



WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS: We are glad you are with us! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope you will introduce yourself to the clergy and a greeter and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church. Following the service, you are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in Goodwin Hall.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE: Please pick up your name tag from the trays in Goodwin hall or at the Sigourney Street entrance. If you do not have a name tag, simply fill out a blank and leave it in the basket after the service; a printed name tag will be made for you. We believe it is part of our ministry of hospitality to let people know who we are.

COMMUNION: If you prefer to receive consecrated grape juice rather than consecrated wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice in the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

NURSERY CARE: Children infant-3 years are offered care in the Nursery located in the bell tower off the Narthex at the Sigourney Street entrance during the 10:00 a.m. service. Parents are reminded that children should not be allowed to leave the worship area on their own.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: At the 10:00 a.m. service, those wishing individual prayers are invited to pray with members of our Intercessory Prayer Team stationed in the side aisles.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES: Hearing assistive devices are available by asking an usher.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: This service uses parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer 1979, and Enriching Our Worship I and music from The Hymnal 1982 and the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal. The prayer book and hymnal may be found on the shelf under the chair directly in front of your seat. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

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“Do Not Be Afraid”

With the beginning of a new church year, we now enter into a three-month spiritual journey through the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, gifts of our Anglican heritage. Advent invites us, first, to wait in hopeful expectation for the coming of the Promised One.

Waiting in expectation for things unseen, or unknown, can be difficult. This is especially true in times of conflict or turmoil, when the “unforeseen” can tug at our lesser human instincts, leading us to operate out of a mindset of scarcity and fear instead of the Christian orientation of abundance and hope. We are witnessing this phenomenon today not only in our own country but throughout the world in our communal responses to terrorist attacks, mass shootings, economic uncertainty and tensions between races and cultures. Many in our nation are reacting to these events by trying to isolate themselves from entire classes of people or asserting that American law and values do not protect *all* people equally. The Angel’s announcement to the shepherds in the fields assures us of a better way: *Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.*

Do not be afraid. As we once again prepare our hearts to welcome the birth of Jesus the Christ, that is a good message for us. Advent is the season of hopeful expectation, leading us to the glory and the joy of Jesus’ birth. Advent can be a powerful time of witness for Christians to bring Christ into the predominant cultural narrative of excess, frantic activity and, especially today, fear and exclusion of the unknown. We invite you to join us in hopeful expectation as we explore another way. May your Advent be blessed.

Fr. Don+

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *Chorale Prelude on ‘Wachet auf’*

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT: *Advent Responsory*

Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina

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?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another: go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: art thou he that should
come?
Stir up thy strength and come to rule thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #57 “Lo! he comes with clouds descending”

Helmsley

Please stand.

Celebrant O Emmanuel, our Ruler and our Sovereign, the Expected of the nations and their Savior,
People **Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the most High, pervading and permeating all creation, ordering all things with might and sweetness;
People **Come and teach us your Way.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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: #56, Verses 1 and 2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of Man appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
 to us the paths of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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 for ever. Amen.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the singing of the psalm.

PSALM 25:1-9

Tone 2



- 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 trans/gressions; *
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.

Please be seated.

EPISTLE: 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.

Silence for reflection.

SEQUENCE HYMN: WLP #889 Blessed Be the God of Israel

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
 2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



have the pro-phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. George A. Chien

Silence for reflection

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: Form II

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In the course of the pause after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura, our Diocesan Bishops and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
 Pray for the Church. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
 Pray for justice and peace. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those who are listed on Trinity's prayer list and those in prison.
 Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Grace Rajendram, and Kurt Nelson, and for David Scott, in whose loving memory the flowers in the church are offered on the occasion of the third anniversary of his death this week.
Pray for those who have died. *Pause*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and to our neighbor:

Pause for reflection.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated for announcements.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Advent Message*

Martin How

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a Highway for our God.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 2

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Please remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
People

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

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS: #S 130

Franz Peter Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, 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.

Celebrant

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.

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,
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.

People

AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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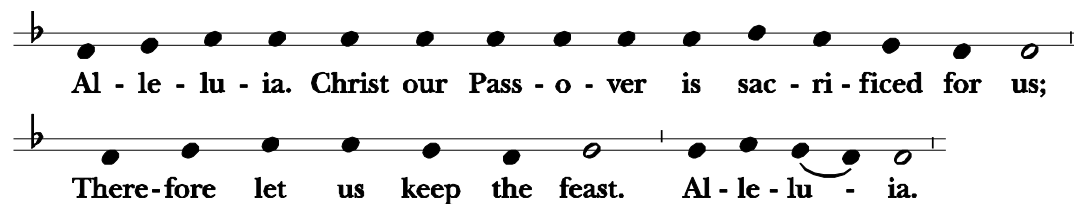
Celebrant
All

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD: FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal #S 152

Mason Martens



Celebrant
People

The gifts of God for the People of God. . . Behold what you are.
May we become what we receive.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION CHANT: #60 Creator of the stars of night

Plainsong

Creator of the stars of night,
 your people's everlasting light,
 O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
 we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse
 should doom to death a universe,
 you came, O Savior, to set free
 your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night,
 you came; but not in splendor bright,
 not as a monarch, but the child
 of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now
 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 all things on earth with one accord,
 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,
 redeem us for eternal day;
 defend us while we dwell below
 from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,
 and God the Spirit, Three in One,
 praise, honor, might, and glory be
 from age to age eternally..

COMMUNION HYMN: #13 LEVAS My Lord, what a morning

Negro Spiritual

Celebrant Let us pray. BCP p. 366
All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #73 The King shall come when morning dawns *St. Stephen*

THE BLESSING A New Zealand Book of Prayer

Celebrant May Christ, as he comes, deliver you from your guilt, anxiety and resentment, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.
All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on 'O Wisdom, O Adonai'

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.

OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.



The flowers this morning are offered
in loving memory of
David Scott
commemorating the
third anniversary of his death.

