

# The First Sunday of Advent • Year A

Sunday, November 27, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home.

The lit candle before the altar is “the Peace and Justice Candle.” It stands to proclaim our commitment against any kind of injustice, prejudice, or discrimination based on difference, and also our prayers for an end to war, violence, genocide, and gun violence. Masks and social distancing optional. Congregational singing is allowed while wearing a mask.

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

### PRELUDE

*The First Noel*

Sara Eggers, piano

Traditional, arr. Lorie Line

### PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 57

*Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1778)

Music: *Helmesley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him,  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

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### BLESSING OF THE WREATH

God of love, may this wreath and its light remind us that Jesus came to save us from our sin. Bless this wreath and all who gather around it as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, bring hope, faith, joy, love, and life to our world. *Amen.*

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

#### FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: HOPE, A PURPLE CANDLE

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. *Amen.*

*The first candle in Advent is lit. The people standing, the Celebrant says*

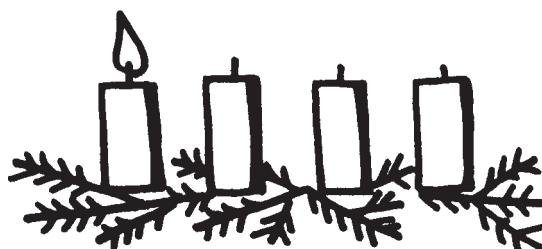
*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* God's mercy endures forever. *Amen.*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.*



## KYRIE

HYMNAL S96

*Lord, Have Mercy: Kyrie*

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

Jennifer Woods, *Lector*

## Isaiah 2:1-5

*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!

## The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 122

## HYMNAL S 415

### *Chant Setting*

Rev. Jerome Webster Meacher (1930-2015)

A musical score for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' in G major (two sharps) and common time. The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a half note, followed by a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The bass staff begins with a half note, followed by a quarter note, a half note, a half note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a half note. The music is divided into two sections by a double bar line with repeat dots.

- 1 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;
- 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.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 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."

THE SECOND LESSON

Jennifer Woods, *Lector*

Romans 13:11-14

*A Reading from the Paul's 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

LEVAS 2

*Behold Your God*

Words: *Isaiah 40:9*

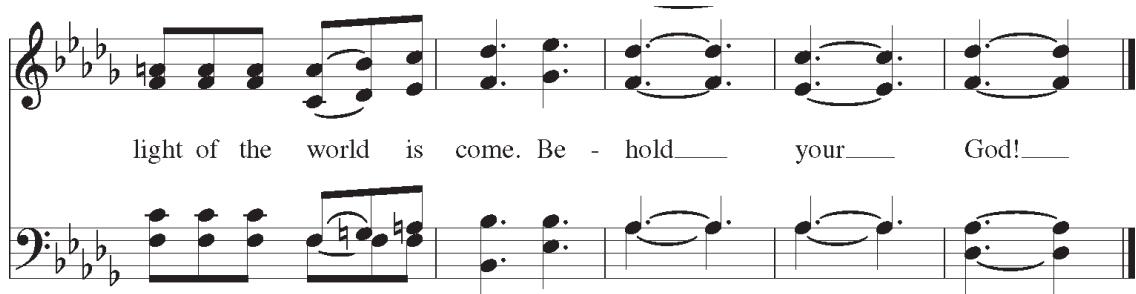
Music: Kenneth W. Louis

Oh thou that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh

thou that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:

Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -

hold your God. A - rise, and shine, for the



**THE GOSPEL**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

*Deacon* 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

**The Rev. Joan E. Beilstein, Rector**

*A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.*

**THE NICENE CREED (STANDING)**

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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.***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In this season of God's light and new birth, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ, have mercy." For peace, justice, and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our bishop; Joan our Rector; Terri our Deacon; Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries; Creamilda, candidate for Holy Orders; our deacon postulants Annemarie and Mary; and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the People of God, especially the people of Ascension, our spiritual home; and in our Diocese we pray for St. Andrew's Church, College Park; St. Andrew's Church, Leonardtown; St. Andrew's Episcopal School and St. Andrew's Lower School, Potomac; The Diocesan Latino Ministry; and The Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington and in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; let us pray.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For those who are unemployed, hungry, homeless, and in any kind of need, especially those whom we encounter in our own community of Silver Spring, let us pray.

