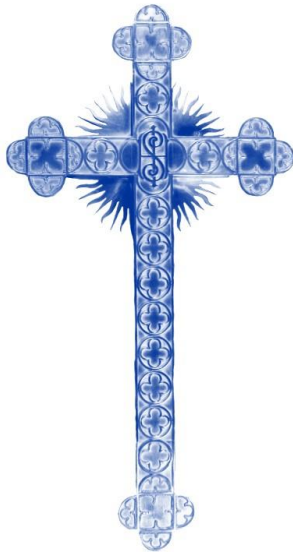


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

December 1, 2024 ✕ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Reader: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

(Light the first candle.)

Reader: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace. The prophet Isaiah cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

Hymn # 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-96*

Lord, have mercy (*Kyrie*)

Richard Proulx

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The 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. In 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. In 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."

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9
Ad te, Domine, levavi

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 To 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**.
- 3 Show 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**.
- 5 Remember, 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**.
- 7 Gracious 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**.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and **faithfulness** *
to those who keep his covenant and his **testimonies**.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And 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.

Hymn # 62

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be 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."

The Sermon

The Rev. David Bicking

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (*Congregation response: Lord, have mercy.*)

Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory (*All Singing*)

Hymn # 74

Blest be the King whose coming

Valet will ich dir geben

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Sanctus*)

David Hurd

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

David Hurd

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

As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

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 # 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Hymn # 640

Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

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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Preacher – The Rev. David Bicking

Lay Readers – Margery Wingenbach, Stacy Talbott

Prayers of the People – Pat Kofalt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers – Stacy Talbott, Martha Griffin

Ushers – Pat Kofalt, Dan Gloster, Linda Miles, Ron Bellows, Dave Smith

Acolytes – Jackston Stock, Elizabeth Loring

Altar Guild – Ann Elwood, Jody Wall

Livestreaming Team – Phil Sargent, Jody Wall

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