

# The First Sunday of Advent

2 December 2018



The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

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Lessons and Carols for Advent with the Holy Eucharist

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St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

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## Welcome to St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.*

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.*

*Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.*

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.**

## —Parish Notices—

**BIBLE STUDY** continues on Sundays between services and on Tuesdays at 10:30am. All are invited!

**THE ALTAR GUILD WILL MEET TODAY AT 9AM IN THE LOUNGE.**

**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY!** To begin the season liturgically, the 10am Eucharist will begin with Lessons and Carols for Advent. On December 16th, we will begin the 10am Eucharist with Choral Matins (Morning Prayer), and on December 23rd, we will begin with the Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Please note that we will NOT have a Family Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve, and the Festival Christmas Eve Eucharist will begin at 9pm. The full schedule of special services and concerts of the season is listed on page 4.

**THE "GREENING OF THE CHURCH" WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE 10AM EUCHARIST.** YOUR ASSISTANCE is needed to decorate the church for Advent and Christmastide. All volunteers, including youth, are invited to help!

**BISHOP ITTY WILL BE PRESIDING AT A SPECIAL SERVICE OF BLESSING OF COUPLES CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OR MORE OF MARRIAGE.** The service will be **next Saturday, December 8 at 4pm** at the Episcopal Church of St. Margaret, 1000 Washington Ave., Plainview, NY. All are invited, but are asked to RSVP to the Rev. Isaias G. Ginson, Rector at 516-692-5268 x102 or email: [stmargrector@optimum.net](mailto:stmargrector@optimum.net).

**THE PARISH CHOIR AND SOLOISTS WITH ORCHESTRA WILL PRESENT G. F. HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 4PM.** Suggested donation is \$20/\$15 students and seniors. All are invited to join us for this revered Christmas musical tradition.

### **OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR ST. PETER'S MISSION OUTREACH**

- **THE ONGOING FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST FOR THIS WEEK INCLUDES THESE ITEMS:** Non-perishable foods that can be opened and eaten, especially cereal, tuna fish, soup beans, mac&cheese, corned beef hash, canned chicken, canned ravioli, spaghetti O's, etc.
- **THE ANGEL TREE IS UP.** Please consider adopting someone in need of a "Santa Clause" this Christmas. Wrapped gifts may be returned to the church by Sunday morning, December 16th for delivery in time for Christmas. As always, thanks for your generosity!

### **Financial Snapshot for the Week of 11/25/18**

<b>Total Parish Expenses Per Week</b>	<b>\$5,546.00</b>
<b>Donations weekend of 11/25/18</b>	<b>\$1,448.00</b>
<b>Amount Under for the Week</b>	<b>\$4,098.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Deficit</b>	<b>\$93,942.00</b>

## —Prayers for the Week—

**We pray for those seeking healing:** Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, Hannah, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Margaret, Mark, Mary, Michelle, Muriel, Nancy, Robert, Roger, Rose, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Theresa, Tria, William;

**We pray for those who have died;** and all those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace;

**We pray for those in military service,** and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

**We pray for** the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

**We pray for** our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Michael & All Angels, Seaford; Convention Committee on Dispatch; Holy Trinity, Valley Stream; St. Jude's, Wantagh; Parish Treasurers; Church of the Advent, Westbury; Church of the Resurrection, Williston Park; St. Thomas', Amagansett;

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; and the Dioceses of Kibungo; Kigeme (Rwanda); Kigezi (Uganda); Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland); Kimberley & Kuruman (Southern Africa); Kinkiizi (Uganda); Kinshasa (Congo).

## —December at St. Peter's—

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT WITH THE EUCHARIST - 10AM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
THE CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I - 10AM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 - ECW LUNCHEON/MEETING - 11:30AM (LOUNGE)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
CHORAL MATINS FOR ADVENT WITH THE EUCHARIST - 10AM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 - VESTRY MEETING - 7:30PM (VESTRY ROOM)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH THE EUCHARIST - 10AM

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**  
FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE - 9PM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**  
CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST - 10AM



# St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

500 South Country Road • Bay Shore, NY

## Advent and Christmastide 2018

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 10am

The First Sunday of Advent  
Lessons & Carols for Advent  
with the Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 10am

The Third Sunday of Advent  
Choral Matins with the Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 4pm

St. Peter's Parish Choir and Orchestra  
Handel's "Messiah", Part I with selections from Parts II and III

