



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 + 10:30 A.M.



*In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! Whether you are our guest today or a long-time member, we are so glad to have you with us today at St. Luke's. We worship in the Episcopal tradition, placing an emphasis on both Word and Sacrament as we strive to participate in the timeless worship of the Church through the ages. We invite you to fully join in this liturgy through song, prayer, and physical action. Copies of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. Along with this bulletin, these resources will guide you in today's liturgy.*

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THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Bells have bid worshippers to arise and come to worship for generations. This Advent, a season in which we are expectantly waiting for Christ, we will be using our sanctus bells to signal the start of our liturgy. When the sanctus bells ring, please stand.*

**HYMN #61 "Sleepers, wake!"** A voice astounds us *Sung by all.*

*Wachet auf*

*The Procession symbolizes both our pilgrim journey as travelers in the world, and also our following of Christ as our Head. Music helps us to lift our voices in beauty and song as we praise God.*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *The Book of Common Prayer, 351*

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Graham, Danielle, Ruby, and John Graham Corriher*

*Family leader:* In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

*All:* **To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.** *The Advent candle is lit.*

*Family leader:* O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle shines, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SONG** *Led by the children. Congregation joins on repeat.*

"Come to Us, Emmanuel"

Carol McClure

Come to us, Emmanuel. Christ whose birth we now await.  
Whose birth the prophets did foretell. Come to us, we pray.

## INTRODUCTION TO & CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant:* ... Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Please kneel.*

*All:* 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.

TRISAGION S-100

*Sung by all, kneeling.*

New Plainsong, David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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## THE ABSOLUTION

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *The Collect is a prayer that is connected to the theme 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 READING** *Please be seated.*

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

*Each Eucharistic liturgy contains four readings from Scripture: from the Old Testament, the Psalms, a Letter of Paul or other New Testament book, and one of the Gospels.*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 122**

Thomas Pavlechko

*The Psalms constitute the prayer book and the hymnal of the Hebrew people, as well as the early Church, and were written to be sung.*

*Antiphon: Sung by choir, then sung by all. Repeated where indicated.*



I was glad when they said \_\_\_ to me, "Let us go \_\_\_ to the house of the Lord."

I I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
 that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
 the tribes of the Lord, \*  
 the assembly of Israel,  
 to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
 the thrones of the house of David. **Antiphon**
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
 and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
 I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
 I will seek to do you good." **Antiphon**

## THE SECOND READING

**Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**HYMN #53** Once he came in blessing      *Please stand. Sung by all.*      *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*  
*In the ancient Church, the Gradual was a psalm sung by the Cantor on the lower step of the sanctuary. The word "Gradual" comes from the Latin word meaning "step." Liturgically, we are stepping towards the climax of the Liturgy of the Word – the proclamation of the Gospel.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 24:36-44**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be

the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

*Please be seated.*

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

### SERMON NOTES FOR REFLECTION

Does the world seem open or closed to you?  
Have you ever felt enchanted?  
When have you been aware of God's presence?  
What about life makes you sleepy?  
How can faith be more of a relationship for you?  
What things/experiences awaken you to love?  
What possibilities do you hope for?  
How can you pay attention to love this Advent?

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand.*

*BCP, 358*

## THE PEACE *Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

## JESSE TREE ORNAMENTS & PRAYER *Anna Chamberlain, reader*

### DEDICATION OF CHAPEL ICONS

*All:* **Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through him and for him.**

*Celebrant:* The Word became flesh.

*People:* **And dwelt among us.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior manifested your glory in his flesh, and sanctified the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen: Accept, we pray, these icons panels of women heroes of the

Old Testament, scenes of the grace of Christ in the New Testament, and the movement of the Spirit in saints throughout Church history; and grant that as we look upon them, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen only by the eye of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We bless your Name, O Lord, because it has pleased you to enable your servants, Reg Boland, the St. Luke's Foundation, and those who have made memorials in honor of Judy Newman and all deceased Altar Guild members to sponsor these icons. Remember them for good, and grant that all who benefit from these icons may show their thankfulness to you by using them in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All: Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through him and for him.**

**BIRTHDAY PRAYER** *Prayed by all. Church members and guests are invited to come forward if they are celebrating a birthday in the previous or upcoming week. No contribution is required, but many put money into the small birthday box in thanksgiving for a year of life. The funds go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund which is used in assisting those in economic hardship.*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *If you are our guest today, we encourage you to fill out a Guest Information card (found in the pew rack in front of you) and place it in the offering plate or give it to the clergy after church today. We want to be able to fully welcome you into the life of this parish. May God bless you this and every day.*

*At the Offertory, we offer gifts back to God, in thanksgiving for, and acknowledgment of, the divine source of all that we are and have. Gifts to support the ministries of St. Luke's may be placed in the Offering Plate or online via credit card. For instructions on online giving, please see the bulletin newsletter insert.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *Please be seated.*

The eyes of all wait upon Thee

Jean Berger

*The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.*

*Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.*

*Psalm 145: 15, 16*

**THE DOXOLOGY** Hymn #56, Verses 1, 2      *Please stand.*

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

During the Presentation, we offer not only financial gifts to the glory of God and the work of his Church, but we also present the bread and wine that will become for us Christ's Body and Blood. This gesture flows into the Sursum Corda (Latin for "Lift up your hearts") - we pray that our hearts and minds may be lifted up to God as we approach the Holy Table.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God 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 path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP, 372

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks... and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## SANCTUS S-124 *Sung by all.*

New Plainsong, David Hurd

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of the angelic Seraphim in Isaiah 6:3 that never ceases before God's throne. We now join in the hymn that is constantly sung in heaven.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*Please remain standing, or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues...* and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*People:* **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues...* all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People:* **AMEN.**

“Amen” is a Hebrew word of assent, meaning, “so be it” or “I agree.” It has had an important place in Christian worship since the earliest days of the Church, and the Amen proclaimed by the people here, whether sung or spoken, is known as the “Great Amen” – representing one of the supreme high points of the entire Eucharistic liturgy, concluding the Eucharistic Prayer. It is printed in all capital letters in the Prayer Book to highlight its importance.

