

ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 2022
10:30am Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: #88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

PLEASE STAND

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever: now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Welcome & Greeting

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The children are invited to come forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath. During the singing of 'Advent Gathering', children may proceed downstairs for children's programming.

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them.

We light this candle to remind us of the hope of all people for a Saviour who will bring us freedom and peace. This hope was promised by the prophets of the Old Testament, who shared their vision of justice coming to the earth by the mighty acts of God.

The first candle is lit.

Presider: Let us pray.

Father, you awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son Jesus. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring the kingdom of peace and justice you promise for the whole earth. **Amen.**

Hymn: Advent Gathering

Here in this world where darkness surrounds us, show us your face, O promise of dawn.

We seek a sign that you are among us, show us your face, O Lord Jesus, come.

Come, O hope of your people.

Come among us and stay.

Lead us in mercy up from the shadows, shine in our darkness, be here today.

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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 plowshares, 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!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 80:1-5, 7

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord - I will re -
joice, come to God, do not be a-fraid. Lift up your
voi - ces, the Lord is near; lift up a voi - ces, the Lord is near

Music: J. Berthier
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Choir: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

People: **In the Lord I'll ever be thankful . . .**

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

O Lord God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

People: **In the Lord I'll ever be thankful . . .**

Choir: You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

People: **In the Lord I'll ever be thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice**
Come to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

Besides this, 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 armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

Cantor: *People:*

1. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, ha - le lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! *repeat v.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Fr. Andrew

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

Musical Reflection: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Apostles' Creed

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Please respond to the petition, "We pray to you, O God" with the response, "Emmanuel, dwell in us."

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

PLEASE STAND

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

*(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.
At this time, children rejoin their caregivers.)*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: CP#108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.

"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us all, with deep repentance, pray that we may be forgiven,

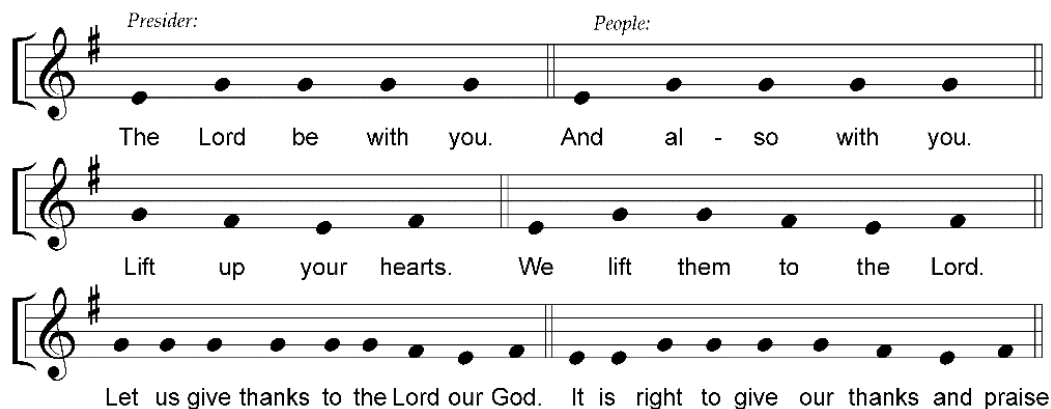
That when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: *People:*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise

The Presiding Celebrant will begin the Eucharistic Prayer by either singing or saying the preface to the prayer. The preface will conclude with the words "to proclaim the glory of your name."

We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus as follows:



1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
3&4. (below)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,
Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,
3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!
4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!
A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 3 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Glory, glory, glory to you!

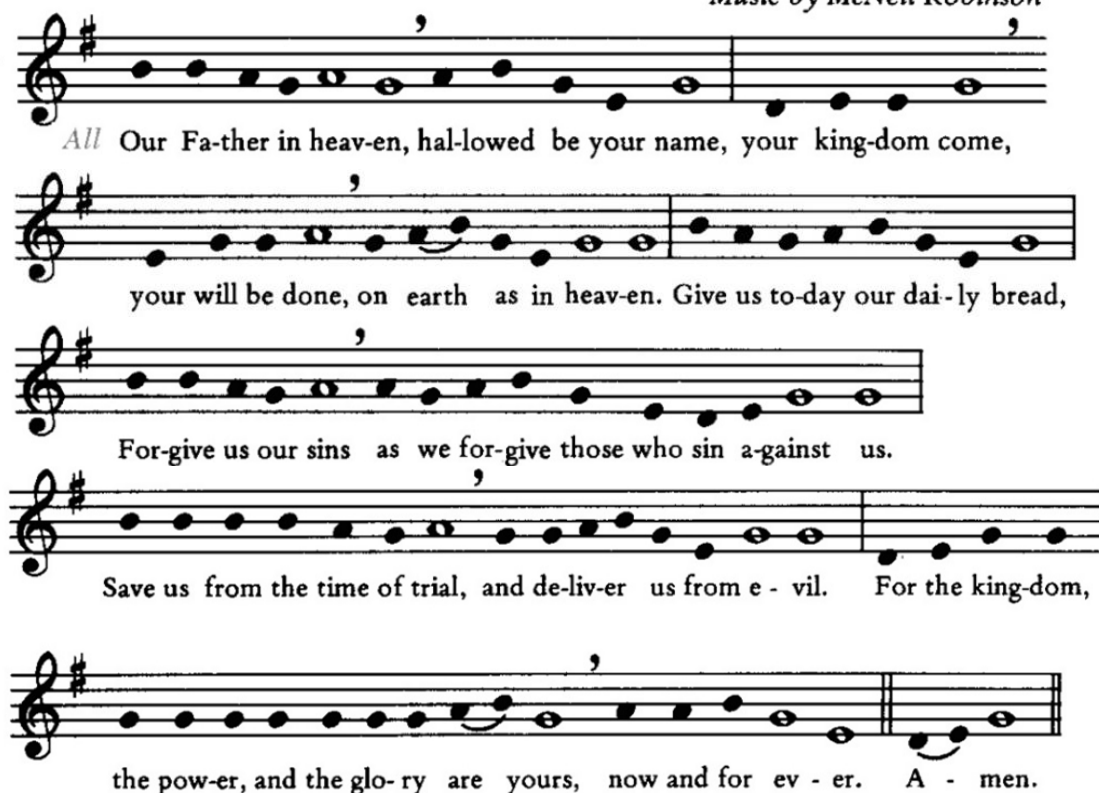
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer,
and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:*

People: (verse 4) **Glory to you, o Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Music by McNeil Robinson



All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,
For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Song for the Breaking of Bread

Sing 5 times:



Ha-py are those who are called to the sup - per of the Lamb;
Al - le - lu - - ia! ia, A - men!

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Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

All: Happy are those . . .

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

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All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

This invitation is extended to all – children and infants included.

If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please cross your hands over your chest when you are presented with the chalice.

Dipping the bread in the chalice is not permitted. Receiving in one kind is considered full participation in the sacrament.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music During Communion: O Come, Divine Messiah

G. Ridout

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

The Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;

Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;

All who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,

Deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear;

All his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;

Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:

O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Dismissal

Postlude: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

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