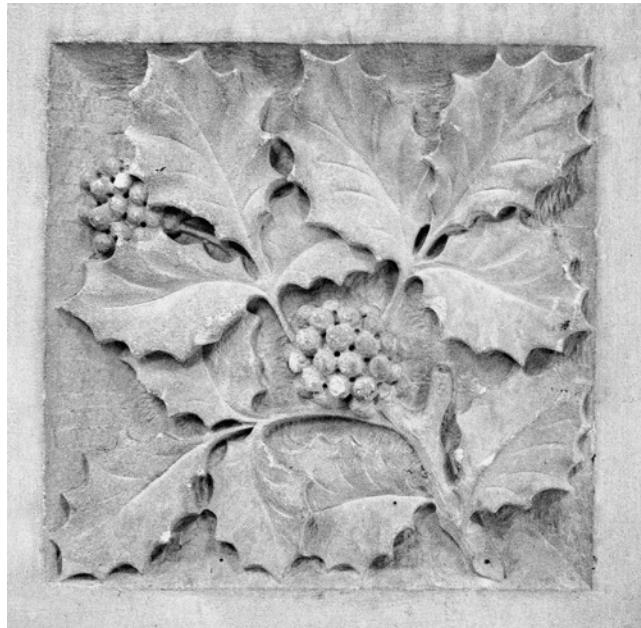


**The Church of the Ascension**  
in the City of New York  
FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET



**November 28, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Nine O'Clock A.M.

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Music**  
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## Prelude

## Advent Organ Chorales

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Lord Christ, the only son of God (Orgelbüchlein)

Praise be to the Almighty God (Orgelbüchlein)

Now come, Saviour of the nations (Leipzig Chorales)

## Hymn 61

## *Wachet auf*

## Opening Acclamation

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

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

## Collect for Purity

Celebrant      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.*

## Trisagion

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

## 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.

*People*            *Amen.*

## **The Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

*(Children who are present may gather around the Advent Wreath and the first candle is lit.)*

*All*    Come, O Holy One,  
as the morning light after a wakeful night!  
Keep us mindful that at any moment you may ask of us  
an accounting of our lives;  
help us to love you and love one another in all we do,  
and so clothe us with your light  
that we may bring others to love you also,  
through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## **The Word of God**

### **A Reading from the Jeremiah**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."            (33:14-16)

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

## Psalm 25:1-9

*(A cantor first sings this refrain, which is then repeated by all)*



Your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness,



to those who keep your covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you; \*

    let me not be humiliated,

    nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

    let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

*(Refrain)*

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*

    and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

    for you are the God of my salvation;

    in you have I trusted all the day long.

*(Refrain)*

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*

    for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

    remember me according to your love

    and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

*(Refrain)*

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
    therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
He guides the humble in doing right \*  
    and teaches his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
    to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*(Refrain)*

### **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

(3:9-13)

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-36**

Priest        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "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."

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

## The Sermon The Rev. Edwin Chinery

## **The Nicene Creed**    *(All stand and say together)*

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

### Form I

Leader	With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace from above, for the loving- kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Leader	For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen and Mary our own Bishops, and for all the clergy and people; in the Anglican Cycle of prayer, for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

Leader For the leaders of the nations, for Joe our President; Kathy our Governor, Bill our Mayor, Eric our Mayor-elect, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

People Leader For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

People Leader For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

People Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

People Leader For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

People Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Leader For Robert, Ed, Janet, Ellen, Joseph, Brielle, Lucas, Holly, Allejandro and Jesus, Nancy, Barbara, Dorothy, Stewart, Patricia, Judith, Harold, Hannah, Jurek, Alice, Michael, Todd, Jeanette, Allen, Jacovella, Luz, Dori, Fanny, and Andrew for the peoples of Ethiopia, Haiti and Afghanistan., let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Lauretta Feldman, Julie Ortiz, and Larry Harris, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Leader For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Leader In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

Priest        Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(All say together)*

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 says the absolution)*

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.

*People        Amen.*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People        And also with you.*

## **Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem Opening Chorus from *Hora Novissima* Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

Hora novissima  
Tempora Pessima  
Sunt, vigilemus

Ecce minaciter  
Imminet Arbiter  
Ille supremus.

Immenet, immenet  
Ut mala terminet  
Aequa coronet,  
Recta remuneret,  
Anxia liberet,  
Aethera donet.

Auferat aspera  
Duraque pondera  
Mentis onustae,  
Sobria munit  
Improba puniat  
Utraque juste.

