

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026
10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

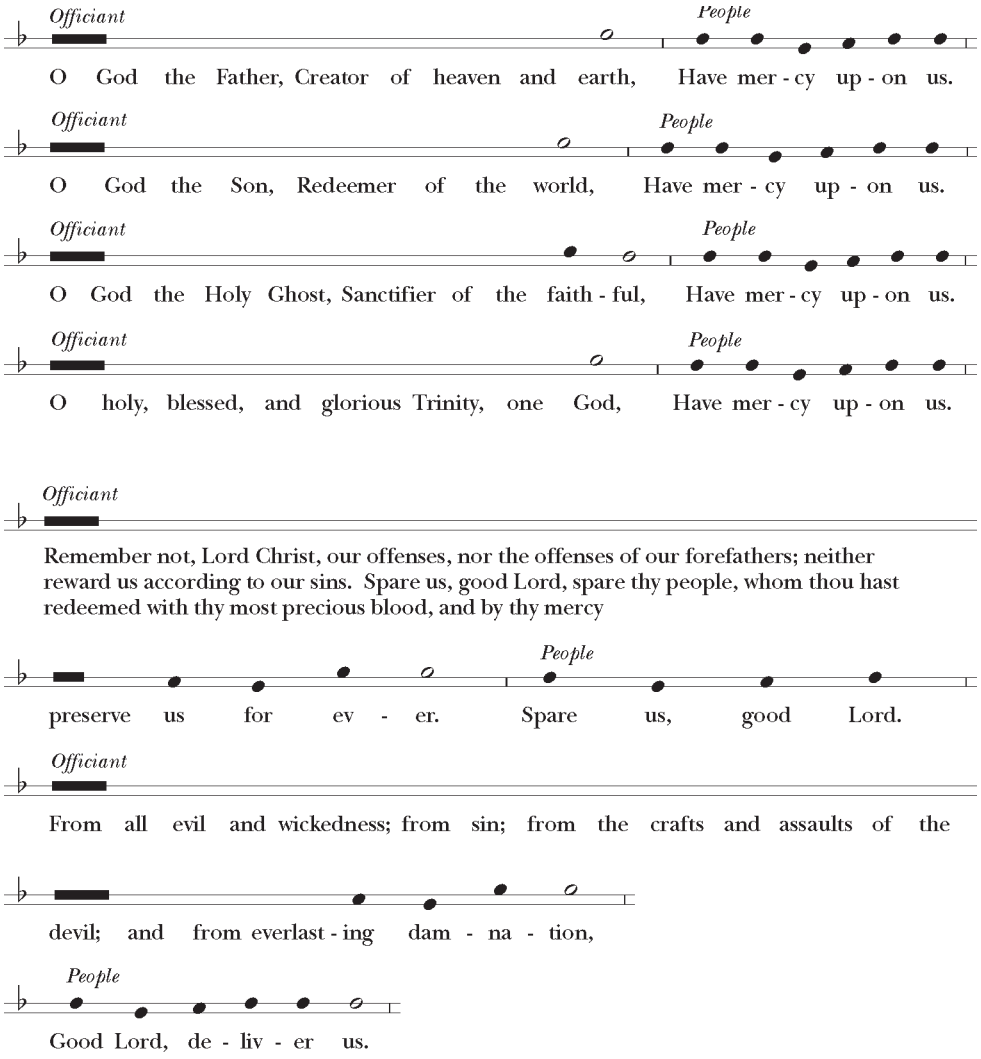
Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier

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. 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



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.

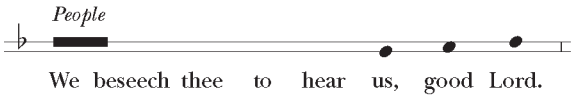
From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

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,



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.