**Christ have mercy.**

For those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit and are experiencing any kind of distress or trouble. We pray especially today for **Virginia ... Gwendolyn ... Myrna ... Rachel ... Tina ... The Belmontes Family ... David ... \*Joan ... \*Yvonne ... Jean ... \*Bob<sup>1</sup> ... Emily ... Joré Yvonne ... Betty ... Anneliese ... Joe ... \*Heidi ... \*Ray ... Giulia ... Emily ... \*Lorraine<sup>1</sup> ... \*Keith ... Sean ... Asa ... Pat<sup>1</sup> ... Geoff ... Elizabeth ... Lisa ... Judy ... Jere ... \*Maggie ... \*Bob<sup>2</sup> ... Andy ... \*Maybelle ... Richard ... Pat<sup>2</sup> ... Dee ... Linda ... Sally ... Colette ... \*Dana ... Bob<sup>3</sup> ... Ginny ... Tiffiny ... David ... Rodney ... Robert ... Mary Jane ... \*Belinda ... Martha<sup>2</sup> ... \*Roger ... Severn ... Robin ... \*Carol ... The Seaton Family ... \*Hannah ... \*Martha<sup>3</sup> ... Theo ... \*Joyce ... Sam Shum and the Oyegun Family ... Gemma ... The Teesdale Family ... \*Emile ... Nancy ... \*Joan ... Myrtle ... \*Lorraine<sup>2</sup> ... \*Helen ... Lesley ... Tom ... \*Libby ... \*Ginny ... Marie ... and \*Jennifer.**

I invite you now to offer up your prayers either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Let us pray.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom..

*Silence*

Let us pray,

**Christ, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of this life, especially for the members of this parish: Sharon Murphy; Terri Murphy; Bailey Myers and Kevin Grasel; Jennifer, Ian and Henry Myles; May Nakamura; Bill O'Brien; Grace Ogden and Dennis and Julia Borum; and John Palen and John Pannay. And for those celebrating

birthdays this week: Annette Achille, Tracy Carson-Good, Chuck McCarter, Drew Snyder, Laura Schattschneider, John Dodd, David Todd, and Lucy Fromyer Smythe.

I invite you now to offer up any other thanksgiving prayers you may have.

*Silence*

Let us pray,

**Christ, have mercy.**

God of new birth, hear the prayers of your people. In this Advent season of preparation empower us to be vehicles of your love, healing, and peace in the world. We ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom you gave to us as a precious gift of salvation. May our hearts be truly thankful for your presence with us, our Emmanuel. ***Amen.***

*Deacon*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

### THE CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

**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.***

*The Celebrant declares God's forgiveness.*

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

### WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNiON

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

***People, Look East***

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)  
Besançon, Traditional French tune; Arr. Tom Mitchell

***The Chancel Choir***



OFFERTORY HYMN  
HYMNAL 68

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722);  
tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1807), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan* melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The even - ing is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid -night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## OFFERTORY WORDS

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## BLESSING OF THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

Be present at our table, Lord; Be here and everywhere adored; Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee, As we bless and receive the Sacrament of your Body and Blood. **Amen!**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer from Eucharistic Prayers, Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher.  
(Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.: Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2016.)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is a good and joyful thing to give our thanks to you, Lord God of hosts,

    O ancient of days, for from of old you have called forth life.

You brought into being every detail of creation

    and gave birth to your covenant people.

When the time drew near,

    you called upon Bethlehem to bear the hope you promised,

    and summoned Mary to bear your holy child.

By your grace the child grew to be the one to bear

    not only our sins but the sins of the world.

