

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday, November 27, 2022



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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung, all standing

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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.*

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- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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

All remain standing.

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*"

Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Silence

Teach us your ways, O God,
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Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.

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Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

Teach us your ways, O God,
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Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 says

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements *Please be seated.*

For an Anniversary

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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. _____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.”

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EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161 *Lamb of God* (Hurd)

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you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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 Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar Flowers

Last week's altar flowers were given by Sandra Harmon-Weiss
in loving memory of Richard Weiss,
today's for Marissa Debsay by Melanie Pfizenmayer

Greeter: Yvonne Olthuis **Eucharistic Minister and Reader:** Lawrence Smith

Our organist is John Curtis. We thank him for joining us.

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are welcome to join us for coffee in the parish hall.*

Upcoming events at St. Mary's

Sundays after service during Advent - Adult Forum: Episcopal 101

December 17th – 7:30 pm at Cold Spring Presbyterian, Production of Handel's
Messiah with John Curtis, and Mo. Allison as Narrator

December 21st – Blue Christmas

12 Step Meetings in the Church Hall

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Monday at 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Tuesday at 8:00 pm

Alanon Friday at 10:00 am

BLUE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 21ST 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE EUCHARIST
WITH STRINGS**
SATURDAY 24TH 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH 9:00 AM

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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
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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.**

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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

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that we may delight in your will,
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The Priest says

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

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EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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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.

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but deliver us from evil.
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The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161 *Lamb of God* (Hurd)

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People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

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thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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All stand.

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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:**

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and was made man.**

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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.**

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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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;
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We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements *Please be seated.*

For an Anniversary

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Janet & Norman Proulx and Dean & Beth Blair

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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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
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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 says

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.*

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All stand.

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.
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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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come, let us walk
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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Remain seated.

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“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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The people remain seated.

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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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

All remain standing.

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*"

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eternally begotten of the Father,
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begotten, not made,
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- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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The people remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

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maker of heaven and earth,
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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 says

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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
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THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.

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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung, all standing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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People **And also with you.**
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The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
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come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
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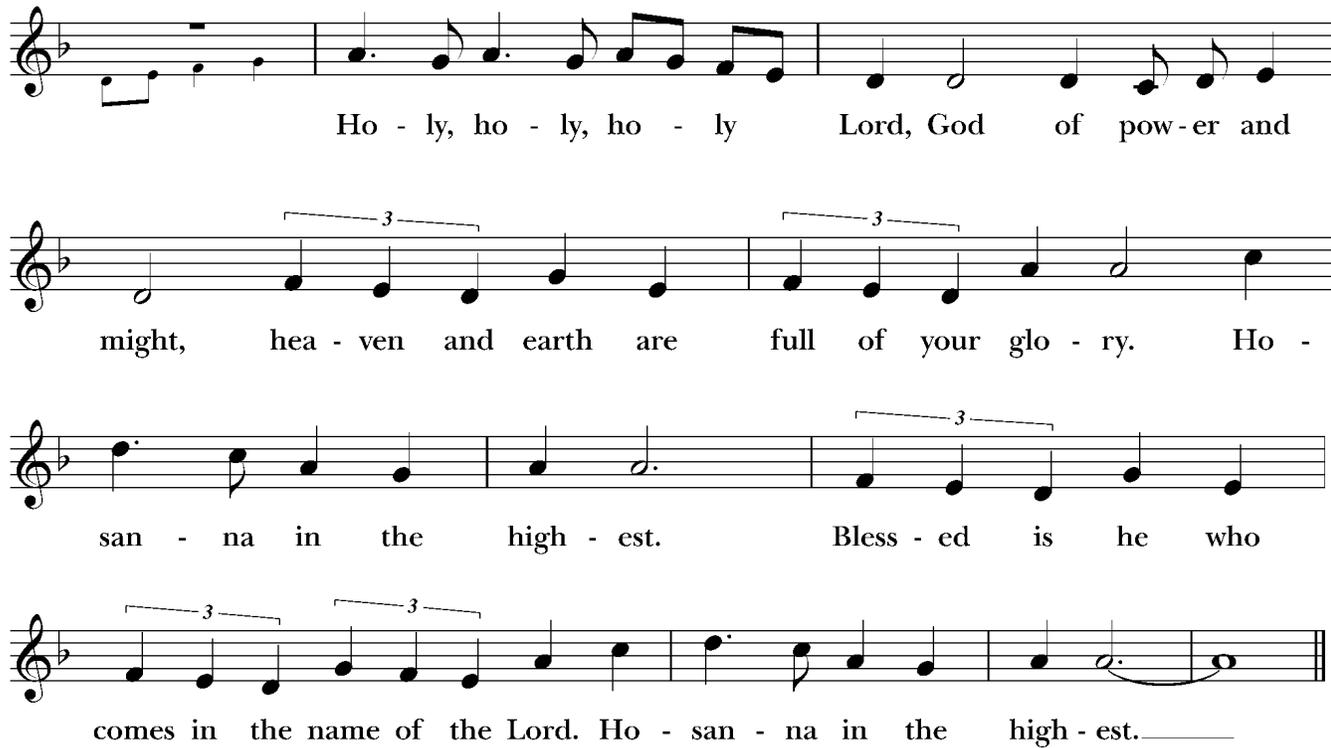
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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung, all standing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, 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.

