



The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier



Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! The Cathedral community strives to create a safe place to pursue your own life's journey and if we can be of assistance on that journey, please let us know. The Episcopal Church is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Our worship has its roots in the earliest forms of Christian worship balancing both Word and Sacrament. I hope you will find in us a place and a community to call yours.

The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean of the Cathedral*

About Our Worship Today: The First Sunday of Advent always marks the beginning of a new Church year. We employ a three-year lectionary cycle, meaning our lessons each Sunday come from the Hebrew Scripture, Psalms, New Testament, and Gospel. Each year the Gospel (Good News) focuses on a particular Gospel — this year we enter year B: the Gospel of Mark. (Year A is Matthew and Year C is Luke). And, during Advent, to mark each week, we light a candle on the Advent wreath as a symbol of that week's Gospel focus.

Advent I: Today we light the first candle to remember that like the prophet Isaiah and the people in the early church, we too are longing for God to be with us. This candle is lit as a symbol of hope.

Today we begin our worship with *The Great Litany*, an intercessory prayer including various petitions that are sung by the leader, with fixed responses by the congregation. It was used as early as the fifth century in Rome; the first English language rite was prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and published in 1544.

When we gather in corporate worship, we unite ourselves with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God's Word, to offer prayer, and to celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist (which means Thanksgiving). Our liturgies seek to embrace the richness of our heritage as they explore the direction in which the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to move in the future. Several fundamental assumptions have guided the design of our common worship.

- A commitment to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer and the challenge of the Baptismal Covenant.
- A sensitivity to language regarding gender.
- An acknowledgment that people of many ages and background are present and participating in worship.

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It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.

The Word of God

When the bell sounds, please stand

THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION

Officiant
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.


From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of thy Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison*



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE 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.*

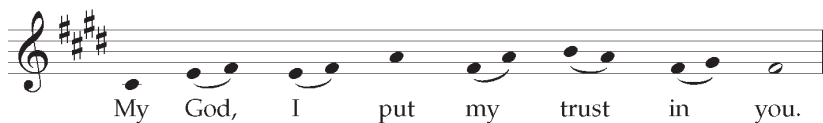
THE FIRST LESSON ~ Jeremiah 33:14-16

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*



- 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. [*Refrain*]
 - 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. [*Refrain*]
 - 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. [*Refrain*]
 - 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. [*Refrain*]
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THE SECOND LESSON ~ 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 21:25-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, Page 358

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

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| <p>1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
 from tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming
 as seers of old have sung.
 It came, a blossom bright,
 amid the cold of winter,
 when half spent was the night.</p> | <p>2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
 the Rose I have in mind,
 with Mary we behold it,
 the Virgin Mother kind.
 To show God's love aright,
 she bore to us a Savior,
 when half spent was the night.</p> | <p>3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender
 with sweetness fills the air,
 dispel in glorious splendor
 the darkness everywhere;
 true man, yet very God,
 from sin and death now save us,
 and share our every load.</p> |
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Words: St. 1-2 German, St. 3 Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859)
 Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Please join in singing

HYMN #454 ~ Jesus, came, adored by angelsLowry

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #57 ~ Lo! he comes, with clouds descendingHelmsley

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~ Sleepers, wake! arr. Paul Manz

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Stuart Hall. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral and follow the crowd. Stuart Hall is at the end of the hallway on the right. All (especially guests) are invited to attend.


Save the Dates

- December 1 - Advent Wreath-making during Coffee Hour
- December 15 - A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - 4:00 PM
- December 19 - Lyrica Baroque Holiday Concert - 7:00 PM

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to make a contribution toward the Christmas Flower array in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please clearly note this on a Christmas Flower envelope and return it to the Cathedral office by Friday, December 13. Names will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets.

Hospitality Committee - Please considerer contributing a snack of your choice for Coffee Hour every now and then. Suggestions include cookies, cheese and crackers or a small cake. Items that can be frozen are especially helpful to enable the size of the spread to match the size of the crowd.


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Creative ways to support the ministry of the Church

As we approach the end of the year, and, in this season of Thanksgiving, there are several “non-cash” ways that one can support the Parish and possibly create a personal tax benefit. For those taking Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from traditional IRA’s, the Internal Revenue Service allows a donor to make a charitable contribution directly from the IRA account to the charity of your choice without becoming taxable income to the donor. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to donate up to \$105,000 total to one or more charities directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking their required minimum distributions. Separately, if you have securities that have an unrealized gain, It can also be beneficial to donate appreciated securities directly to the Cathedral or make us a beneficiary of a personal Donor Advised Fund (DAF). If any of these giving methods make sense for you, please consult your financial advisor or tax professional about the specifics. Lisa Wilkie, the Cathedral Parish Administrator, can provide specific transfer instructions for any of these transactions: Lisawilkie@cccnola.org.

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BULLETIN INSERTS

December 1, 2024 – Advent 1 (C)

First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

Sunday, December 1

WORSHIP

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

Monday, December 2

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 1, found on page 211 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

Tuesday, December 3

TURN

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

Wednesday, December 4

BLESS

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

Thursday, December 5

REST

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.

Friday, December 6

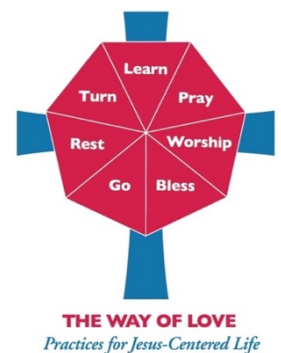
GO

Go out into your neighborhood today. Where is God at work? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate that good work and name God’s presence in your community.

Saturday, December 7

LEARN

Read Luke 1:59-80. When Zechariah’s speech returns, he praises God. If you lost the power to speak for nine months like Zechariah did, what would be your first word of praise? Share this with your family, friends, and on social media.



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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1

SUNDAY

The First Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour with Advent Wreath-making

6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

9:00 AM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

7:00 PM Voices Of New Orleans (VONO) Rehearsal

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

7:00 PM Symphony Of New Orleans (SONO) Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

4:30 PM Education for Ministry (EfM), Dean's Parlor

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Trinity Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SATURDAY

12:00 PM New Neighbor Project (ESL Class)

SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour with Advent Wreath-making

11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)

3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)

6:00 PM Real Presence

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watch?v=NniMc--Vhjc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NniMc--Vhjc)



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