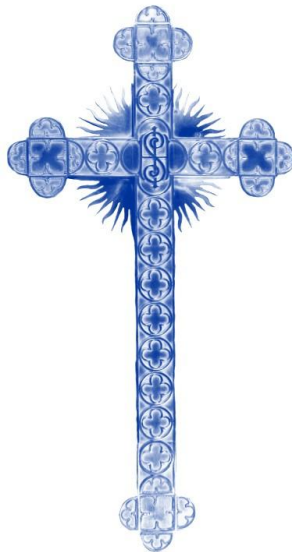


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

November 30, 2025 ✕ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light the first candle.

Reader: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Reader: God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

People: **Amen.**

Reader and people: **Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.**

Reader: People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

People: **Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn # 73

The King shall come

St. Stephen

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-86*

Kyrie eleison

David Hurd

The Collect of the Day

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 Lesson

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!

The Psalm

Psalm 122
Laetatus sum

S 414

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 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 Second Lesson

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.

Hymn # 61 (vv.1-2)

“Sleepers, wake!”

Wachet auf

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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.”

Hymn # 61 (v.3)

“Sleepers, wake!”

Wachet auf

The Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (Congregation response: *Hear our prayer.*)

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory (*All Singing*)

Hymn # 534

God is working his purpose out

Purpose

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God

Healey Willan

The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn # 601

O day of God, draw nigh

St. Michael

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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Pianist – DeLyn Celec

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