

*November 28, 2021 at 10 AM - ORDER OF WORSHIP*

ADVENT RING

Joseph D'Eugenio

\*ADVENT PROCLAMATION

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey  
The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, 154

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Braxton Carrigan

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare the way of the Lord. Let us confess our sins to God and one another saying,

All: **It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God.  
There are the hurts we have caused, which we would like to forget.**

One: There are those we believe are impossible to love,  
and so we don't try; it is too easy to ignore their cries for help.

All: **Forgive us, God who comes near to us.  
When we have lost our way, show us yours.  
Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom.**

One: Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

†Silence is kept†

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Forgiven, loved and free; here and now we are the children of God. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace of Christ in sign and word.

MUSICAL PREPARATION

*from Godspell*  
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord  
(sung twice)

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord,' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, F4, E4, D4, followed by a whole note G4. The lyrics 'Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.' are written below. The piece ends with a double bar line.

UNISON RESPONSE

Loving God, our hearts yearn for transformation. For this Advent journey, grant us courage to hope; hope for your presence, hope for your peace, hope for your justice and compassion. We pray this in the name of the One who is the Hope of the World. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord  
(sung twice)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, I Pray Thee

*C. Callahan*

\*DOXOLOGY

*(Tune: Old 100th)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, Fulfiller of Promises, with expectant hearts we welcome the renewed promise of your love, justice and righteousness breaking into our world. We offer these gifts and the witness of our lives for the future you desire for all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**\*GOSPEL RESPONSE**

One: For the Word of God in Scripture -  
For the Word of God among us -  
For the Word of God within us -

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

“Homesick”

The Rev Alison McCaffrey

**\*HYMN**

People, Look East, 161

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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, forever. Amen.

**LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**\*HYMN**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, 153

**\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

*Flowers are given in memory of  
Joseph Beebe, Helena Skiparis and Alfonsas Skiparis  
by the Skiparis family.*