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The Lessons

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shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
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"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
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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.

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and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
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“May they prosper who love you.
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I will seek to do you good.”

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The people remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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

All remain standing.

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*"

Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Silence

Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

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Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 says

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

All stand.

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

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

Announcements *Please be seated.*

For an Anniversary

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For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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. _____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

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Celebrant and People

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EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 161 Lamb of God (Hurd)*

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you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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 Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar Flowers

Last week's altar flowers were given by Sandra Harmon-Weiss
in loving memory of Richard Weiss,
today's for Marissa Debsay by Melanie Pfizenmayer

Greeter: Yvonne Olthuis **Eucharistic Minister and Reader:** Lawrence Smith

Our organist is John Curtis. We thank him for joining us.

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are welcome to join us for coffee in the parish hall.*

Upcoming events at St. Mary's

Sundays after service during Advent - Adult Forum: Episcopal 101

December 17th – 7:30 pm at Cold Spring Presbyterian, Production of Handel's
Messiah with John Curtis, and Mo. Allison as Narrator

December 21st – Blue Christmas

12 Step Meetings in the Church Hall

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BLUE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 21ST 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE EUCHARIST
WITH STRINGS**
SATURDAY 24TH 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH 9:00 AM

ALL WELCOME!

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday, November 27, 2022



The Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca, Rector
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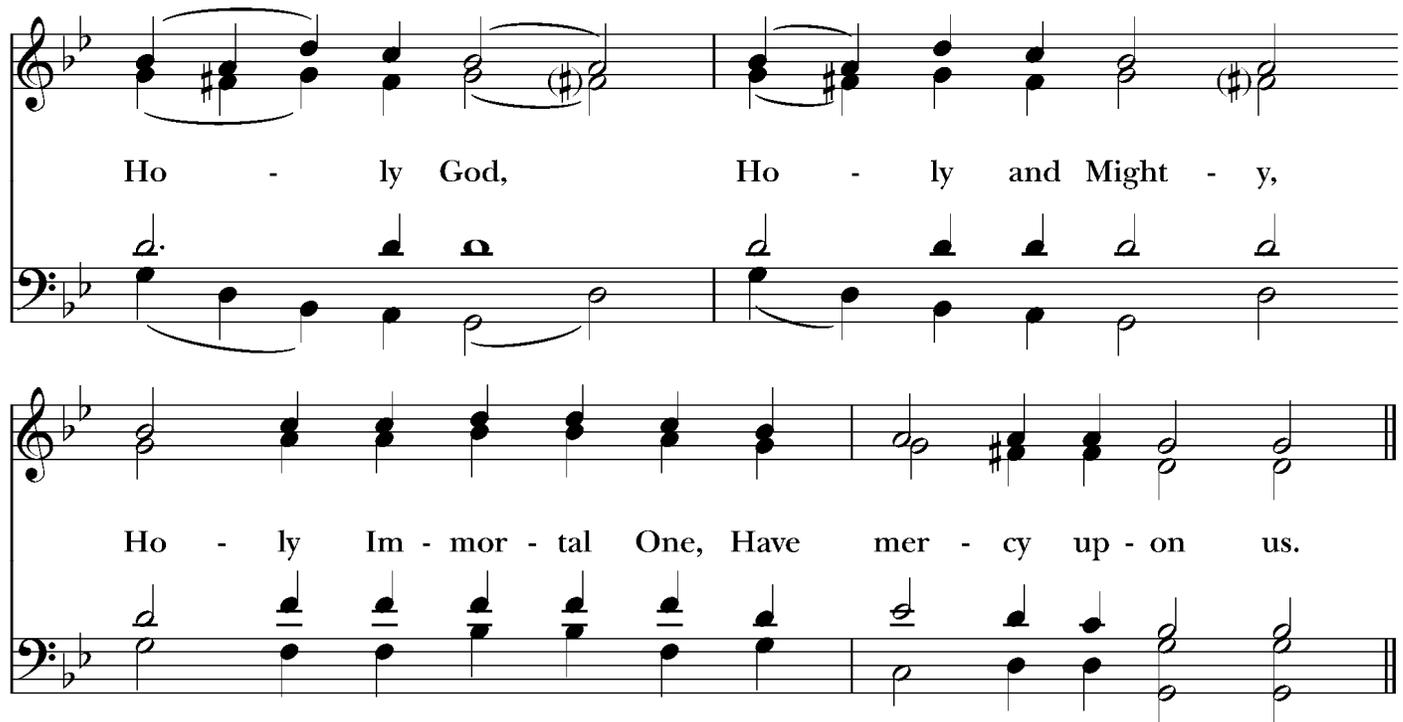
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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

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The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 161 Lamb of God (Hurd)*

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All stand.

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
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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:**

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and was made man.**

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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.**

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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

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We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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Silence

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and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
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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 says

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.*

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All stand.

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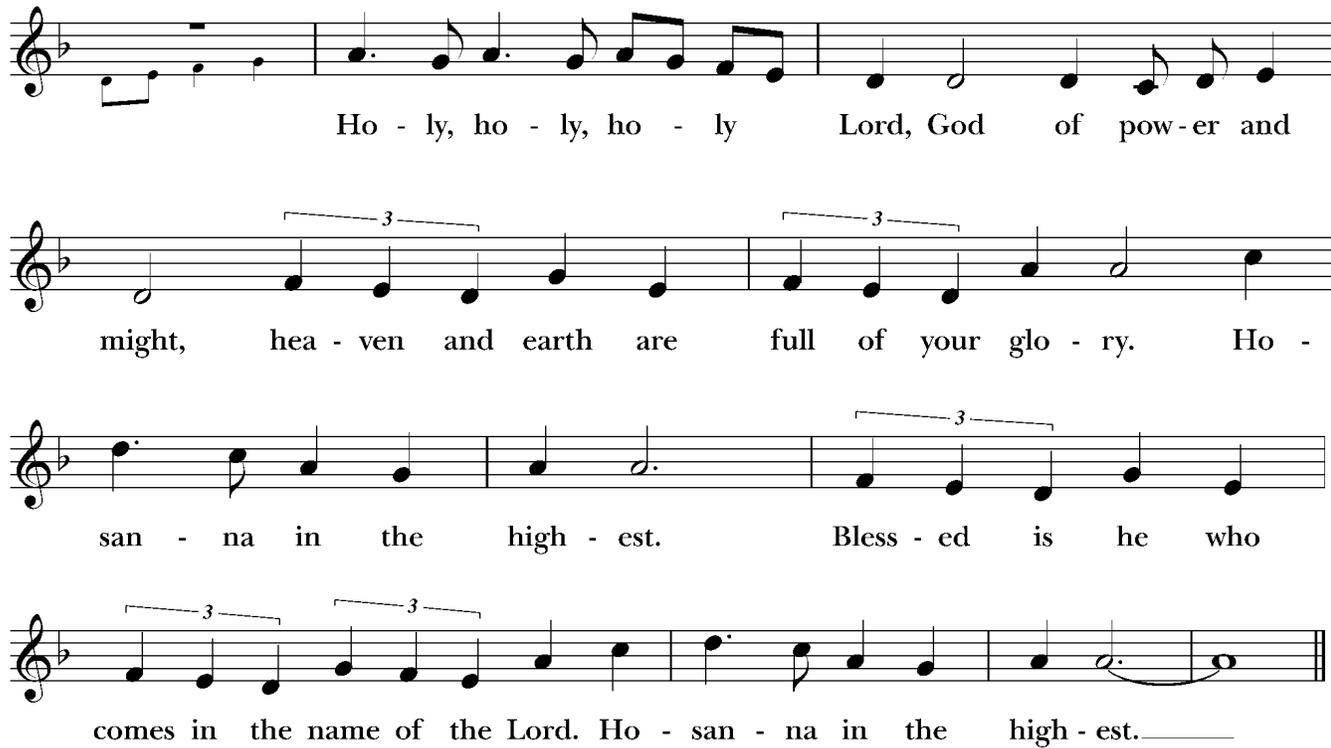
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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People



