



Sunday, November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent
10:00a

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The Holy Eucharist

A bell will ring 2-3 minutes before the service begins for silent prayer.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 57 *(The Hymnal 1982) Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! 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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsey*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living One.
 You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity – *said by 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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent

Oh blest is Christ that came:
In God's most holy name.

A single candle is lit.

The Church lights candles in Advent marking the weeks which lead to the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas. The candles remind God's people of the light of Christ in the midst of a world in darkness. We are a beacon of hope to the reconciling love of God in Christ. One simple candle gives the light we need to spread hope and share the dream God has for us, a dream where light overcomes darkness and life overcomes death. This is the light we light today as we begin our journey to the manger.

Let us pray.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, this town, and this faith community, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease;

that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Oh blest is Christ that came
In God's most holy name.

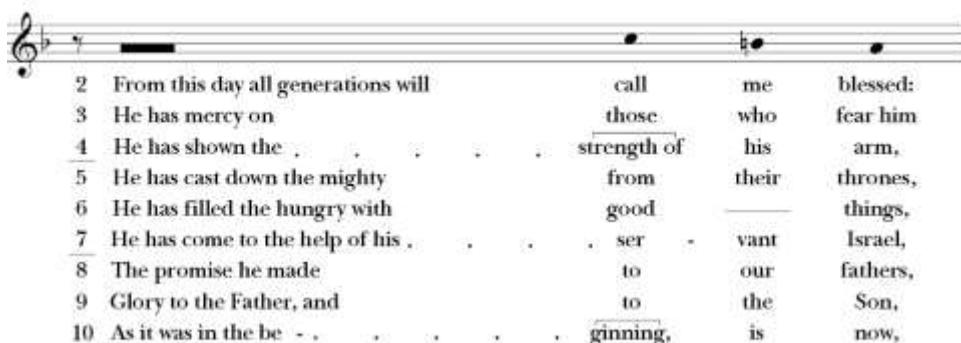
Hymn of Praise *The Song of Mary*

Antiphon
Unison or harmony

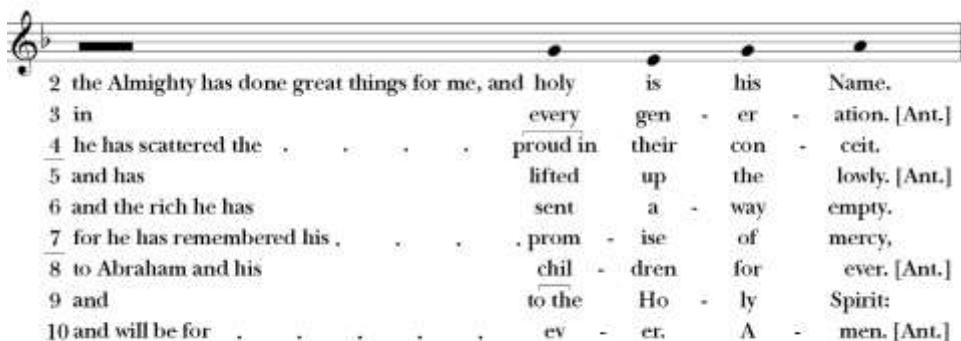
1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness
of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in
claims the great - ness of the Lord, my
God my Sa - vior; for he has looked
spi - rit re - joic - es in God



with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.



2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 3 He has mercy on those who fear him
 4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 7 He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel,
 8 The promise he made to our fathers,
 9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 10 As it was in the be - ginning, is now,



2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
 3 in every gen - er - ation. [Ant.]
 4 he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit,
 5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]
 6 and the rich he has sent a - way empty.
 7 for he has remembered his prom - ise of mercy,
 8 to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever. [Ant.]
 9 and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
 10 and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

The antiphon may be sung in unison, with the counter-melody played by an instrument, or it may be sung in three parts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day – *said by the celebrant*

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.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the lessons.

A reading from 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25: 1-9 (*taken from the St. Helena's Psalter*)

To you, O God, 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.

Show me your ways, O God, *
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.

Remember, O God, 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 God.

Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

A reading from **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.

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Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the

Hymn 65 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

Prepare the way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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."

Glory to you Lord Christ

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

Please be seated for the

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Swanson, Rector

Please stand as you are able for 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 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.

Please remain standing as you are able for the
The Prayers of People

**Almighty One, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others either silently or aloud.

The congregation may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The deacon bids the confession

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept.

Leader and 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 Priest pronounces the absolution,

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

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The clergy and people exchange greetings with one another in the name of the Lord. At this time, we ask that during the peace, everyone stays in their own seat and verbally exchanges

words of greeting and peace. Members of the same family may certainly touch one another, but otherwise the greeting should be words or a bow. We all have different feelings about being touched at this time, and erring on the side of reserve for that is most appropriate.

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Hymn 61 (The Hymnal 1982) "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

The image shows a musical score for Hymn 61, "Sleepers, wake!". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us; "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is with risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to



has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share.
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The following Eucharistic prayer was approved by the 2018 General Convention of The Episcopal Church. It is approved for use by Bishop MacVean-Brown for use in the Episcopal Church in Vermont. This modification of Eucharist Prayer B, as originally found in the Book of Common Prayer 1979, introduces expansive language to express the divine presence of God that is not gender specific.

God be with you.

And also 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of five staves of music. Each staff is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff has 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff reads 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before

you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Celebrant breaks the bread and says

We break this bread to share the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Celebrant then says

The gifts of God for the people of God.

No matter where your faith journey has taken you, or where it may be leading you today, all are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's in the Mountains Episcopal Church. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread. The chalice will not be shared at this time. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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, O God, 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.

Please be seated for the
Announcements

Please stand as you are able for the
Blessing

Hymn 66 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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The deacon offers the
Dismissal

The people respond

Thanks be to God.

Participants in today's service:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Swanson, Rector

Deacon: The Rev. Zarina Suárez O'Hagin

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Swanson
Lectors: Sandy Duncan and Barbara Baraw
Intercessor:
Musician: Gabe Sequeira-Bacher

Service Music:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #125 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy,
holy Lord: *Sanctus*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #247 Canticle 15, The Song of Mary:
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