

# HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent

BCP numbers refer to *The Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982*, unless otherwise indicated; numbers preceded by "S" are found at the front of the hymnal. PSB refers to the *Parish Family Songbook*.

### Processional Hymn    **Lo! He comes, with clouds descending**    **H 57**



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
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

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of darkness of our minds we may come to the true light of Christ. Kindle within us the fire of faith, that we might not be weighed down by the cares of this life but attentive to the coming of the Son of Man, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit your church gives honor, glory and worship, now and forever. **Amen**

## A PENITENTIAL ORDER

**BCP 351**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

***People* You come to your people and set them free.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:29-31*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**BCP 352**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Priest stands and says*

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 people stand.*

## TRISAGION

S 102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

*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.**

## FIRST READING:

## Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>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!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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.  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>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.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7,16-18**

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

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,\*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,\*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;\*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors,\*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,\*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;\*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;\*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **SECOND READING:**

## **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>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.**

# SEQUENCE HYMN The King shall come when morning dawns

H 73



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to  
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and  
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by  
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the  
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry  
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph  
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;  
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

## THE GOSPEL:

Mark 13:24-37

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>24</sup>"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>"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. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

## THE SERMON

**The Reverend M. Dorian Del Priore**

## THE NICENE CREED

**BCP 358**

*All stand.*

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- Form IV**

**BCP 388**

*All remain standing.*

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; For  
Daniel, our bishop; for our retired bishops, Andrew and Dorsey, and all bishops, priests,  
and deacons.

In the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for:  
St. Andrew's Greenville; The Ministry of Church Musicians

In the Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for:



The Anglican Church of North India (United)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

We pray for Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; Paul, our mayor, and for all who lead and serve. For our civil servants, first responders, and members of the medical community. We pray for our armed forces, especially those who are deployed.

We pray for the victims of war and violence, especially for the conflict in Israel and Gaza. We pray for peace and the end to armed conflict.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

In our ministries of mercy: Powerpacks, James Monroe Mission House, the Med Shed, and GOAL. In our discernment for how we may continue to serve and resource the larger community of Simpsonville and beyond.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for the staff, vestry, leadership, and members of Holy Cross.  
We pray for the staff, teachers, and families of Holy Cross Academy.

For our missionaries, Cameron, Roberto, and Brenda; for Mother Lourdes and the people of Cristo Liberador, our partner parish in Quito, Ecuador.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for: **James, Lee, Michele, Michael, Cheryl, Sadie, Sonya, Art, John, Jerry, Tom, Jessica, Jim, Eric, Steffanie, Carol, Ralph, and Ryan.** We pray for all on the Holy Cross prayer list, including all who are lonely, sick, homebound, and suffering.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

**BCP 360**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

## Welcome & Announcements

### OFFERTORY HYMN

**Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth**  
Choir

arr. M. Schweizer

## PRESENTATION HYMN

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

H 56 (v. 1&2)

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 you, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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*The People remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

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:

## SANCTUS

Dm B♭M7 Dm F B♭ Sullivan  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er God of  
 7 A Dm B♭M7 Dm  
 might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry  
 F B♭ A D/F# Gm  
 13 Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who  
 Dm C F Gm C Dm D/F#  
 19 co - mes in the name, of the Lo - rd God, mo - st high. Ho - sa -  
 Gm Dm C F Gm C D  
 26 na, ho - sa - na To the one who now draws nigh.

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Fraction**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

## **Invitation**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*All are invited to join the Parish family at the altar rail and to receive the Sacrament; if you do not desire to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest).*

*Gluten free communion is available upon request.*

*You may choose to receive the wine in one of two ways. To receive via intinction from the red chalice, please hold onto the bread and gently dip the edge into the wine. To receive directly from the silver chalice, once you have consumed the bread, gently guide the silver chalice to your lips to sip the wine.*

*If you are interested in learning about Baptism, please talk with the priest after church.*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Good, Good Father**

Chris Tomlin

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone  
You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am,  
it's who I am  
Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
for answers only You provide  
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word  
You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am,  
it's who I am  
Because You are perfect

in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
to us  
Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
into love, love, love  
You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am,  
it's who I am  
And You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am,  
it's who I am  
You're a good, good Father  
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am, it's who I am,  
it's who I am

## **All Who Are Thirsty**

**Brenton Brown/ Glenn Roberts**

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of his mercy  
As deep cries out in deep

(we sing)

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

As deep cries out to deep

We sing Come, Lord Jesus, come

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed:**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The Priest blesses the people*

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**



# God With Us

## Mercy Me

Who are we  
That You would be mindful of us  
What do You see  
That's worth looking our way  
We are free  
In ways that we never should be  
Sweet release  
From the grip of these chains  
Like hinges straining from the weight  
My heart no longer can keep from singing  
All that is within me cries  
For You alone be glorified  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
My heart sings a brand new song  
My debt is paid these chains are gone  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
Lord You know  
Our hearts don't deserve Your glory  
Still You show  
A love we cannot afford  
Like hinges straining from the weight  
My heart no longer can keep from singing  
All that is within me cries  
For You alone be glorified  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
My heart sings a brand new song  
The debt is paid these chains are gone  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
Such a tiny offering  
compared to Calvary  
Nevertheless  
we lay it at Your feet  
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## Dismissal

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*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**