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 10am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
The Christmas Pageant with the Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 24, 2018 - 9pm

Festival Choral Eucharist  
for the Eve of Christmas

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - 10am

Holy Eucharist for the Day of Christmas  
Organ only, no choir

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 10am

The Feast of the Epiphany  
Lessons & Carols for Epiphany with the Holy Eucharist





**The Parish Choir & Soloists**  
with  
**Orchestra**

**Mark Engelhardt, *Director***

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**Suggested Donation: \$20/\$15**

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

8 o'clock in the morning

## The Word of God

**Opening Voluntary:** Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*

Stuart Forster

### The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Song of Praise

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Lessons

#### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

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."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 25:1-9 *(Said by all)*

1 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.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 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.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 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.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\*  
world without end. Amen.

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.*

**The Gospel:** Luke 21:25-36

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

## **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.



## The Prayers of the People

*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, our Diocesan Bishop; Geralyn and Daniel, our Assisting Bishops; and Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Hannah, Greg, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Margaret, Mark, Mary, Michelle, Muriel, Nancy, Robert, Roger, Rose, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Theresa, Tria, William; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

*Lord, hear our prayer*

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Lord, hear our prayer*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God,

*All*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Presider may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

### **The Peace**

## The Holy Communion

### The Hymn at the Offering

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

*The Hymnal 1982, #66*

*Stuttgart*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodie Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,*

*People and Celebrant*

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**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant      Let us pray.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **The Prayer of St. Richard**

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,  
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,  
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

**Voluntary:** Fughetta on *People, Look East*

Richard Shephard

# Lessons and Carols for Advent

with

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

10 o'clock in the morning

**Opening Voluntary** Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*

Stuart Forster

**Matin Responsory** (*sung by the choir*)

adapted from Palestrina by David Willcocks

I look from afar and lo, I see the power of God coming, and cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar; and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

### **Blessing of the Light**

*Bishop* The Lord is my light and my salvation:

*People* Our God shall change the darkness to light.

*Bishop* Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise

to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,

dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

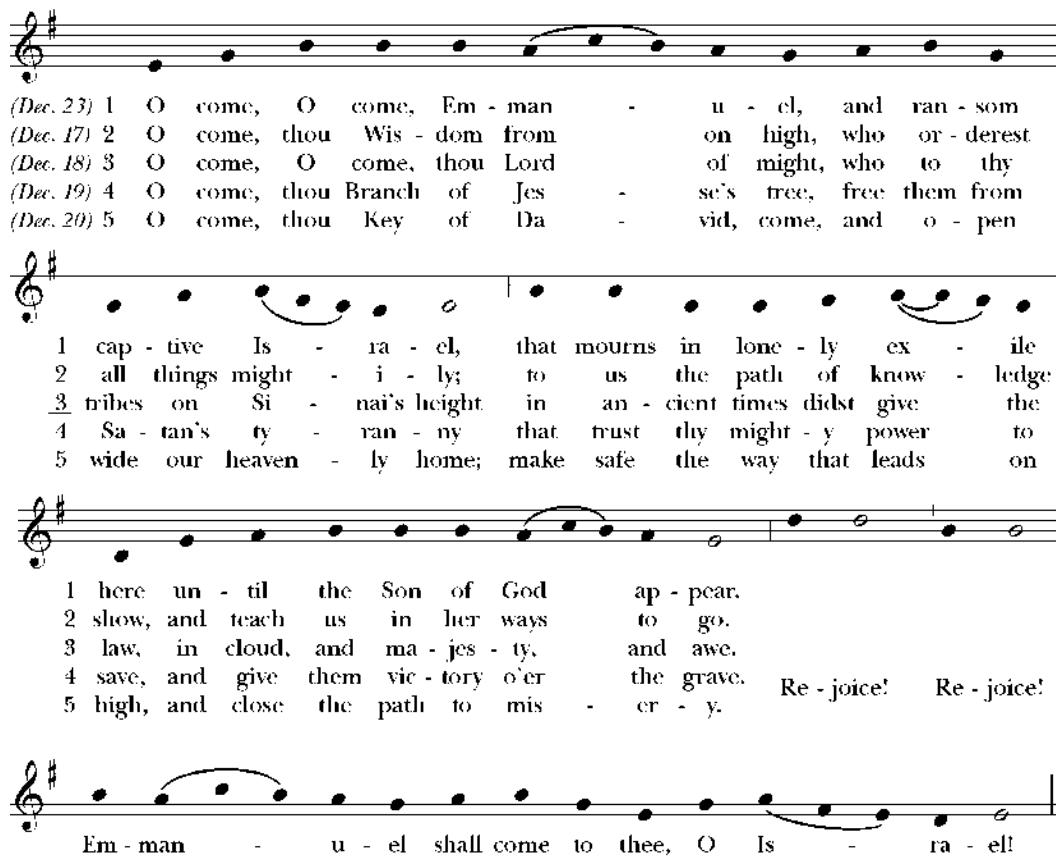
*People* Blessed be God for ever.