Newest hour,  
the worst times, are here:  
We keep watch!

Behold, menacingly  
threatens the Judge,  
he who is supreme.

He is near, he is near,  
to end evil, to crown the  
things that are right, to  
reward good deeds, to  
set free from anxieties,  
to give heavenly things.

He destroys rough places  
and bears away the harsh  
loads of a burdened mind,  
he strengthens sobriety, he  
punishes dishonesty, both  
justly and equally.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*(The people stand while the offerings are presented)*

**Sursum corda**

**Hymnal, S-120**

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.*

Celebrant 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**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*(The people stand or kneel, and the priest continues.)*

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.”

## **Memorial Acclamation**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*(The priest continues)*

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 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.

*People            AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*All                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**

Celebrant     Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People        *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **The Communion of the People**

*(The celebrant says the following invitation)*

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

*The people come forward single-file up the center aisle, maintaining appropriate physical distance of at least 6 feet. Wait at the designated place for the person ahead of you to be communicated and leave before you approach the priest to receive. After receiving the host, please exit by way of the south aisle around to the center aisle and up to your seat. Once at your seat you may remove your mask long enough to consume the host. For anyone needing ambulatory assistance, the priest will come to you at your seat.*

## **Hymn 601**

***St. Michael***

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant     Let us pray.

*(Said together by all)*

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**

**Hymn 57**

***Helmsley***

**Dismissal**

*(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)*

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**Sleepers, Wake**

Johann Sebastian Bach

### Announcements

**Welcome Back to In-Person Church at 11 am** We are so happy to see you all again, and to be together in our beautiful church building. Please join us in the front garden under our new tent, after the service for coffee and tea. As a reminder, masks are required inside and recommended outside. Our services are also livestreamed via our usual Zoom link!

**Watch us remotely with Local Live!** You can watch our services with our Zoom congregation each Sunday by logging into Zoom as you normally would ([Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday](http://Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday)), or you can go to our website ([Ascensionnyc.org](http://Ascensionnyc.org)) and click the link on our main page.

**Monday Evening Lectionary Bible Study** -- Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This is an opportunity to read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sibyl Piccone at [srpiccone@yahoo.com](mailto:srpiccone@yahoo.com)

**Next Racial Justice Group meeting, Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 pm.** We will finish reading Clint Smith's *How the Word is Passed: a Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*. In a review of the book earlier this year in the NY Times, Julian Lucas writes, "Gregarious, learned and engagingly

open-minded, the book meets America where it is on the subject- which is to say, all over the place. Beginning in his hometown, New Orleans, Smith visits nine places that memorialize or distort their link to the legacy of slavery, from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello to the African Burial Ground in Lower Manhattan. He skillfully braids interviews with scholarship and personal observation, asking, 'How different might our country look if all of us fully understood what had happened here?" Please join us for what will surely be a lively conversation! For December 16, please read the remainder of the book (pages 207-290).

**Sunday Evening Meditation& Sacrament Returns at a New Time!** As we start the church year on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, we will once more begin our Meditation and Sacrament service; the new time is 6 pm. This is a contemplative service of interfaith readings, music and communion, with significant silence to pray, meditate or just sit in our sacred space. Maybe you want to try it as your Advent practice? All are welcome!

**Vestry Nominations** - Four people are to be elected to the Ascension vestry at our annual meeting on Jan. 30, 2022. Serving on the vestry is an opportunity to provide spiritually grounded leadership, with an emphasis on our finances and our three historic properties. Members are to support the church's mission by their actions and by regular attendance at services, including Zoom of course. If you are interested in running or wish to nominate someone, please obtain forms from the church office or from a member of the nominating committee: Isabel Spencer, Rachel Sedor, Shep Skiff, Steve Hubbard, or Joan Castagnone. Candidates must have been pledging members of the Church of the Ascension for one year prior to the meeting. Vestry members are expected to attend regular meetings, which are on the third Wednesday of every month, except August. The vestry retreat will be held Feb. 4 & 5. The deadline for

nominations is December 19. For additional information, please see a committee member.

**Afghan Winter Coat Drive-** Ascension is joining with the Interfaith Center of New York and other partners to collect coats for Afghan refugees housed at Fort Dix, NJ. Focus is on women's coats, but men's and children's coats are also gratefully received, as are warm hats, scarves, and gloves. We are the downtown collection center for a drive taking place throughout the five boroughs. We are receiving coats in the parish hall Monday-Friday 9-5. They will be collected on Friday, December 4 and delivered to those who need them. Please bring new or gently used coats! Thank you!

