

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.

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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.
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- 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.

Processional Hymn 57 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Helmsley



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.

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

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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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

Refrain

Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u -

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in *Psalterium 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

Offertory Hymn 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

K. Thomerson

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Offertory Hymn This is a Day of New Beginnings

C. Young

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

System 1: Chords: Eb, Fm, Gm, Abmaj7, Eb/Bb. Lyrics: 1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, Love's might - y
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and

System 2: Chords: Fm/Ab, Cm, Bb, Bb/Ab, Eb/G, Fm/Ab. Lyrics: mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

System 3: Chords: Gm7(b5), C7, Fm, Eb/G, Abm. Lyrics: bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
dif - f'rence, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
gin - nings; our God is mak - ing all things new.

System 4: Chords: Bb (1-3), Eb (4). Lyrics: (Continuation of the previous system's lyrics, ending with a double bar line).

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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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a half note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.'

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment has a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a half note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.'

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment has a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a half note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:'

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment has a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a half note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are: 'give us your peace, give us your peace.'

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Please come forward at the invitation, "The gifts of God for the people of God."

Song at Communion Ready the Way

C. Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,

to Refrain

1. and read-y the way of the Lord.

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-

2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace

to Refrain

2. and as we read-y the way for you, Lord.

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Communion Meditation We Await You O Lord

J. Angotti

REFRAIN



We a - wait you, O Lord. We keep watch-ing the
dark-ness. You have prom-ised the dawn, the hor-i-zon of glo-ry.
Day of light, Christ our life, we a-wait you, O Lord.

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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.**

Recessional Hymn WLP 724 People look East

B. Carol



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Postlude People Look East

B. Harbach

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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 [Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar](#) (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
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