First Sunday of Advent



Holy Eucharist

November 27, 2022 • 9 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Our mission is to be a Christian community of all ages grounded in worship, well-being and service.

We hope you will experience God's own welcome here and return again and again.

Find us online at www.smcportsmouth.org and on Facebook.

NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP AT ST. MARY'S

- If you are our guest today, please complete a welcome card and give it to the greeter or priest. This will give us a chance to learn your name welcome you more personally.
- In the spirit of worship, kindly silence your cell phone.
- It is our pleasure to welcome children and their parents at all services. We understand that children's energy and voice is a gift they may share during worship.
- If you have need, restrooms are accessible on both levels of the parish house. You will find two restrooms on each level.
- All Christians are invited to the Holy Table to receive communion. If it is difficult for you to walk, please notify a greeter, and we will bring communion to you.
- We have a hearing loop system to assist with hearing during worship. Please ask a greeter if you need assistance with this.
- If you would like to make an offering electronically you may do so using the QR code below.



The Holy Eucharist

Prelude I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

R. Powell

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome and Announcements

As the bell rings all may stand as you are able.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

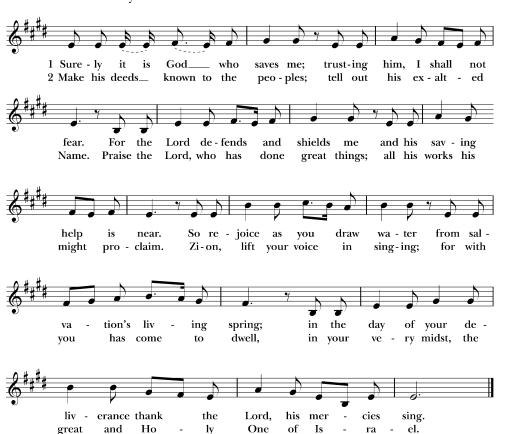
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise 679 Surely it is God who saves me

T. Merton



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*. Copyright © 1982 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Thomas Merton*, Ray. W. Urwin (b. 1950). Copyright © 1984 Ray W. Urwin.

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 People may be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

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!

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.

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

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

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

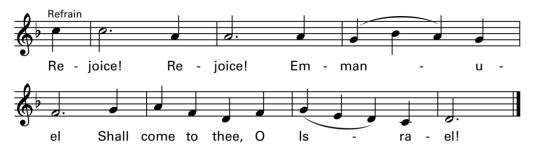
You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All may stand for the Sequence and Gospel.

Sequence and Verse O come, O come, Emmanuel



Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710, tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; *Processionale*, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; arr. © 2013, Spirit & Song, a division of OCP. All rights reserved.

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.

Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

All may stand for the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed

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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;

for Rene, Fred, Brad, Lynne, Bill, Donald, Cindy, Kathy, Diane, Carol, Jennie, Taylor, Bill, Bev, and those we name aloud.

In the silence the People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

In the silence the People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

In the silence the People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

HOLY COMMUNION





Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) Words, Music: Copyright ©1970, 1975, Celebration. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



Words: Brian Wren, 1936– Music: Carlton R. Young, 1926– Words © 1983, 1987 Hope Publishing Company Music © 1987 Hope Publishing Company

England/U.S.A. 9.8.9.8. BEGINNINGS

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

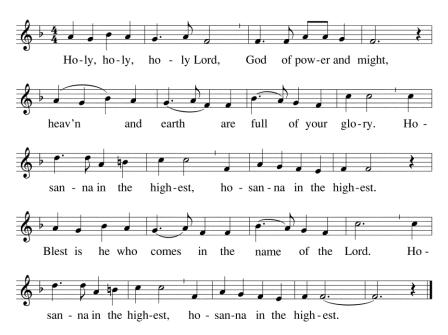
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues...

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 and Benedictus S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

A Community Mass



Music: A Community Mass, Richard Proulx, © 1971, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.

The people may stand or kneel then the Celebrant continues...

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues...

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction S164 Jesus Lamb of God

Deutsche Messe



Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

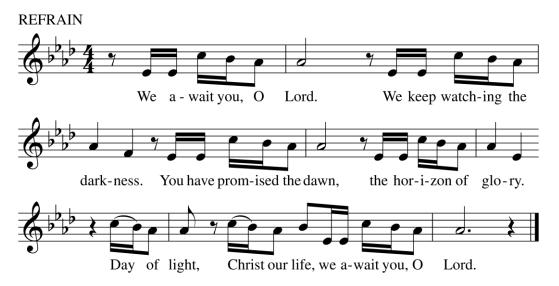
Song at Communion Ready the Way

C. Stephan



Text: Based on Isaiah 40:3, 4a. Text and music © 2004, Curtis Stephan. Published by spiritandsong.com®. All rights reserved.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License # A-722357. All rights reserved.



Copyright © 2009, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License # A-722357. All rights reserved.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

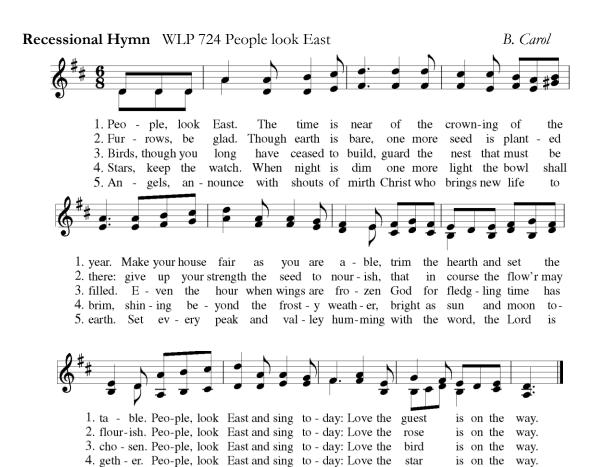
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

The celebrant offers a blessing

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.



5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the

Postlude People Look East

B. Harbach

way.

Lord

is on the

Liturgical Ministers

Altar Guild: Carol Brierley, Sheila Benevides

Celebrant: The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

Musicians: Michael Templeton, Julie Zecher, Brooke Huminski &

The St. Mary's Choir

Organist: David Warfield

Greeters: Mary Kay Lundberg, Elise LaParle Garcia

Lector and Intercessor: Carol Brierley

Acolytes: Isaac Nestlerode

Crucifer/Server: Steve Downing

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jennie Nestlerode

Audio Visual: Andrew Zwilling

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-722357. All rights reserved.

Permission to podcast/stream the music is this service obtained from ONE LICENSE,

License #A-722357. All rights reserved

Cover image: Gertrude Mueller Nelson Liturgical Press 2002



JOURNEYING "THE WAY OF LOVE" THROUGH ADVENT

We await the coming of Christ this year by examining the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke which provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love-- as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world. Each Sunday when we gather, we'll also reflect with one another on how we've experienced taking up the seven practices in the <u>Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar</u> (copies will be provided). Please bring your bible and join us for this anchoring Advent practice as we continue to recognize Emmanuel, 'God with us', in ourselves and in one another. Know that you are welcome to come for one, two, three or all four sessions.

Advent Sundays, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, & 18 St. George's Chapel Facilitated by Michael Templeton, St. Mary's Pastoral Musician

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

324 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871
(401) 846-9700 ♦ www.smcportsmouth.org
The Reverend Jennifer L. Pedrick, Rector
Karen Laroche, Parish Administrator
Michael Templeton, Pastoral Musician
Jon Walker, Property Manager