In his dying and rising you gave birth to everlasting life for all your children.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

    we sing your praise and join the unending hymn.

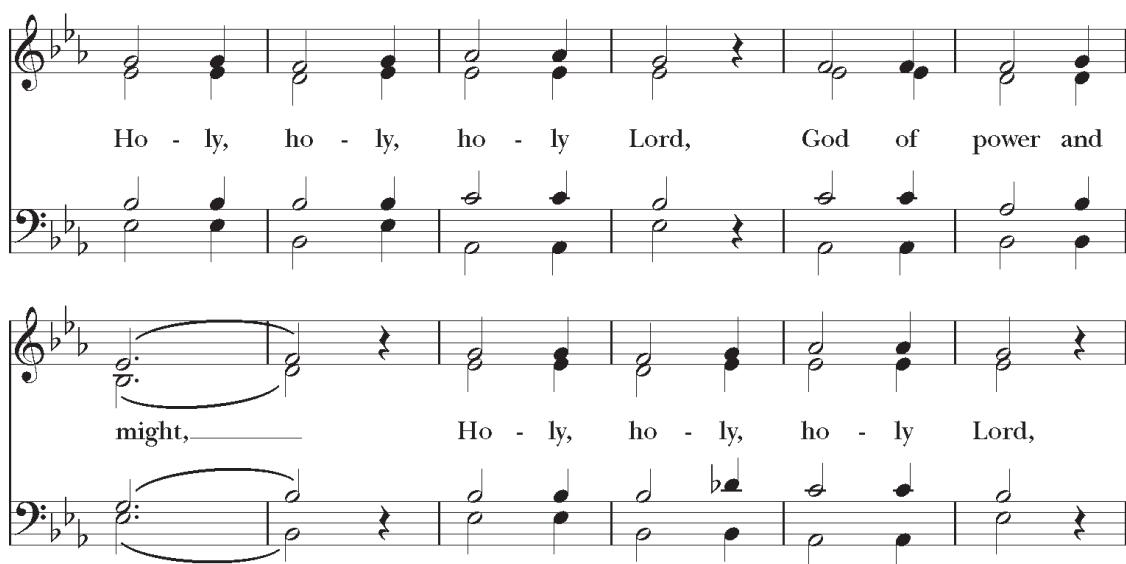


## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**HYMNAL S 130**

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

Setting From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are

full, \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel or stand.*

God of Mary, whose womb bore the sacred fruit of our salvation,  
bring forth from the fruit of the vine your cup of blessing.

As we remember around this table your Son's saving passion poured out for us,  
we ask gracious God that you send your Holy Spirit upon your church  
to make us bearers of your Christ, your mercy, and your hope.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us  
the body and blood of Jesus our Lord;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

*"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."*



After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying,

*"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*



Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

God of holy expectation, let your face shine upon us  
and your dawn break upon us that we may be saved.

Make your church expectant in faith as we labor for what we cannot yet see.

Come and dwell with your people,  
who yearn to be restored, to be forgiven, to belong.

Let the warmth of our face shine upon those who seek the peace long promised  
for Bethlehem, for Jerusalem, and for all your waiting world.

Bring us, with the saints who have looked for your coming,  
to the day when we all your children shall celebrate and leap for joy  
in your holy presence, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

And now, in hope and confidence, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**  
**HYMNAL S 164**

***Lamb of God***

Setting From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the basso continuo. The lyrics are as follows:

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

**THE INVITATION**

The Gifts of God, for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, and died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*No matter where you are on your walk of faith, this is Christ's table and all are welcome to the Feast.*

*Please use the kneeling rails to receive communion. The Ushers will guide you.*

*We are offering the host and common cup. However, no intinction.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMNAL 56