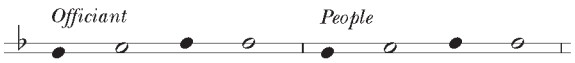
Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



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



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



Officiant O Christ, hear us.
People 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 that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

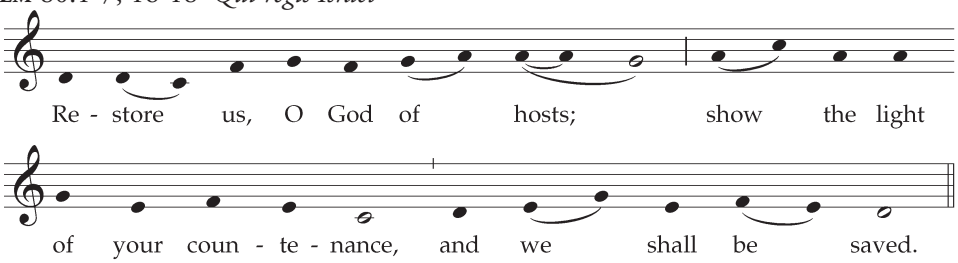
The First Lesson ~ Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please join in singing the refrain

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth,
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,
and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
[***Refrain***]

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. [***Refrain***]

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. [***Refrain***]

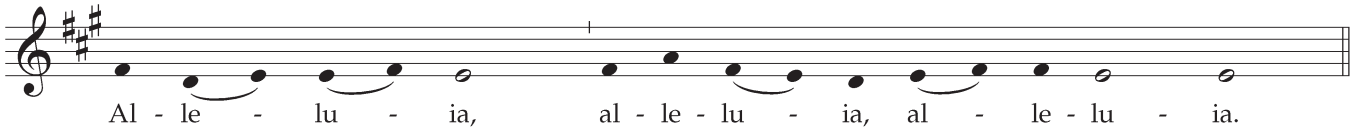
The Second Lesson ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 ~ Mark 13:24-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see `the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book, Page 358

The Peace

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

The Liturgy of the Table

Anthem

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining council, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls ere while unclean, now pure, within. Amen.

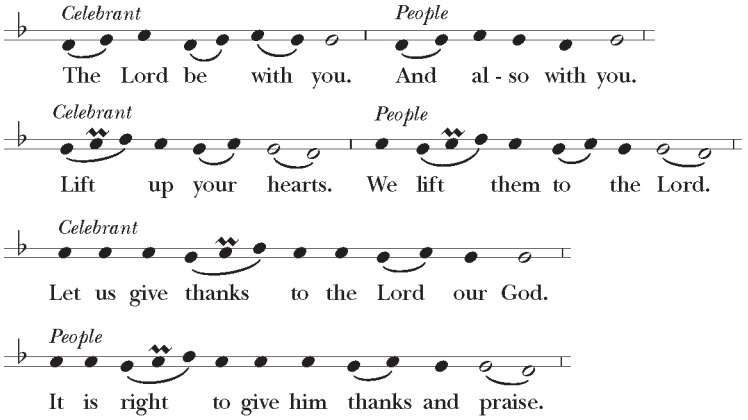
Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)
Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Please stand and sing

Offertory Hymn #73 ~ The King shall come when morning dawns .....*St. Stephen*

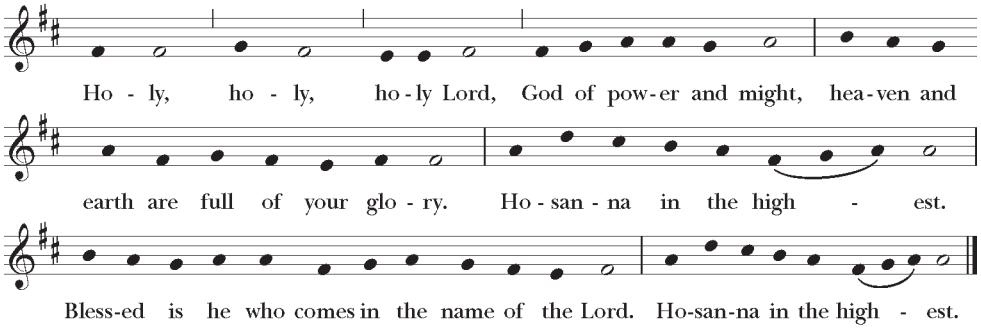
The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer B Prayer Book, Page 367

Sursum Corda



All join in singing

Sanctus and Benedictus



(Standing or Kneeling)