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
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.
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The Breaking of the Bread

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

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that is at unity with itself;
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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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All stand.

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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:**

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and was made man.**

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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.**

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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

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Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.
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that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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

All stand.

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

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

Announcements *Please be seated.*

For an Anniversary

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Janet & Norman Proulx and Dean & Beth Blair

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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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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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.

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to love and serve you
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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

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People **Thanks be to God.**

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Remain seated.

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“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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.

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and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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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.
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For us and for our salvation
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that we may delight in your will,
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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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People and Celebrant

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A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
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“May they prosper who love you.
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and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
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SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The people remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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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.

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and their spears into pruning hooks;
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neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
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- ⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
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A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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All stand.

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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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.

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**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Silence

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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Minister and People

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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 says

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

All stand.

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

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O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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._____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.”

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Celebrant and People

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Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

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Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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The Breaking of the Bread

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All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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
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Send us now into the world in peace,
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to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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The Priest blesses the people, saying

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar Flowers

Last week's altar flowers were given by Sandra Harmon-Weiss
in loving memory of Richard Weiss,
today's for Marissa Debsay by Melanie Pfizenmayer

Greeter: Yvonne Olthuis **Eucharistic Minister and Reader:** Lawrence Smith

Our organist is John Curtis. We thank him for joining us.

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are welcome to join us for coffee in the parish hall.*

Upcoming events at St. Mary's

Sundays after service during Advent - Adult Forum: Episcopal 101

December 17th – 7:30 pm at Cold Spring Presbyterian, Production of Handel's
Messiah with John Curtis, and Mo. Allison as Narrator

December 21st – Blue Christmas

12 Step Meetings in the Church Hall

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Monday at 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Tuesday at 8:00 pm

Alanon Friday at 10:00 am

BLUE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 21ST 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE EUCHARIST
WITH STRINGS**
SATURDAY 24TH 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH 9:00 AM

ALL WELCOME!

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday, November 27, 2022



The Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca, Rector
Charlene Snyder, Deacon Intern