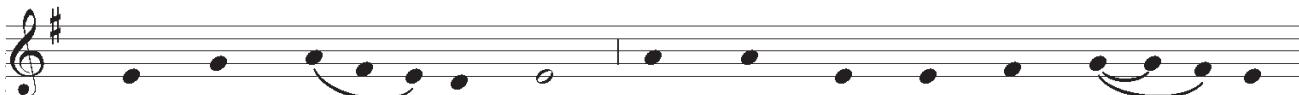
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode I, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)



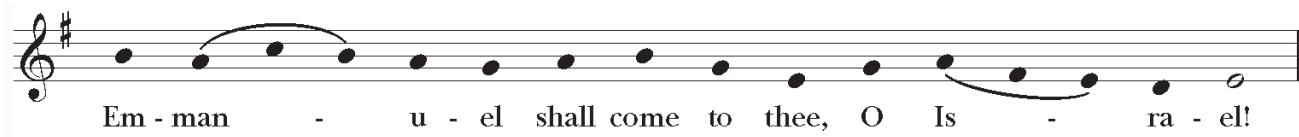
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile  
 2 all things might - - - i - ly; to us the path of know - - - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - - - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - - - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - - - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - - - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - - - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Giver of love and life, you have nourished us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Now send us into the world to preach your Good News, to do your justice, and to walk humbly in your way. Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation from generation in the Church, and in Jesus Christ for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

## PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

WLP 721

*Signs of Endings All Around Us*

Words: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944)

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Music: *Ton-y-Botol*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)



1. Signs of end - ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through-out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

## POSTLUDE

*Brightest and Best*  
Bailey Myers, piano

American Folk Hymn; Arr. Mark Hayes



***See, I Am Doing A New Thing***  
**Annual Giving Campaign for 2023**  
*Episcopal Church of the Ascension*



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Church of the Ascension, 634 Silver Spring Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, ATTN: Treasurer
- **Putting it through the mail slot** at Ascension House, ATTN: Treasurer
- Placing in the **Offering Plate on Sundays** if you attend a service in-person.

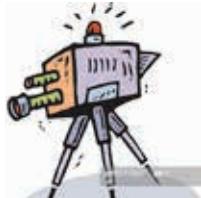
If you any questions about pledging or methods of pledging please contact:

**Leona Cosby (Treasurer)**  
[rlcosby2@verizon.net](mailto:rlcosby2@verizon.net)  
**Mobile:** 301-520-6179

# ANNOUNCEMENTS • NOVEMBER 27, 2022

## Join the Tech Team!

We're looking for new recruits to help live stream our 10 a.m. service! No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. Contact **Bailey Myers** at [baileyjoymyers@gmail.com](mailto:baileyjoymyers@gmail.com) for more info.



## Save the Date - Our Holiday Brass Concert!

### Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m.



In person and live-streamed! Suggested donation with all proceeds going to Ascension's ministry for the homeless. Hot apple cider will be served to go on your way out the door!



### Old World Christmas Concert • Sunday, Dec 11, 4:00 pm

**KA/PO** (Karen Ashbrook & Paul Oorts) and cellist Sophie Chang will give an Old World Christmas Concert at St Andrews Church in Burke, VA. This is an in-person concert and will not be streamed. Free-will offering will support local charities working with low-income and immigrant families.



**Christmas Pageant**

## SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, December 18 during the 10 a.m. Service, Ascension's Youth will present a Christmas Pageant!

## Collecting Toys and Christmas Cards

There is a box for toys, games, books, etc. in the Gathering Space children of all ages. The box will be there **November 27th, December 4, and December 11**. The gifts will go to Takoma Park East Silver Spring Center, TESS. Every time Hunter Howe takes the gifts to the staff they make her feel like Santa Claus. Thank you for always having the box overflowing. There will also be a smaller box for socks, hats, gloves, stamped Christmas cards to take to Progress Place.



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to put an announcement about an upcoming event in the Sunday bulletin, please email Jennifer Woods at [knitpick@mac.com](mailto:knitpick@mac.com).