The Eucharistic Canon Prayer Book, Page 368

Memorial Acclamation *(said by all)*

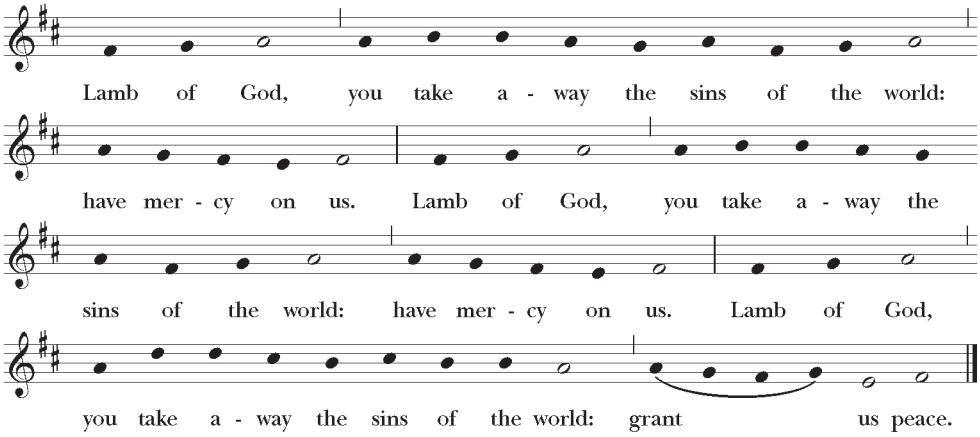
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer Prayer Book, Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem



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.

Communion Anthem

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.
Tell us, art thou he that should come?

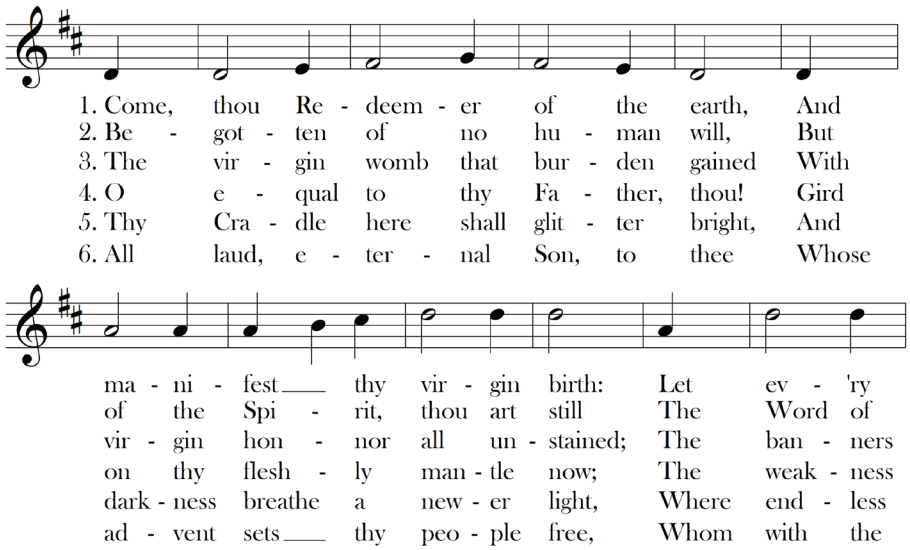
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.
to reign over thy people Israel?

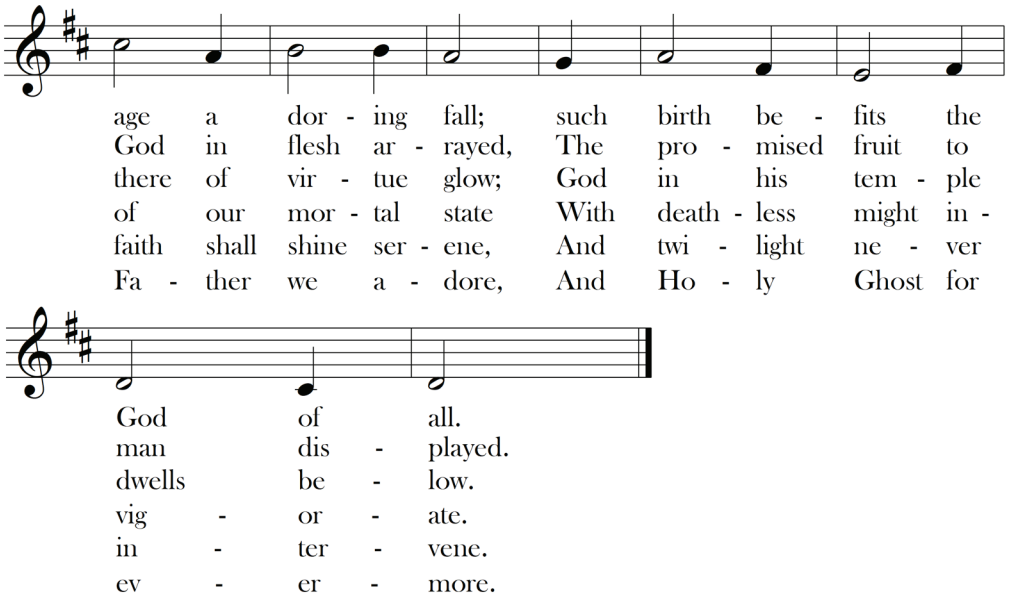
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
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Words: Translated from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins
Music: Adapted from a Magnificat by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Hymn





