The First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2017



Choral Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist: Rite I 10:00 am - Page 6



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 worshiping 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—

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR "B." Most of the Gospel readings this year will come from the Gospel according to St. Mark. Continuing in the Festive Spirit of the Season begun yesterday at the Christmas Fair, we worship together in one service of Choral Morning Prayer with Communion, and the new frontal for the altar of the Lady Chapel, given in memory of Jean Basile, will be blessed. Following the service, the ECW will have a post-fair sale of remaining items.

ALTAR GUILD WILL MEET ON DECEMBER 3 AT 9AM IN THE LOUNGE.

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

ISLAND SYMPHONY will play a special concert today at Sachem Library (150 Holbrook Rd., Holbrook) at 2:00 pm. The program, featuring music by Rossini, Wagner, Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, and John Williams, will also feature internationally acclaimed harpist, Sylvia Kowalczuk, heard with the Island Symphony in concert here at St. Peter's two weeks ago. Admission to the concert is free.

THE "GREENING OF THE CHURCH" WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, FOLLOWING THE 10AM EUCHARIST. YOUR HELP is needed to assist in decorating the church for Advent and Christmastide. All volunteers, including youth and Boy Scouts, will be welcomed!

THE PARISH CHOIR WILL SING THE TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAR-OLS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 4PM. The originally scheduled concert featuring J. S. Bach's Cantata No. 140 and Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity" has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 28th.

EVOCO WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE will present their Winter Concert "Virtues and Dieties" at St. Peter's on Sunday, December 17 at 4pm. See details on page 5.

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 and we are now receiving names for children in families that need assistance for Christmas. Please speak with Anne Perry or Sal to make requests or if you have any questions, and please take a name to help make someone's Christmas brighter.
- ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM. Next Saturday, December 9 is deadline drop off date. Please speak with Joan Derle if you have questions.

An Advent Message from Bishop Itty

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our opening hymn for this morning offers us a wonderful glimpse into the mystery and majesty of God's plan for our salvation. Our hymns, scriptures, choral music, and meditations remind us that we are never alone in life, and that we are all preparing to be reunited with God and our loved ones, through Jesus Christ. Our scripture readings and prayers for this first Sunday of Advent bids us to begin a new liturgical church year in a spirit of repentance, renewal and reconciliation.

This special service begins with sung morning prayer, which highlights the Liturgy of the Word and God's call to us for repentance and amendment of life. We continue with the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist as we embrace God's plan for our salvation and prepare for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Advent is indeed a time of prayerful preparation to fully embrace the joy of the Christmas season to come. It is a time of contemplation, self-reflection, and commitment to follow the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we seek repentance and forgiveness from God, and from one another for those areas of life where we have fallen short, we also affirm our desire to be better disciples of Jesus in the times to come.

May God's grace continue to sustain us so that we, with faithful, penitent, and renewed hearts may welcome Jesus as our judge, savior, and means through which we receive the promise of eternal life.

May the peace of Christ abide with you always.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

Bishop Johncy Itty

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From the Latin, meaning "come into,"
as Jesus came into the world for us.

—Prayers for the Week—

We pray for those seeking healing: Austin, Autumn, Barbara, Beth, Betty, Betty C., Chris, Connie, David, Diane, Ellen, Emily, Gary, George, Greg, Jack, Joel, Father Joseph Jerome, LaJune, Lisa, Manuel, Maria, Nancy, Peggy, Peter, Roger, Sarah Grace, Susan, Tom, William;

We pray for those who have died, and 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 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 Dioceses of West Buganda (Uganda); Leeds (England); Western Izon (Nigeria); Western Massachusetts; Western Michigan (USA); Western Newfoundland (Canada).

