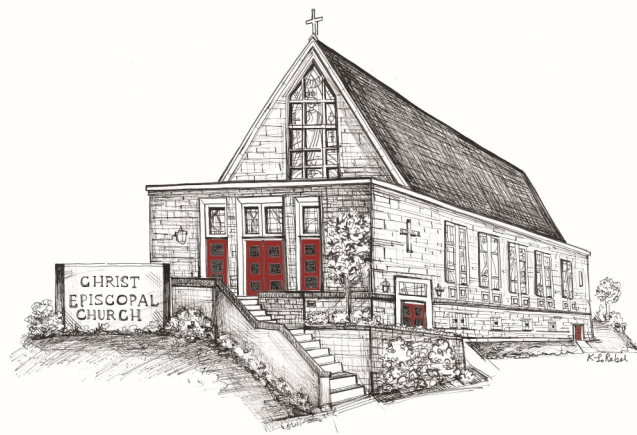


# The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.



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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN \* 724 (*Wonder, Love & Praise*)

- 1 People, look East. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the guest is on the way.
- 2 Furrows be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the rose is on the way.
- 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to buikl,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen

People, look east, the time is near

God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the bird is on the way.

- 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim.  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the star is on the way.

- 5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.

*Besancon Carol*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

People      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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.

People      **Amen**

*(Sing 3 times)*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(Please remain standing)*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

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.

**People:** Amen.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON** *(please be seated)*

*(Jeremiah 33:14-16)*

**Reader:** A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

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."

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 25:1-9** *(please remain seated)*

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 transgressions; \*  
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.

THE EPISTLE

(1 Thessalonians 3:9-13)

**Reader** A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

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.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN \* 56 (The Hymnal 1982)

O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs. 1-4)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here  
until the son of God appear

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victo'ry oe'r the grave. *Refrain*

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go *Refrain*

THE GOSPEL (Please remain standing)

(Luke 21:25-36)

*Then, all still standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:*

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

**People:** 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."

*After the Reading the Deacon says*

The Gospel of our Lord

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cn. James D. Shoucair

## THE NICENE CREED

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

**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 VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(silence)*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For *Joe*, our president; *Joshua*, our governor, and this community, the nation and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity in the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Ketlen*, our Bishop; *James, Brandon, and Christopher*, our priests;

*Lorena and Christine*, our Deacons; and for Fr. Rich Witt and The Rural and Migrant Ministries; Bruce Robison and the people of All Saints', Brighton Heights; [*The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; Outreach Organization; The Parish Cycle of Prayer*]; for those who are deployed, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*] and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. I invite your own petitions, either out loud or in silence. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. I invite your own thanksgivings. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. I invite your own petitions. *(The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

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

*Silence may be kept*

*Leader and people*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION - RITE II

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### THE DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether Bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**THE SANCTUS** \* S-131 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, you Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worth to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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, our Lord 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 he 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever..

**People:        Amen**

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

*Celebrant and People*

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM \* S-154 (The Hymnal 1982)**

Jesus, Lamb of God

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

#### **THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

**You may opt to intinct (dip) in the small chalice, or you may drink from the common chalice.**

FIRST COMMUNION HYMN \* 58 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

3 Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

St. Thomas

SECOND COMMUNION HYMN \* 54 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

1 Savior of the nations come!  
Virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,  
that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Wondrous birth! Oh wondrous child  
of the Virgin undefiled!  
Mighty God and Mary's son,  
eager now his race to run!

Savior of the nations come!

3 Thus on earth the Word appears,  
gracing his created spheres;  
hence to death and hell descends,  
then the heav'nly throne ascends.

4 Come, O Father's saving Son,  
who o'er sin the vict'ry won.  
Boundless shall your kingdom be;  
grant that we its glories see.

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

Prayer For Spiritual Communion at Home

*Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive you into my soul. As I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, knowing that you are already here, and unite myself wholly to you, secure that you will never let me go. Amen.*

- Based on the prayer attributed to St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.

THE BLESSING

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION \* 76 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;

On Jordan's bank the Baptists cry

without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.

*Winchester New*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



### Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant & Preacher..... The Rev. Cn. James D. Shoucair  
 Assisting Minister ..... The Rev. Christine McIlvain  
 Organist & Choirmaster ..... Ed Kapsha  
 Acolyte..... Kristen Cooper  
 Altar Guild..... Jen Aranda  
 ..... Gwyni Gilliland  
 Greeters..... Jerry & Janet Stephenson  
 Lay Readers ..... Jim Scarnati  
 ..... Debbie Stayer  
 ..... Marcia Kaminski  
 Ushers

### Post-Worship Ministries

Altar Flower Delivery..... Gwyni Gilliland  
 Coffee..... Jim & Mitzi Scarnati  
 Counters ..... Chris Naccarelli  
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 Lay Eucharistic Visitors .....

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