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All:** **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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S-154 *Sung by all.* David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God...  
 The celebration of the Holy Eucharist has been called the “source and summit” of the faith and it is central to our identity, as in this sacred meal we are intentionally gathered in beloved community, made present to the Passion of our Lord, and receive God’s abundant grace in the Body and Blood of Christ, the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Therefore, all are welcome and invited to come forward to participate in the gift of Communion. There are a few ways that you can do this:

- Receive both the bread and wine: Place one palm on top of the other and you will be given a piece of bread, which you consume. Then the chalice will come to you, please assist by guiding the chalice to your lips.
- Receive only the bread: Cross your arms across your chest after receiving the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. \*\*\*Please note that there is no intincting (dipping) of the bread into the chalice. If you would like the clergy to intinct the bread for you, have your palms face down at the

altar rail. After intincting, the clergy will place the host on your palm. Please still cross your arms to indicate that you do not wish to receive from the chalice.

- Receive a prayer of blessing: If you prefer not to receive Communion, or are not Baptized, cross your arms across your chest before receiving the bread. All Baptized Christians (in any tradition or denomination) are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not Baptized and desire to be a part of and receive the Body of Christ, please speak with our clergy.

Please fill the Altar Rail from right to left (wall to the middle on the right side & middle to wall on the left side), return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need Communion brought to you, please let an usher know. As you wait to go forward to receive Communion, or afterward, you might find prayers 66 & 67 on page 834 of the Prayer Book to be helpful. It is our hope that as we share in this meal that we behold what we are and become what we receive.

**HYMN AT COMMUNION** Hymns, anthems, or other musical offerings may be included during this time, as further meditation and reflection upon the great gift of life and grace offered to us through Christ's Sacrament.

The tree of life my soul hath seen (*Wonder, Love & Praise*, #749)

Apple Tree

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and  
2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but  
3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly  
4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and  
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with  
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus  
 I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in  
 rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus  
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus  
 Christ the ap - ple tree.

Words: Anonymous, from a collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784. Music: *Apple Tree*, Daniel Pinkham (b. 1923).

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please stand or kneel.* BCP, 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.

**THE BLESSING**

**HYMN IN PROCESSION #57** Lo, he comes with clouds descending Helmsley

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**VOLUNTARY** Toccata on *Wachet auf* Francis Jackson  
*Please be seated or exit quietly, mindful of those who remain to listen or pray.*

The concluding Voluntary, much like the opening Voluntary, is a musical offering of prayer in celebration of God's great gifts to us. Those who wish to listen are invited to come forward to sit in the front pews of the nave.

**Eucharistic candles in memory of:** Hans E. Roemer, Rosina and Sydney Fyson, Beverly Fyson, Jack Dobie, Doris Harding, Patrick Daly; given by Penny Roemer

**Office candles in memory of:** Murtis Maynard Nicholas, Dan Miller Nicholas, Richard Maynard Nicholas, Ruth Ritchie Miller Clement, Don Clement, Jr., Joseph Duane Gillam, Betty Dan Nicholas Spencer; given by Mr. and Mrs. Donny Clement, III

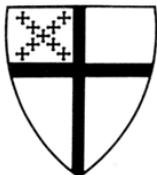
**Sanctuary Lamp in memory of:** The Revered Kenneth R. Terry, The Reverend Uly H. Gooch; given by Reg Boland

**Altar Flowers in memory of:** Mr. and Mrs. James G. Beaver and Rev. and Mrs. Richard S. Martin; given by Richard and Pennie Martin

<b>Servers</b>	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<i>Lectors:</i>	Chip Carter, Reg Boland	Cris Leckonby, Kathleen Dunn
<i>Intercessor:</i>	-	-
<i>Verger:</i>	Gary Thornburg	Greg Shields
<i>Chalicians:</i>	Dick Martin, Reg Boland	Chip Carter, Kathy Carter
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Peter Bentley, Anna Bentley, Marlee Speir, Eleanor Black	Jacob Trainor, Malachi Whitson, Clara Tinsley, Nick Clement
<i>Greeter:</i>	Gary Thornburg	Vicky Slusser
<i>Ushers:</i>	Graham Corriher, Ryan Poag, Tommy Thompson	Sandy Goodman, Will Goodnight, Tyler Speir
<i>Emergency Response:</i>	Pennie Martin, Cris Leckonby	Stephanie Phoenix, Ryan Poag
<i>Vestry Deposit:</i>	George Jones	Mike Mills, Joe Trainor
<i>Children's Church:</i>	Tyler Black	Lisa Godbey

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