

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 † 10:30AM

PRELUDE

Aria, J.S. Bach

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE



Hymnal 1982, 56 v 1

All O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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



Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE



Antiphon, All Sing

Psalm 122



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;

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

Antiphon

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."

Antiphon

Lector A Reading from the letter to the Romans.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear! The evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The Bride-groom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil. The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bride-groom is at hand!

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL



Matthew 24:36-44

Gospeller 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.”

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

THE SERMON



The Rev. Aidan Rontani

THE NICENE CREED



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 foretold by the prophets 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!

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, you are the hope of your people throughout the world. Give patience and strength 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 nation 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 that 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. Bless all those who are sick or suffering, destitute or despairing, and help us all to be instruments of your healing grace.

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

Intercessor O Emmanuel, who was, and is, and is to come, in you even our endings are but a new beginning, and the whole earth shares in the hope of new creation. Give us all the strength to face death with courage and confidence, whenever it comes, and bless all those who have already gone before us.

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!**

The presider concludes with the following collect;

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 Emmanuel. **Amen.**

CONFESSiON 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.



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

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. 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

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:

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 Presider 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 Presider will bring communion to you.

If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to 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 Presider 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.

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



O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and power, Hymnal 1982, 601

THE DISMISSAL



Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Maranatha! Maranatha!
People **Thanks be to God. Maranatha! Maranatha!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE



Fughetta on "Come Thou Savior of Mankind," J.S. Bach

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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 12 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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