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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung, all standing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, 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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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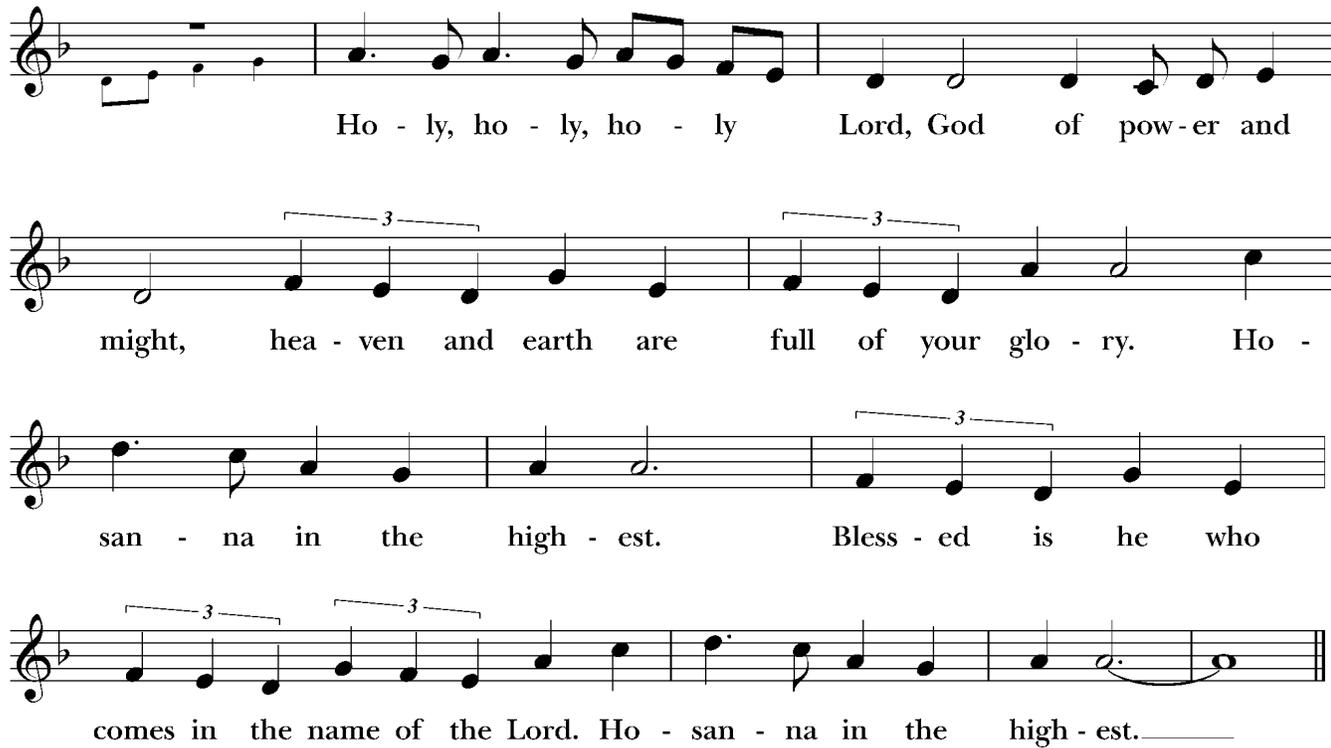
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THE CREED

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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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:**

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He has spoken through the Prophets.

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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 says

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.*

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161 *Lamb of God* (Hurd)

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have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
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INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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The Priest blesses the people, saying

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

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All stand.

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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

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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.**

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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,
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All remain standing.

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Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Silence

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and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
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For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
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that we may delight in your will,
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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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

All stand.

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For an Anniversary

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Janet & Norman Proulx and Dean & Beth Blair

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

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EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

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thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

