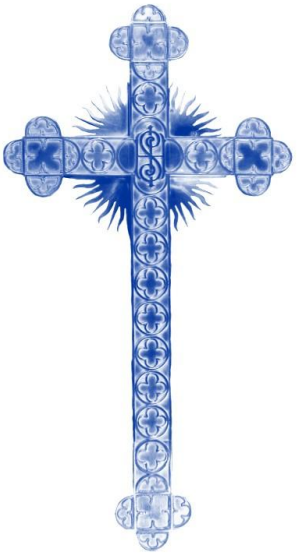
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

November 29, 2026 ✠ 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: A reading from the prophet Isaiah:
60:2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world.

Reader: We who have sat in darkness have seen a great light, the light of Jesus Christ, our salvation.

People: We give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name, because he lives and reigns with you in your glory, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Hymn # 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending *Helmsley*

Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity 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.**

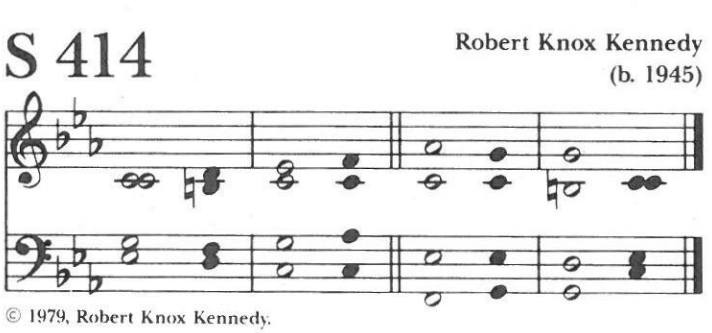
The First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to

boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
Qui regis Israel



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma**nasseh**, *
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.

4 O Lord God of **hosts**, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your **people**?

5 You have fed them with the bread of **tears**; *
you have given them bowls of tears to **drink.**

6 You have made us the derision of our **neighbors**, *
and our enemies laugh us to **scorn.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your **right hand**, *
the son of man you have made so strong for your**self**.

17 And so will we never turn a**way from you**; *
give us life, that we may call upon your **Name.**

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Hymn # 61 (vv. 1-2) "Sleepers, wake!" *Wachet auf*

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,

each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Hymn # 61 (v.3)	"Sleepers, wake!"	*Wachet auf*
The Sermon		The Rev. Webster Gibson
The Nicene Creed		p. 358
The Prayers of the People (*Congregation response: Lord, have mercy.*)		
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The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Hymn # 391	Before the Lord's eternal throne	*Winchester New*
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		p. 361
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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:

- *<u>To sip from the chalice:</u> Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*

- <u>To intinct:</u> *Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer 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 p. 366

The Blessing

Hymn # 68 Rejoice! rejoice, believers *Llangloffan*

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.*

Celebrant: We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ's loving presence.
People: May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.

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Prayers of the People – Marjorie Prochaska
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Ushers – Ron Bellows, Stacy Talbott, Phillip Adams, Jim Griffin, Doug Thomas
Acolytes – Elizabeth Loring, Zoe Lowry, Gregory Elwood
Altar Guild – Pam McKinley
Livestreaming Team – Phil Sargent, Jimmy Downs, A.J. Frazier

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