

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH   
 OF *St. John the Baptist*

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# The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

## The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God



**Prelude** *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"*  
Hymn Tune: WACHET AUF  
Johann Gottfried Walther

**Processional Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) *Please see pages 8*

#59 | *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"*

**Children's Chat** - Fr. Tom

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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

**Hymn of Praise: Wait for the Lord** (*Sung 3 times*)

*Taize Community*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* ***Amen.***

## The Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

*Vocalist & Guitar: Rob Freeman*

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

## First Reading *(Please be seated)*

*Reader* A Reading from Jeremiah:

### *Introduction to the First Reading*

*In today's reading, Jeremiah, prophet and priest, communicates God's promise of healing and restoration. The promise concerns God's gift of a deliverer, a Messiah, from the line of David. This king's reign will be marked by justice and righteousness.*

### *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

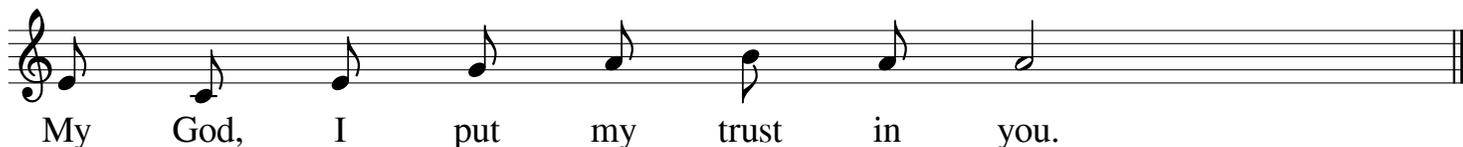
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm of the Day

### Psalm 25:1-9



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.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. [ANT.]

Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.  
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. [ANT.]

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
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. [ANT.]

Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant  
and his testimonies [ANT.]

## Second Reading

*Reader* A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

### *Introduction to the Second Reading*

*Upon Timothy's report, St. Paul is exuberant with gratitude for the Thessalonian Christians. Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the members of this growing church.*

#### *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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn** (*Please stand as able*) – *Please see page 9* Vs. 1 & 2

#56 | “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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

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

## The Holy Gospel

### *Luke 21:25-36*

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 to you, Lord Christ.***

## THE SERMON

### **The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand as able)*

*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 Leader and People pray responsively.*

My brothers and sisters, may God strengthen your hearts in holiness.

God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region--from city, village and town--together in a spirit of love and respect.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;  
***Be our hope and our salvation.***

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;  
***Be our hope and our salvation.***

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.

O come, o come, Emmanuel;  
***Be our hope and our salvation.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

*(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)*

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

***Amen.***

*(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)*

### **The Confession of Sin** *(Please kneel as able or be seated)*

*Reader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

*People* ***Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.***

### **The Absolution**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

### **The Peace** *(Please stand as able)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***

## **The Holy Communion**

*Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.*

*Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:  
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR  
Securely online through our website - <https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html>*

### **Offertory Sentence & Interlude**

**Doxology** *(The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung.  
Please stand as able)*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;  
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Please see page 10-11*

**#497 | "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"**

# The Great Thanksgiving

“Enriching Our Worship,” Prayer 2

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord. God of power and might,  
hea- ven and earth are full, full of your glo- ry. Ho-  
san- na in the high est. Ho- san- na in the high- est.  
Bless- ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san- na in the high- est. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

*The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

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

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven,** *And forgive us our trespasses,*  
*hallowed be thy Name,* *as we forgive those*  
*thy kingdom come,* *who trespass against us.*  
*thy will be done,* *And lead us not into temptation,*  
*on earth as it is in heaven.* *but deliver us from evil.*  
**Give us this day our daily bread.** *For thine is the kingdom,*  
*and the power, and the glory,*  
*for ever and ever. Amen.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Distribution Anthem – “Fling Wide the Door”** *Words: Georg Weissen & Music: J. A. Freylinghausen*  
**Vocalist: Robert Freeman Accompanist: Scott Kresge**

### Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or be seated)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
*you have graciously accepted us as living members*  
*of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,*  
*and you have fed us with spiritual food*  
*in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Benediction (Please stand as able)

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**  
 May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**  
 May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**  
 And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn (Please stand as able)** *Please see page 12* #58 | **“Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending”**

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude “Fugue in G Major”** Dietrich Buxtehude

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*Elizabeth Scheer, Videography/Streaming*  
*Bel Gwiazdowski, Usher*

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Advent

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

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## Advent

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(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  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



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  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



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-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;  
 adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
 Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai, (1556-1608);  
 arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: 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.

Alternative tune: *Helmsley*, 57.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);  
 harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

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