— December and January at St. Peter's — December

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - COMBINED SERVICE WITH CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST - 10AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - 4PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - EVOCO WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE - 4PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Eucharist Rite I for the Fourth Sunday of Advent - 8am Christmas Pageant and Family Eucharist for Christmas Eve - 10am Festival Choral Eucharist for Christmas Eve - 9pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY- 10AM

January

Sunday, January 21 - Patronal Festival Eucharist and Annual Parish Meeting - 9am Sunday, January 28 - Music at ST. Peter's presents the Parish Choir and Orchestra in Concert Bach - Cantata No. 140 & Respighi - Land to the Nativity - 4PM

Financial Snapshot for the Week of 11/26/17	
Total Parish Expenses Per Week	\$5,314.00
Income weekend of 11/26/17	\$3,226.00
Weekly Deficit	\$2,088.00
Year to Date Deficit	\$91,301.00



Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

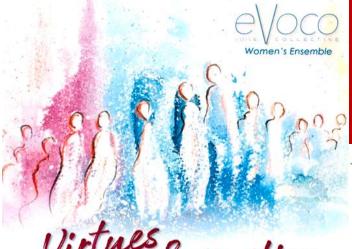
Sunday, 10 December 2017 4 o'clock in the afternoon



The Parish Choir

Traditional hymns and Carols for Choir and Congregation

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Virtues & Deities

Saturday December 16th @ 8pm Christ Church

61 East Main St., Oyster Bay, NY

Sunday December 17th @ 4pm St. Peter's by-the-Sea 500 S Country Road, Bay Shore, NY

Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Gustav Holst 3 Choeurs Religieux, Gioacchino Rossini Dancing Day, John Rutter

Susan Jolles, harp & Miles Massicotte, piano

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Choral Morning Prayer with the Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Opening Voluntary Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Dietrich Buxtehude

The Hymnal 1982, #58

Helmsley

The Hymn at the Procession

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending



Words; Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Heliusley, inclody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm, Rslph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), all

Bishop Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. (Mark 13:35,36)

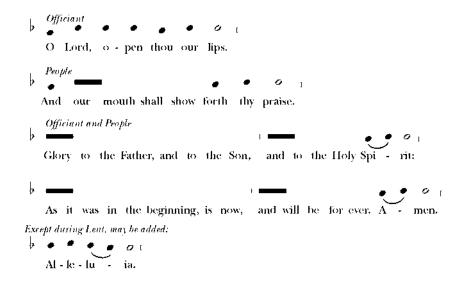
The Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us, with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Bishop The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter



The Invitatory Psalm - Jubilate Deo (sung by the choir)

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

—Psalm 100

Psalm 80:1-7 (Sung by Choir and Congregation, standing)

John Goss



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading | Joseph like a | flock;* shine forth, you that are en- | throned up- | on the | cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Ma- | nasseh,* stir up your | strength and | come to | help us.
- 3 Restore us, O | God of | hosts;* show the light of your countenance, and | we | shall be | saved.
- 4 O Lord | God of | hosts,*
 how long will you be angered de- | spite the | prayers of your | people?
- 5 You have fed them with the | bread of | tears;* you have given them | bowls of | tears to | drink.
- 6 You have made us the de- | rision of our | neighbors,* and our enemies | <u>laugh</u> | us to | scorn.

(2nd Half of Chant):

7 Restore us, O | God of | hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and | we | shall be | saved.

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. | A- | men.

All are seated following the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Canticle: The Third Song of Isaiah (Sung by the Choir)

