

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

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2025, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Winter

A. Vivaldi

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God.

Processional Hymn: #110 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

PLEASE STAND

- 1 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us;
The shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
Their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
That you the wedding feast may share."
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing.
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
She wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
In strength of grace, in truth victorious:
Her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, incarnate Word, alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
To come into the banquet hall.
- 3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
Let saints and angels sing before you,
As harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
Through them we stream to join the immortals
As we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight; no ear heard such delight: alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
Forever let our praises ring.

Welcome & Greeting

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

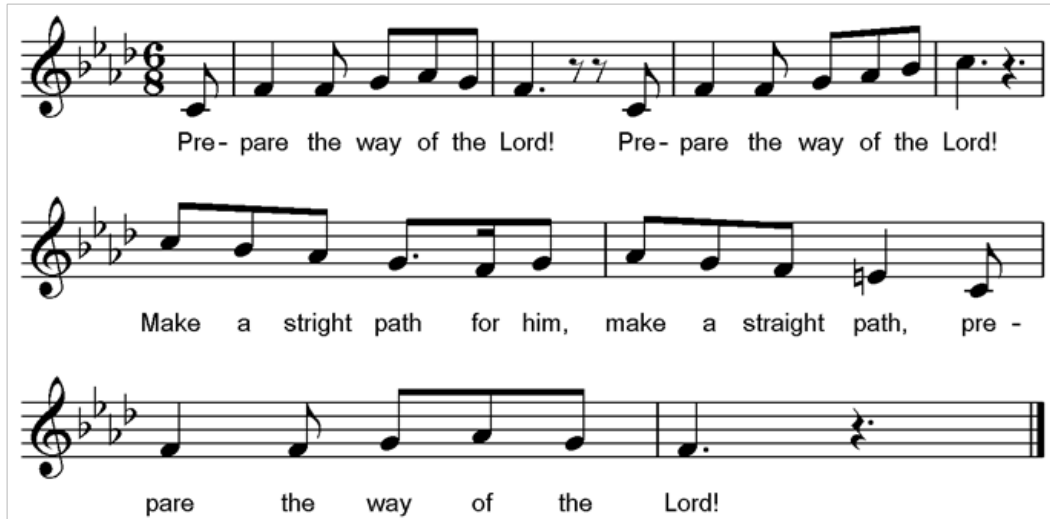
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Story of Advent: The Prophets

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A child will light one candle on the Advent Wreath during the following hymn. The children will then proceed to children's programming.

Advent Hymn: Prepare the Way



Pre- pare the way of the Lord! Pre- pare the way of the Lord!

Make a stright path for him, make a straight path, pre -

pare the way of the Lord!

The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

PLEASE BE SEATED

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

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 & JOIN IN SINGING



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



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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 Mannasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

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 be ever 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 be ever thankful . . .**

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.

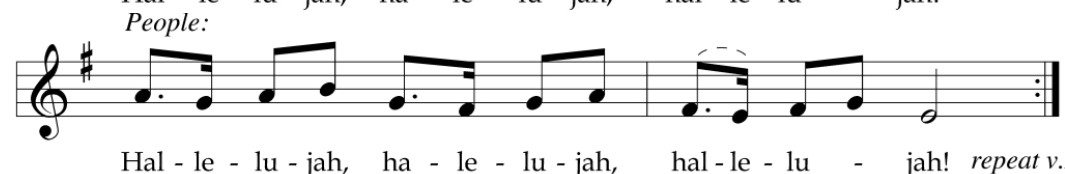
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND



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: Rev'd Jess

(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 offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

Please respond to the petition "We pray to the Lord," with the response, "Lord Jesus, come soon."

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. 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 peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn: #577 God of Grace and God of Glory

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Now fulfil your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness. Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christ-like graces in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail ourselves and thee,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

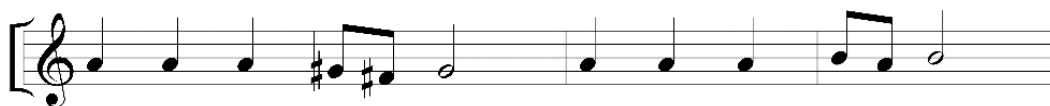
The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus following:



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 recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing the following:

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

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and strengthen us until we come to share the joys of eternity. We praise God's endless love and at the elevation of the bread and cup we sing the following:

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

The Breaking of the Bread #5

Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song for the Breaking of Bread



Hap - 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.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb; alleluia!**

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

People: **Happy are those . . .**

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

People: **Happy are those . . .**

The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.
If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Music during Communion: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

arr. A. Bullard

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

People: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Blessing

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

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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!
- 4 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

Presider: Go in peace to serve the world God loves.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach

- We welcome Andras Weber, cellist, to today's service -

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