

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOMING ALL • CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE • EQUIPPING THE SAINTS • SERVING THE WORLD



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 † 9:30AM

PRELUDE

Invocation, Alexandre Guilmant

INTROIT

*Prepare the way of the Lord, that all people shall see the
salvation of our God.*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN



Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, Hymn 57

OPENING ACCLAMATION



Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TRISAGION 

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Choir Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY 

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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 

THE FIRST LESSON 

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

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."

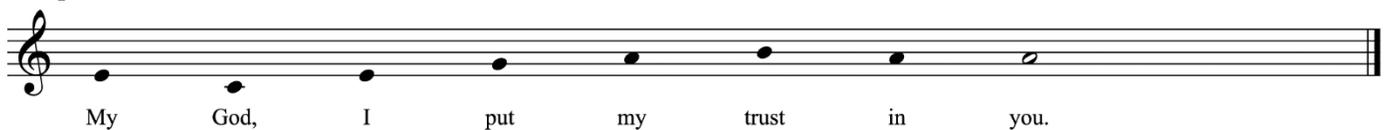
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE 

Psalms 25:1-9

Antiphon



My God, I put my trust in you.

- 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.

Antiphon

- 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.

Antiphon

- 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.

Antiphon

- 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.

Antiphon

THE NEW TESTAMENT 

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN 

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Hymn 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE HOLY GOSPEL 

Luke 21:25-36

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

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

THE SERMON 

The Rev. Aidan Rontani



All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, your advent was promised by the prophets of old and even now you promise to come again. Bless your Church throughout the world and teach us once more to pray that ancient prayer, Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you are the hope of your people throughout the world. Give patience and hope to every member of your church, and to every bishop, priest, and deacon, that they may proclaim your coming and serve your holy Kingdom.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you are the Wonderful Counselor, the Prince of Peace. Bless our nations and all the nations of the world, and those who lead them, that your peace and love be known throughout the earth.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you once came as the Holy Child of Bethlehem. As we prepare to celebrate the first coming, enliven our hearts to the ways that you come to us each day. May we ever be watchful for your movement in the world.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you promise to come again and to reign over your creation, like a spring of water flowing to eternal life. We beseech your mercy to bring the rain and snow abundantly once more, to refresh and restore the bounty of your land.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, how we long for the healing and restoration that you bring. Put an end to the COVID pandemic and put all disease and suffering to flight, once and for all, that your people might praise your name in health and strength once more.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you promise life even to the dead, and the hope of eternity to the whole of creation. Remember all those who have died and bless them with your everlasting love.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you come into our lives each day bringing a new dawn and new hope. Renew the faith and life of your church as we await the coming of your eternal Kingdom.

People **Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Silence

Presider Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

CONFESSIOIN OF SIN 

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

All Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE 

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

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Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM 

Keep your lamps... arr. Andre Thomas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  *Remain standing, as able*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People listen while the choir sings:

**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.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

All 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei, S-164

Cantors Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presider says the following Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Those who have obtained pre-consecrated sacrament for Shared Home Communion are invited to receive at this time.

Those who cannot receive at home are invited to pray the following prayer:

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our celebrant that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our celebrant will bring communion to you.

We will not be receiving the wine due to the pandemic. You are invited to cross yourself when our celebrant holds out the chalice at the end of the Eucharist, to spiritually receive the Blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the celebrant will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.

COMMUNION HYMN

Steal away, arr. Nicholas White

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER 

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 FINAL BLESSING 

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN 

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding, Hymn 59

THE DISMISSAL 

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE 

Toccata in e minor, Johann Pachelbel



All Saints' Christmas poinsettias

If you would like to offer a poinsettia(s) to decorate our beautiful church, please make a donation of \$10 with poinsettia in the memo line. The deadline for donations and dedications is **December 10** to the office. Questions? Contact the office, 530.243.1000

I/we _____

are giving a poinsettia to the glory of God in thanksgiving for _____

and/or in memory of _____

(Your dedication will be published in the Christmas leaflets)



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