-Eby

**PREACHER** The Rev. Dn. Dr. Robert A. Serio

**ASSISTING** The Rev. Michael Goldsmith, The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley

**DEACON** The Rev. Dn. Dr. Robert A. Serio

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** Dr. Aaron Tan



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