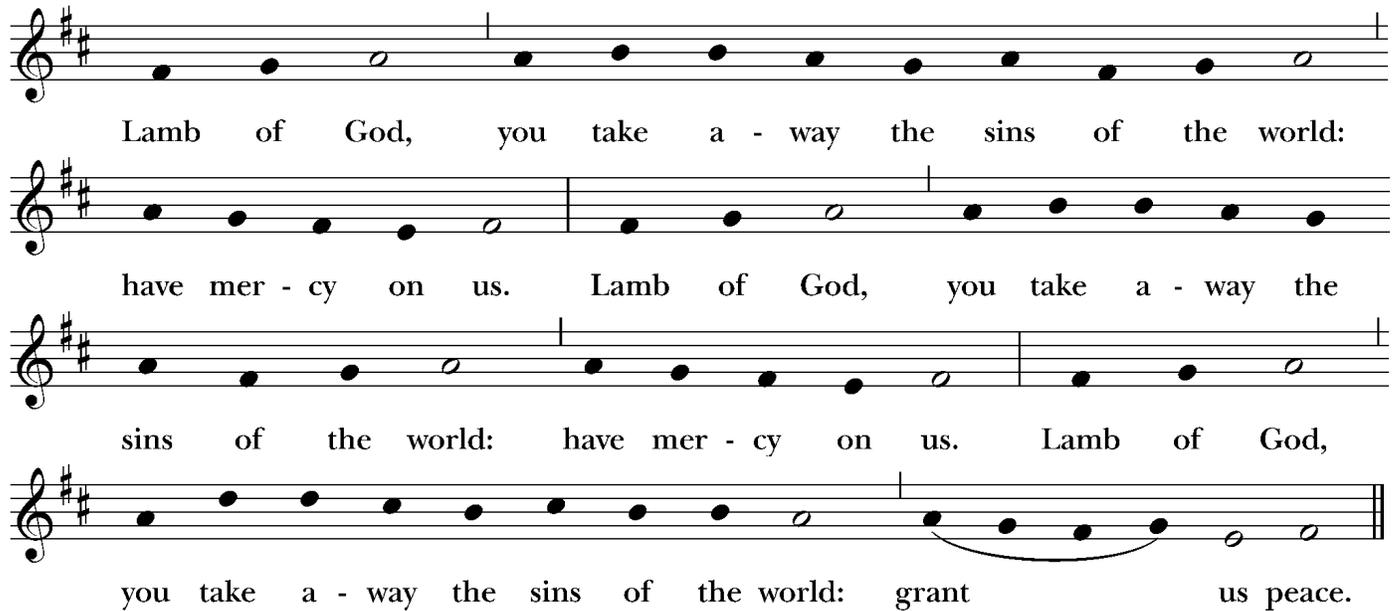
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and grant us strength and courage
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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

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- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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THE CREED

All stand.

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the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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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

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and was made man.**

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he suffered death and was buried.**

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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

All remain standing.

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*"

Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Silence

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Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

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we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
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The Priest says

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All stand.

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Our Father, who art in heaven,

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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

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the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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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.
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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
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and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

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GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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THE SERMON

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
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For us and for our salvation
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have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,

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to love and serve you
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The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
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that he may teach us his ways
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in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- ⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The people remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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.

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"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.

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and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
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- ⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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,
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**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

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We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

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**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Silence

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 says

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

All stand.

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

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O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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. _____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

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EPICLESIS

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Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People

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you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
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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.**

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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 Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar Flowers

Last week's altar flowers were given by Sandra Harmon-Weiss
in loving memory of Richard Weiss,
today's for Marissa Debsay by Melanie Pfizenmayer

Greeter: Yvonne Olthuis **Eucharistic Minister and Reader:** Lawrence Smith

Our organist is John Curtis. We thank him for joining us.

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are welcome to join us for coffee in the parish hall.*

Upcoming events at St. Mary's

Sundays after service during Advent - Adult Forum: Episcopal 101

December 17th – 7:30 pm at Cold Spring Presbyterian, Production of Handel's
Messiah with John Curtis, and Mo. Allison as Narrator

December 21st – Blue Christmas

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Alanon Friday at 10:00 am

BLUE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 21ST 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE EUCHARIST
WITH STRINGS**
SATURDAY 24TH 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH 9:00 AM

ALL WELCOME!

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday, November 27, 2022



The Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca, Rector
Charlene Snyder, Deacon Intern

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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung, all standing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, 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.

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

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THE CREED

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of all that is, seen and unseen.**
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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.
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he came down from heaven:**

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He has spoken through the Prophets.

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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 says

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.*

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 161 Lamb of God (Hurd)*

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INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
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The Priest blesses the people, saying

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

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All stand.

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the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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the only Son of God,
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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:**

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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,
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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

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and by what we have left undone.**

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we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
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For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
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that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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

All stand.

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Janet & Norman Proulx and Dean & Beth Blair

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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Christ has died.

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EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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People and Celebrant

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.

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

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- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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All stand.

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the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
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true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
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For us and for our salvation
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**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

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Silence

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Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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All stand.

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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.

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- ²Now our feet are standing *
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that is at unity with itself;
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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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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.

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Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
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have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
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and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

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"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
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that he may teach us his ways
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come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
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- ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
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- ⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The people remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

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- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
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All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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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,
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in accordance with the Scriptures;
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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 says

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.*

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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:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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. _____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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Celebrant and People

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Upcoming events at St. Mary's

Sundays after service during Advent - Adult Forum: Episcopal 101

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Messiah with John Curtis, and Mo. Allison as Narrator

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Tuesday at 8:00 pm

Alanon Friday at 10:00 am

BLUE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 21ST 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE EUCHARIST
WITH STRINGS**
SATURDAY 24TH 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH 9:00 AM

ALL WELCOME!