*The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lighted.*



## Hymn at the Procession

Tune: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. And we pray for those beloved of this parish who serve in the Armed Forces, remembering especially Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn, remembering especially those for whom our prayers have been asked Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Hannah, Greg, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Margaret, Mark, Mary, Michelle, Muriel, Nancy, Robert, Roger, Rose, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Theresa, Tria, and William; and we remember the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

*All are seated for the reading of the First Lesson*

## **The First Lesson**

Genesis 3:1-15

### *Adam and Eve rebel Against God*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

## **A Carol**

English Traditional, arr. James Kirkby

This is the truth sent from above,  
The truth of God, the God of love:  
Therefore don't turn me from your door,  
But hearken all, both rich and poor.  
  
The first thing which I do relate  
Is that God did man create,  
The next thing which to you I'll tell,  
Woman was made with man to dwell.  
  
Then, after this, 'twas God's own choice  
To place them both in Paradise,  
There to remain, from evil free,  
'Except they ate of such a tree.  
  
But they did eat which was a sin,  
And thus their ruin did begin.  
Ruined themselves, both you and me,  
And all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,  
Till God the Lord did interpose,  
And so a promise soon did run,  
That he would redeem us by his Son.

## The Second Lesson

Baruch 4:36-5:9

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

## The Carol

*Besançon Carol*, arr. John Hooker

People, look East. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.

— Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)



## The Third Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*A new covenant is promised that will bring justice, righteousness, and peace.*

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."

## The Carol *(sung by choir and congregation)*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

## The Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## The Carol

15th century, arr. Mark Engelhardt

*Burden: Nova, nova. Ave fit ex Eva.* (News, news! Ave has been made from Eve)

Gabriel of high degree, he was sent from the Trinity, to Nazareth in Galilee.

Nova, nova.

*Burden*

He met a maiden in that place; there he knelt down before her face  
and said, "Hail, Mary, full of grace."

Nova, nova.

*Burden*

When the maiden heard his song, she was filled with confusion strong  
and feared that she had done a wrong.

Nova, nova.

*Burden*

Said the angel, "Have no fear; by conception without compare  
the Savior Jesus shall you bear."

Nova, nova.

*Burden*

"There are yet but six months gone since Elizabeth conceived John,  
to be the herald of God's Son."

Nova, nova.

*Burden*

Said the maiden, "Verily, I am your servant right truly,  
the handmaid of the Lord now see."

Nova, nova.

*Burden*

*Gabriel's salutation (Ave) to Mary carries the news (nova) that she will be a second Eve (Eva), who will redeem the errors of the first. This palindrome is found as early as the 9<sup>th</sup> century.*

— 15th century text, adapted Carl Daw

*The congregation stands for the Gospel.*

## **The Gospel:** Luke 21:25-36

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

### **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.

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God,

*All*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Presider may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*  
Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*  
God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

### **The Peace**

# The Holy Communion

## The Hymn at the Offering

The Hymnal 1982, #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 Augustine Aime (1710-1778); horn Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.



*The Celebrant continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982, S 113*

John Merbecke

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts;

Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be

to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## Hymn at the Communion

Jesus came, adored by angels

*The Hymnal 1982, #454*

*Lowry*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels. came with peace from  
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are  
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of  
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,  
 bowed with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,  
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,  
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.  
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.  
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

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## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant Let us pray.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O

heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,  
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,  
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

*Those persons desiring the Laying on of Hands for Healing should move to the Lady Chapel during Communion.*

### The Post Communion Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982, #66*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

### The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Advent Blessing and Dismissal

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Bishop* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary:** Fughetta on *People, Look East*

Richard Shephard



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## Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family  
by serving our parish and community  
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*