



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist and Baptism

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First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

O Come, O come, Emmanuel

Linda Wardell, hammered Dulcimer

Opening Hymn

People stand as able.

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal 57
Helmsley

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen**
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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.**

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Walking in the Word.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The People are seated

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!

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

Psalm



- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of God."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Holy One, *
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of God.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you."
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my kindred and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Holy One 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.

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

Gospel Hymn

The People stand as able

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56 vss. 1-2
Veni, veni Emmanuel

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Remain standing

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin Hart

Presentation of the Candidate

The Congregation remains seated.

The Clergy and families process to the baptismal font.

The Presider then says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents

I present Ari Richard Hart to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider asks the Parents and Godparents

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and I will, with God's help.
Godparents

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and I will, with God's help.
Godparents

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Christ's as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in Christ's grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey Christ as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider Let us join the parents and godparents who are committing this child to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant *The people stand as they are able*

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Presider then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Presider Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

BCP p. 306

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to Christ in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptism

The Presider then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Isabelle Paxton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Presider places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Isabelle, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Presider then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

A Word of Welcome

The People are seated

Birthday Collect

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Holy Communion

During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Your gift will help us continue vital ministries. Our online giving works well, as does our text to give option. Please use this link for online giving. <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K/>

Offertory

The King shall come when morning dawns

Robert A. Hobby

Mike Dudley, narration
Piper Walden, violin

Spoken text from John 1:1-5, Numbers 24:17, 19, Isaiah 9:2, Jeremiah 23:5-6

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the Eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the Sun that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns, and earth's dark night is past. O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of Kings. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Doxology

Hymnal 76 v. 5
Winchester New

The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues the Eucharistic prayer

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Presider and People

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 as the prayer continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues the prayer

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember .]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with (with) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

S-164
Schubert's Deutsche Messe

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated until guided by the ushers to communion. Return to your seat by the side aisles. If for any reason you do not desire to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you need gluten-free bread, please ask the priest giving out bread. You are welcome to receive both bread and wine, or just bread. Please use hand sanitizer if you will receive wine.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those praying from home are invited to say this prayer.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Hymnal 617
Song 1

Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

People and Presider

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Hymnal 68
Llangloffan

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Paeon on "Wachet auf"

by David Lasky
WACHET AUF