**NOTE:** The deadline for submissions to appear in the following Sunday bulletin is Wednesdays 5 PM.

## SWEET SPIRIT EXPRESS

*The Sweet Spirit Express* (Ascension's weekly email) comes out on Fridays/Saturdays. If you have a submission for the Sweet Spirit Express (i.e., an upcoming event, an outreach

opportunity, an article or reflection you have written, etc.), please email it to the Rector at [revdrjeb@comcast.net](mailto:revdrjeb@comcast.net).

**NOTE:** The deadline for submissions to appear in the upcoming email is Wednesdays 5 PM.

## FACEBOOK PAGE

Join us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/21062820918>

# Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • November 2022



Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

- **Tommy's Pantry**, volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to needy neighbors. For more info contact [tommyspantry.org](http://tommyspantry.org) or Libbie Griffin 240-593-1143 or [libbiegriffin@gmail.com](mailto:libbiegriffin@gmail.com)
- **Casserole Ministry**. Shepherd's Table asks that rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), to Shepherd's Table. Please let Carol Schwobel know of your donation. [Cjs\\_skye@hotmail.com](mailto:Cjs_skye@hotmail.com)<sup>1</sup>
- **Drop off a \$10.00 Giant or Safeway food cards or granola bars** at services or in the mail slot in Ascension House. These are needed for street ministry. \*
- **Diaper Ministry** to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank and Silver Spring/Takoma Park Mutual Aid. Please drop off items at Church on Sunday mornings. For more info contact Laura Schattschneider at [les291@nyu.edu](mailto:les291@nyu.edu); Drew Snyder at [drewsnyder@pobox.com](mailto:drewsnyder@pobox.com) or Jess Quaranto at [jess.quaranto@gmail.com](mailto:jess.quaranto@gmail.com)
- **Donate time around Ascension** to help with yard clean up shoveling or mowing in the spring.
- Busses are making their way from the southern border carrying immigrants to resettlement in the DMV. Many volunteers and resources are needed to welcome and aid the new arrivals. For info on how you can help, please contact Amy Hammond at [migranthelpdmv@gmail.com](mailto:migranthelpdmv@gmail.com)
- For mental health care for person in detention. For more info contact Dick Marks at [richardpmarks@aol.com](mailto:richardpmarks@aol.com).

*In October, you donated:*

1. \$410 = 41 casseroles to Shepherd's Table
2. \$1,380.00 in grocery cards were given to the homeless through our street ministry.
3. 229 diapers to the Diaper Ministry



# Christmas Flowers 2022



*This is an opportunity to remember those you love and to contribute to the Christmas decorations in the church.*

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

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In thanksgiving for

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***A \$25 contribution is requested.***

*More than one person/family may contribute as a unit.*

*Please return this form with a check or cash, by putting it in the offering plate  
or sending it to the church office  
no later than **Monday, December 19**. Thank you.*

## Serving This Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent • Year A

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Lector (8 a.m.): Susan Poling

LEM (8 a.m.): Morna Holden

Lector (10 a.m.): Jennifer Woods

LEM (10 a.m.): Buck Buckingham and Creamilda Yoda

Greeters (10 a.m.): Jacki Smith and Bill Schauman

Warden of the Day: Anne LeVeque

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Monica Allen and Mary A. Kelly

## Serving Next Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent • Year A

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Preacher: The Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffrey, Canon for the Congregational Vitality, the Diocese of Washington.

Lector (8 a.m.): Jocelyn Lindsay

LEM (8 a.m.): Mary A. Kelly

Lector (10 a.m.): Dana Jung

LEM (10 a.m.): Steve Fromyer and Fred Paul

Greeters (10 a.m.): Chuck McCarter and Bill Schauman

Warden of the Day: Joan Thomas

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Violet Connell Kvatum and Lia Kvatum

## PARISH STAFF

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein  
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1-715-304-7202 • [baileyjoymyers@gmail.com](mailto:baileyjoymyers@gmail.com)

## THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Joe Simpich ('25), Senior Warden • Steve Fromyer ('23), Junior Warden  
• Karen MacPherson ('25), Secretary
- Theo Emery ('24) • Denise Franklin ('25) • Chris Parker Hunt ('25)
- Anne LeVeque ('24) • Chuck McCarter ('24) • Jonathan Mengesha ('23)
- Blaise Strandquist ('23) • Sandra Sussman ('23) • Joan Thomas ('24)
- Leticia Read – Clerk of the Works
- Leona Cosby – Treasurer • Fred Paul – Assistant Treasurer  
[treasurer-ascension@comcast.net](mailto:treasurer-ascension@comcast.net)

To submit a prayer request or add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings to the Sunday prayer list please email:  
Jennifer Woods, [knitpick@mac.com](mailto:knitpick@mac.com) and  
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, [revdrjeb@comcast.net](mailto:revdrjeb@comcast.net)

Special Thanks to Chris Chang and Astrocasters for helping make our live stream possible by providing our streaming server and [cota.live](http://cota.live) site!

## Prayer Request

For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

### Our Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Sharon Murphy

Terri Murphy

Bailey Myers and Kevin Grasel

Jennifer, Ian and Henry Myles

May Nakamura

Bill O'Brien

Grace Ogden and Dennis and Julia Borum

John Palen and John Hannay

#### For those celebrating birthdays:

November 27: Annette Achille, Tracy Carson-Good

November 29: Chuck McCarter, Drew Snyder

November 30: Laura Schattschneider

December 1: John Dodd

December 2: David Todd

December 3: Lucy Fromyer Smythe

#### In our Diocese:

We pray for congregations to participate in dismantling racism within their congregation and surrounding communities

St. Andrew's Church, College Park

St. Andrew's Church, Leonardtown

St. Andrew's Episcopal School and

St. Andrew's Lower School, Potomac

Diocesan Latino Ministry

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington.

#### In the Anglican Communion:

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere, but especially in Africa.

#### In the World:

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

#### For people in need of healing

(\*indicates a member of the parish; italics, new this week):

Virginia Allen, Gwendolyn Alexander, Myrna Ajavon,

Rachel Anderson, Tina Arnold, \*Joan Beilstein,

The Belmontes Family, David Boulet,

Dee Wood-Bowling, \*Yvonne Boyd, Jean Brady, \*Bob Brown,

Emily Cedrone, Joré Yvonne Chumbley,

Betty Ciavarella, Anneliese Clark, Joe Clark

\*Heidi Clark, \*Ray Cummings, Giulia Del Priore,

Emily Dixon, \*Lorraine Duvalier, \*Keith Ecker,

Sean Fitzsimmons, Asa Flanigan, Pat Grant, Geoff Grub,

Elizabeth Haines, Lisa Harrison, Judy Haveman,

Jere Herzenberg, \*Maggie Howard, \*Bob Jacobs, Andy Jury,

\*Maybelle Kagy, Richard Katz, *Pat Latin*, Dee Lehman,

Linda LeVeque, Sally Logan, Colette Lovell,

\*Dana Sussman-Martin, Bob Medberry, Ginny Medbury,

Tiffiny Medlin, David Meyer, Rodney Myrvaagnes, Robert

Peterson, Mary Jane Poptanich, \*Belinda Reser, Martha

Roberts, \*Roger Rohbraugh, Severn Savage,

Robin Schueneman, \*Carol Schwobel, The Seaton Family,

\*Hannah Sisan, \*Martha Smith, Theo Stein, \*Joyce Sterling,

Sam Shum and the Oyegun Family, Gemma Tate,

The Teesdale Family, \*Emile and Nancy Thomas, \*Joan Thomas,

Myrtle Thompson, \*Lorraine Van Buren, \*Helen Van Doren,

Lesley Vossen, Tom Wickersham, \*Libby Williams, \*Ginny

Ripley-Wolf, Marie Woodley, \*Jennifer Woods

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.