Richard Shephard

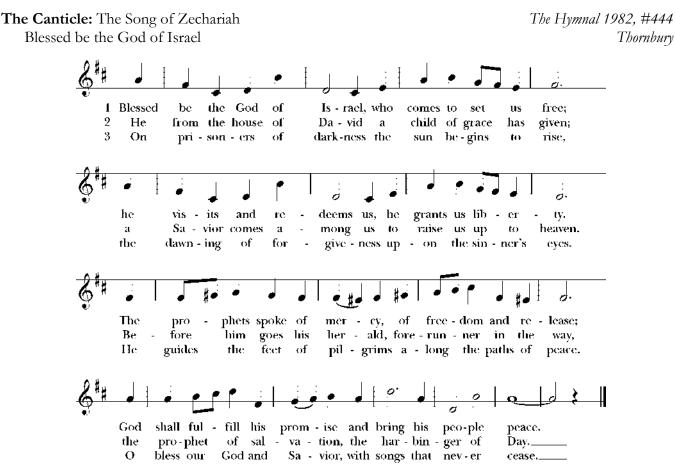
Arise, shine for your light has come. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of of your rising. They shall bring gold and frankincense and proclaim the praise of the Lord. Your gates will lie open continually Shut neither by day nor by night. No more will the sun give you daylight. Nor moonlight shine upon you. But the Lord will be your everlasting light. Your God will be your splendour.

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The congregation stands to sing the Canticle



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The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very

gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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 Chris

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

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The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.
Officiant and People
Our Father, who art.... for ever and ever. A - men.
  Cantor or Officiant
V. O. Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salva-tion.
V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness;
R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safe-ty.
V. Lord, keep this nation un-der thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known up - on earth;
R. Thy saving health among all na-tions.
V. Let not the needy, O. Lord, be forgot-ten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi-rit.
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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*.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Intercessions

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 right-eousness 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 Austin, Autumn, Barbara, Beth, Betty, Betty C., Chris, Connie, David, Diane, Ellen, Emily, Gary, George, Greg, Jack, Joel, Father Joseph Jerome, LaJune, Lisa, Manuel, Maria, Nancy, Peggy, Peter, Roger, Sarah Grace, Susan, Tom, 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

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 Dedication of the Frontal for the Altar of the Kady Chapel

Antiphon (Said by all)

This is the offering which you shall receive from the people: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen.

Bishop O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness:

People You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

Bishop Let us pray. (Silence)

O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of this altar frontal given in loving memory of Jean Basile, and grant that it may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

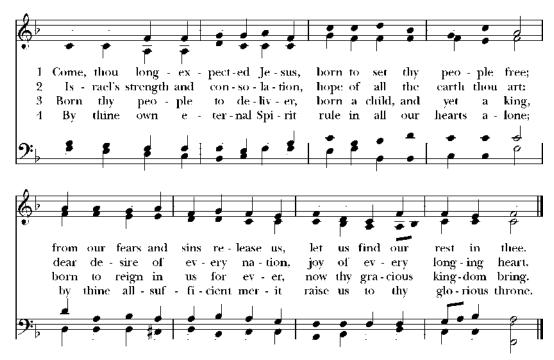
The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Hymn at the Offering

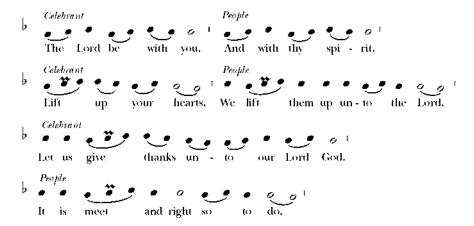
Come, thou long-expected Jesus

The Hymnal 1982, #66 Stuttgart



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

The Great Thanksgiving

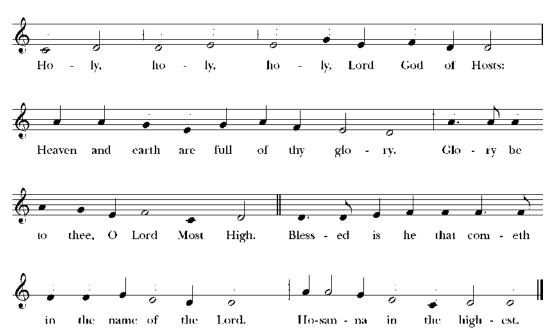


The Celebrant continues

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



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."

