



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Saturday@5

The Season of Advent

December 4, 2021 | 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to All Saints! This leaflet is designed to enable your full participation in the service. **The people's responses are in bold.** Rubrics are in blue and offer directions about the service. All persons seeking God are invited to receive communion at the Lord's Table.

LITURGICAL NOTE

Advent, which means “coming” in Latin, is a season of preparation. In tonight’s reading from Luke, we hear that John the Baptist is sent to prepare the way of the Lord.

WELCOME

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Please stand as you are able

SONG

Comfort, comfort ye my people; No. 67; from Hymnal 1982

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near; call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

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tell let and her the all that val flesh - her leys shall sins rise see I to the cov meet to - er, him ken.

and and that her the war hills word - fare bow is now down nev - is to er o greet bro - ver. him. ken.

The Presider begins

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us turn to the Lord in confession.

Silence

Presider Heavenly Father, you call us to repentance: soften our proud and stubborn hearts. Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God: teach us to forgive one another. Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth: direct us in your ways. Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Presider then says an opening prayer.

Let us pray. Eternal God, who sent John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah: inspire us to turn our hearts towards you so that we might be ready to receive the Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Lessons are presented from Baruch (5:1-9) and the Gospel of Luke (3:1-6). The congregation sings a song between the two readings.

SONG

Prepare ye the way

from Godspell

Repeat three times.

PRE - PARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

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A short sermon is offered, after which a period of silence follows. The Presider then invites the people to stand (as they are able) and affirm their faith as follows.

All **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in the heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

Let us offer our prayers as we wait in hope.

For the Church, still waiting for unity, hoping for renewal.
Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

For a world still waiting for peace, still searching for common ground.
Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

For all those in need, still waiting for a job, still searching for enough food, hoping for a place to call home.
Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

For the sick and the dying and for those who care for them, still waiting for a cure, still searching for comfort and courage.
Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

For those who have died, loved ones whom we miss this season, all who have died alone, those caught in the crossfire of violence.
Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.

You may offer additional concerns and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Presider concludes

Hear our prayers, O Lord, as we wait in expectant hope for your coming. **Amen.**

EXCHANGE THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

If you wish to greet others, please do so without physical contact.

Please be seated

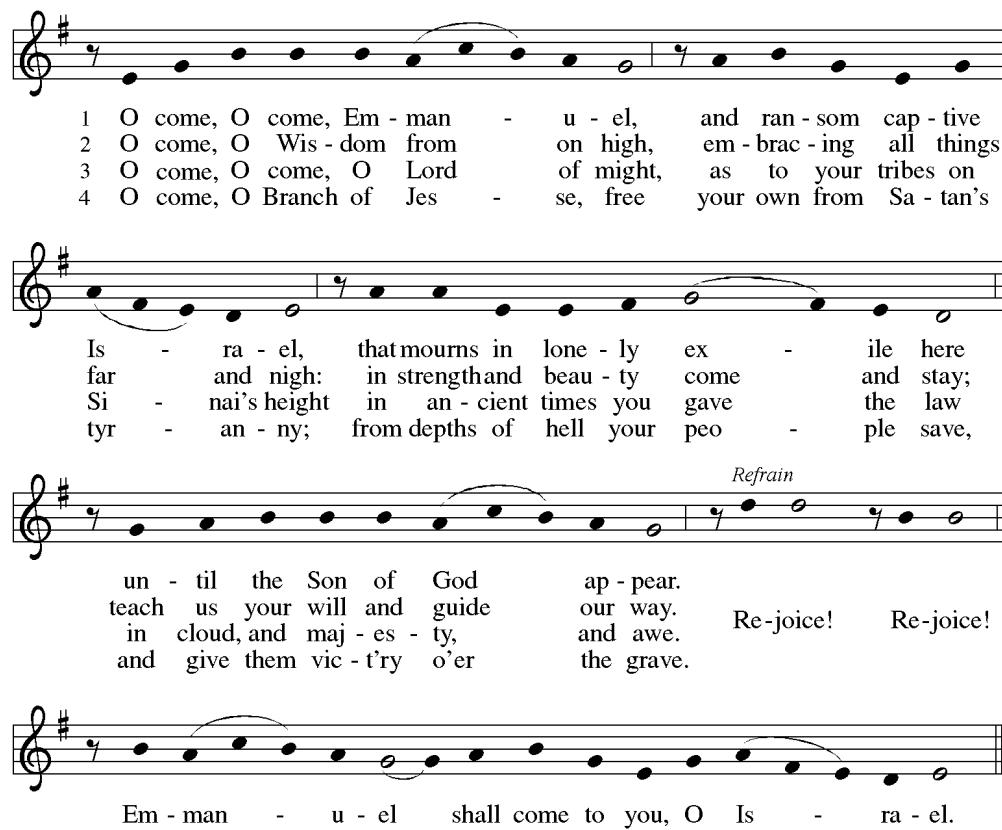
PREPARE THE TABLE

The Presider says an offertory sentence. The Holy Table is prepared and the peoples offerings are gathered and presented.

SONG

O come, O come, Emmanuel; No. 56; from Hymnal 1982

Verses 3 & 4



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3. O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4. O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re - joice! Re - joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Please stand as you are able

GIVE THANKS

Presider The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, the true and living God, through Jesus Christ. You are the source of life for all creation and you made us in your image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In his coming among us the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world. Through him you send your Holy Spirit upon your church and make us your people. And so, we proclaim your glory, as we sing

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy; Picardy

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of". The second staff continues with the same key signature and lyrics: "pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.". The third staff begins with a G clef and lyrics: "all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who". The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: "comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!". The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some sustained notes and rests.

The Presider continues

To you indeed be glory, Almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

The Presider continues

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and your goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

At the end of the prayer, all say

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BREAK THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept; then the Presider says

We break the bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Please be seated

SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Presider continues

Holy food for holy people.

Everyone eats the bread together and the Presider consumes the wine on behalf of all.

If you are not partaking in the elements of communion, this prayer of spiritual communion may be said.
Gracious God, we love you above all things and are grateful that you are with us. Come spiritually into our hearts, unite our entire selves to you and never permit us to be separated from your presence. Amen.

Please stand

After Communion, the Presider invites the people to join in this prayer

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful that when Christ comes again we may be ready and active in his service. Amen.

SONG

Prepare the way, O Zion; No. 65; from Hymnal 1982

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free-dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

GO FORTH

The Presider says this blessing

May Christ reveal the path from darkness to light and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you always.

The people are dismissed as follows

Presider As we await the coming of our Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

A socially distanced fellowship time will occur for those who are attending in person.

For the Liturgy

Presider	The Very Reverend Mark R. Brinkmann, senior associate
Preacher	The Reverend Denise Ann Trogdon, rector
Musicians	Erez Dessel, piano Anneliza Itkor, song leader
Readers	Bill Whittaker & Matthew Malok
Ushers	Rich Emmett & Jim Etheridge

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