Words: Saint Ambrose (340-397)
Music: Traditional melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621, arranged by David Willcocks

Post-Communion Prayer Prayer Book, Page 365/366

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 descending ..... *Helmsley*

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary ~ Sleepers, wake! ..... Paul Manz

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in Stuart Hall.

Announcements

Save the Dates

- Symphony Of New Orleans & Voices Of New Orleans in Concert - Tuesday, December 1 - 7:30 PM
- A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - Sunday, December 13 - 4:00 PM
- Christmas Eve Eucharist - 5:00 PM
- Christmas Day Eucharist - 10:00 AM
- Epiphany Pageant - Sunday, January 10, 2027 - 10:00 AM

Donors needed for Altar Flowers in the Cathedral - Please contact Sandy Jackson - (504) 717-3185.

Sunday Christian Formation Classes during Advent

Adult Forum today will focus on Advent... expectations. Participants will receive a booklet with birth narratives on John and Jesus.



Sundays, December 6, 13, &, 20
The Last Word: Revelation Through the Tapestries of Angers
An Advent class with the Rev. Dr. Jean McCurdy Meade

What is the last book of the Bible really about? "The Revelation to John" (not "Revelations"!) is a single ecstatic vision recorded by John during his exile on Patmos. Written for faithful Christians, it answers big questions: Where is Jesus now? Why do the faithful still suffer? How will evil finally be conquered, and how do we live in the meantime?

We'll explore Revelation through one of the great masterpieces of medieval art: the Apocalypse Tapestry of Angers, France. It was commissioned by Louis I, the Duke of Anjou, and woven in Paris between 1377 and 1382. It originally had 90 scenes, and it is the largest set of medieval tapestries to have survived. It was looted and cut into pieces during the French Revolution, and most of it was recovered and restored in the 19th century.

Along the way, we'll find Revelation's images in the hymns, spirituals and oratorios we sing, which makes our worship richer.

The 2nd Annual Epiphany Luncheon will take place after the 10:00 AM Eucharist on January 10. We will be serving New Orleans-style dishes. Please look for sign-up sheets in the back of the Cathedral. We ask that food *not* be frozen when it is delivered to the kitchen.

Our children will be a vital part of this celebration: decorating crowns and leading the congregation to the Parish Hall while we sing "We Three Kings." More instructions on this part of the event to come!

Please circle the date on your calendar!!

EPIPHANY

Welcome! ***If you are visiting and seeking a connection with us*** we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) or point your cell phone at this QR code. *Thank you for worshiping with us.*

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On Tuesday, December 1st, join the Symphony Of New Orleans, Voices Of New Orleans, and some of New Orleans' finest opera singers for "Incanto," an evening of dazzling music from the operatic repertoire. The program will feature beloved arias, choruses, and overtures from the canon, including works by Verdi, Puccini, Paulus, Rossini, and Smyth. Vocal soloists will include the talents of Tyler Smith, Irini Kyriakidou-Hymel, Charles Mukaida, and many more. Don't miss this wonderful evening of song! The concert is at Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:30 pm with doors opening at 7 pm. $20 encouraged donation. Visit our website at Symphony-OfNewOrleans.com.

Symphony
Of New Orleans



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 13, 2026
4:00 PM

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Christ Church Cathedral

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The Reverend Dr. David B. Lowry, *Theologian in Residence*
The Reverend Robert Childers, *Priest Associate*
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The Week of November 29

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10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
11:30 AM Adult Forum (Dean's Parlor)
3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)
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)
6:30 PM SONO & 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)
7:30 PM SONO & VONO in Concert

Wednesday
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
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
10:00 AM Diocesan Daughters of the King meeting

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