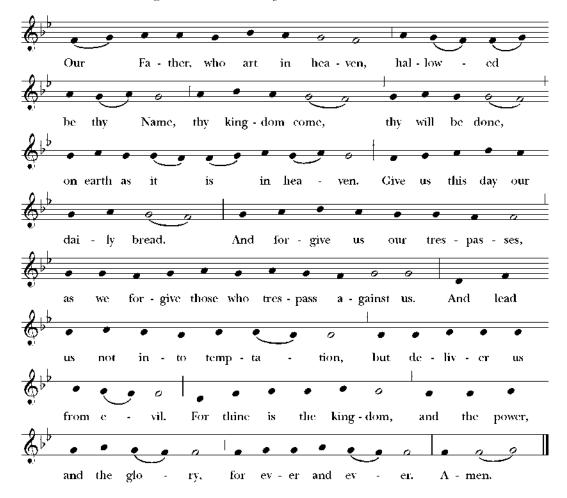
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking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

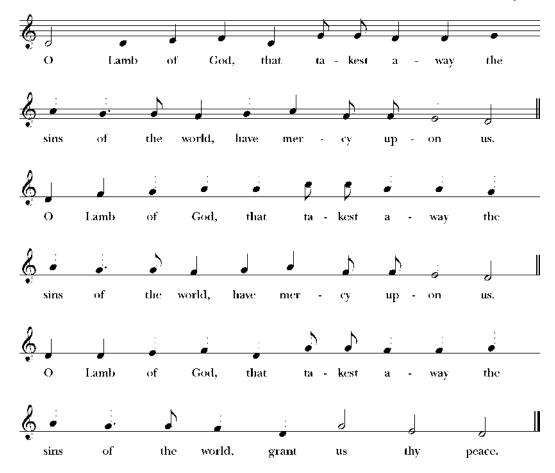


The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Fraction Anthem - O Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982, S 157 John Merbecke

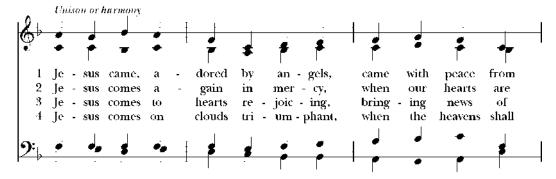


We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious 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





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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.

The Post Communion Hymn

The King shall come when morning dawns



Words, Greek, tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Mosic, St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

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: Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude



December 3, 2017 – Advent 1 (B) Preparing to Become the Beloved Community

A newly developed Advent resource is now available to help Episcopalians everywhere to take up Jesus' ministry of reconciliation and healing. Every congregation will soon receive in the mail *Preparing to Become the Beloved Community*, a multi-fold poster and resource pack with prayer, reflections and activities for each week of Advent. The resources can also be downloaded at http://bit.ly/belovedcommunity.

Preparing builds on the Becoming Beloved Community vision document and resources, which Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings and their supporting officers introduced earlier this year. The document lays out the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation and justice.

"During Advent, Christians focus on how much we need Jesus to bear light, healing and hope in a broken world," noted the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, the Presiding Bishop's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care. "This is a mysterious, vulnerable time. We're opening to Christ. We're opening to different neighbors and strangers who are Christ among us. We hope these resources meet the real hunger among Episcopalians to live like Jesus Movement people."

Throughout Advent, an Episcopal Church social media campaign will also stir hope, reflection and action around racial reconciliation; join or follow using the hashtag #adventbeloved.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3 and concludes on Christmas Day.

Preparing to Become the Beloved Community was developed by the Episcopal Church's Racial Reconciliation Team. The resources are designed for group use among all ages, including Adult Forums, Sunday School, Women's and Men's groups, Advent preparation, Vestry meetings, Confirmation studies and more.

Each of the four weeks in Advent features Bible readings, reflections and activities focused on one part of the spiraling journey toward racial healing, reconciliation and justice:

Advent 1: Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

Advent 2: Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

Advent 3: Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus

Advent 4: Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society

The original Becoming Beloved Community vision lays these themes out visually around a labyrinth. "It's a different way of approaching this work," said Heidi Kim, Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation. "It's truly an invitation to spiritual formation and social transformation."



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