**Women's Spirituality Group** - Those who identify as women, of all ages and stages of life are invited to participate in this monthly roundtable of topics spiritual and worldly. We will get started this Advent with a conversation about the Magnificat and how we respond to God in our lives today. Each month, a different group member will have the opportunity to lead the discussion based on a prayer, poem, story, or artwork. We will gather on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 via zoom. Bring yourself, a cup of tea, and help us strengthen our sisterhood! Interested? Contact Shana Kaplanov to be added to our email list ([shana.weber@gmail.com](mailto:shana.weber@gmail.com)). Check out the eBulletin or call the church office for the Zoom link.

### **Worship With Us:**

- **Sunday Holy Eucharist** (Church) 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday Holy Eucharist with Music** (Church) 11:00 a.m.  
    Coffee & tea in the front garden following the service
- **Sunday Livestream Service via Zoom** at 11:00 a.m.  
[zoom.us/j/322793633](https://zoom.us/j/322793633) (929-205-6099, meeting ID: 322 793 633)
- **Sunday Meditation & Sacrament** (Church) 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday Evening Eucharist** (Church) 6:00 p.m.

- **Evening Prayer Every Weekday Evening** via Zoom: [ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer](http://ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer). (929-205-6099; meeting ID is 770 597 201)
- **Prayer & Meditation** - Every Weekday the Church is open for prayer and meditation every weekday; Monday through Friday, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Open Church will begin with Noonday Prayer, led by Brother Andrew, OSF.

## **Parish Activities this Week**

### **Sunday – November 28 –First Sunday of Advent**

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

*(Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org)*

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

### **Monday – November 29**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday – November 30**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

EfM (Parish Hall/Zoom) 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday – December 1**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Midweek Holy Eucharist (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Needlecraft Guild (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

Building & Grounds (Zoom) 6:45 p.m.

### **Thursday – December 2**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

### **Friday – December 3**

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

### **Saturday – December 4**

Food Pantry (12 W 11<sup>th</sup> St) 8:30 a.m.

*If you are in need or would like to volunteer, speak to Fr. Ed.*

**Sunday – December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent**

Holy Eucharist (Church) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/ Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

(*Live Stream: AscensionNYC.org*)

Coffee & Tea (Front Garden) following the service

Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

*Anyone entering the church must wear a mask and maintain appropriate physical distance. Please utilize the hand sanitizer stations.*

**Rota**

November 28

9:00 AM

Altar Guild & Lector June Fait

11:00 AM

Altar Guild Candace Lombardi, Tom Rice, Isabel Spencer

Ushers Steve Hubbard, Jacob Scott, Sirkka Kyle

Lectors James Amodeo, Sabra Brock

Intercessor Vin Knight

Server Tom Rice

Crucifer John Grimes

Torches Elizabeth Adams, Mike Surabian

Livestream Host Eve Beglarian

Counters Isabel Spencer

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## Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Regular Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Eucharist w/ Music, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Online Church, 11:00 a.m. ([Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday](http://Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday))

Wednesday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.

Weeknight Evening, 5:30 p.m. ([ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer](http://ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer))

## Clergy & Staff

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The Rev. Edwin Chinery, *Associate Rector*  
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## Hymns for November 28, 2021

### Entrance Hymn

#61

**“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us**

***Wachet auf***

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,  
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
“The time has come, O maidens wise!  
Rise up, and give us light;  
the Bridegroom is in sight.  
Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare  
and hasten there,  
that you the wedding feast may share.”  
  
Zion hears the watchmen singing;  
her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
she wakes and hurries through the night.  
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious  
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord,  
God’s Son, Incarnate Word,  
Alleluia!  
We follow all  
and heed your call  
to come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;  
let saints and angels sing before you,  
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.  
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:  
through them we stream to join the immortals  
as we with joy your throne surround.  
No eye has known the sight,  
no ear heard such delight:  
Alleluia!  
Therefore we sing  
to greet our King;  
for ever let our praises ring.

### Communion Hymn

#601

**O day of God, draw nigh**

***St. Michael***

O day of God, draw nigh  
in beauty and in power,  
come with thy timeless judgment now  
to match our present hour.

and finely build for days to come  
foundations that endure.

Bring to our troubled minds,  
uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith,  
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring to our world of strife  
thy sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more  
and desolation cease.

Bring justice to our land,  
that all may dwell secure,

O day of God, draw nigh  
as at creation’s birth,  
let there be light again, and set  
thy judgments in the earth.

**Exit Hymn****#57****Lo! he comes, with clouds descending****Helmsley**

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!

Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.