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday, November 27, 2022



The Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca, Rector
Charlene Snyder, Deacon Intern

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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung, all standing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, 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.

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The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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

THE SERMON

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THE CREED

All stand.

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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:**

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**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
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**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
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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 says

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.*

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 161 Lamb of God (Hurd)*

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INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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The Priest blesses the people, saying

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
Hymnal 57

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar Flowers

Last week's altar flowers were given by Sandra Harmon-Weiss
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that is at unity with itself;
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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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eternally begotten of the Father,
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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:**

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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.**

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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

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The Priest says

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All stand.

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

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EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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People and Celebrant

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.

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

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- ²Now our feet are standing *
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- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SERMON

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THE CREED

All stand.

**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:**

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**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

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Silence

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Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

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We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest says

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

All stand.

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

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

Announcements *Please be seated.*

For an Anniversary

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and by what we have left undone.**

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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 says

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

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People and Celebrant

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,

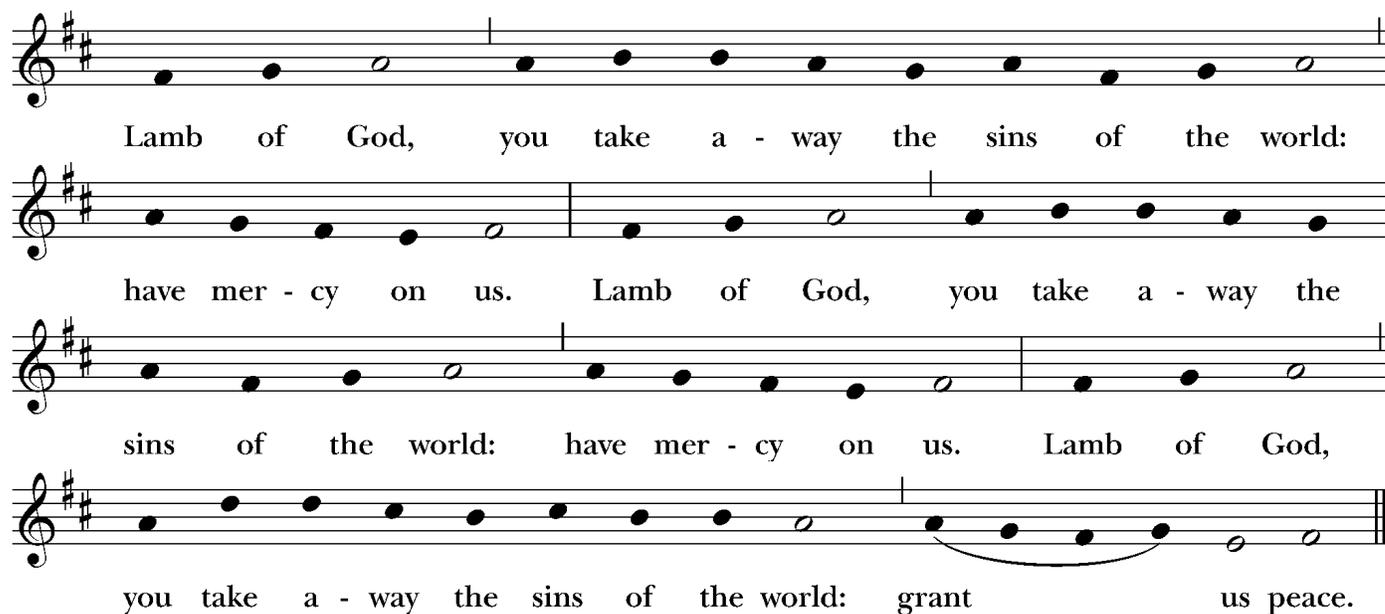
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And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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People **Thanks be to God.**

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- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
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- ²Now our feet are standing *
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- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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

All remain standing.

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*"

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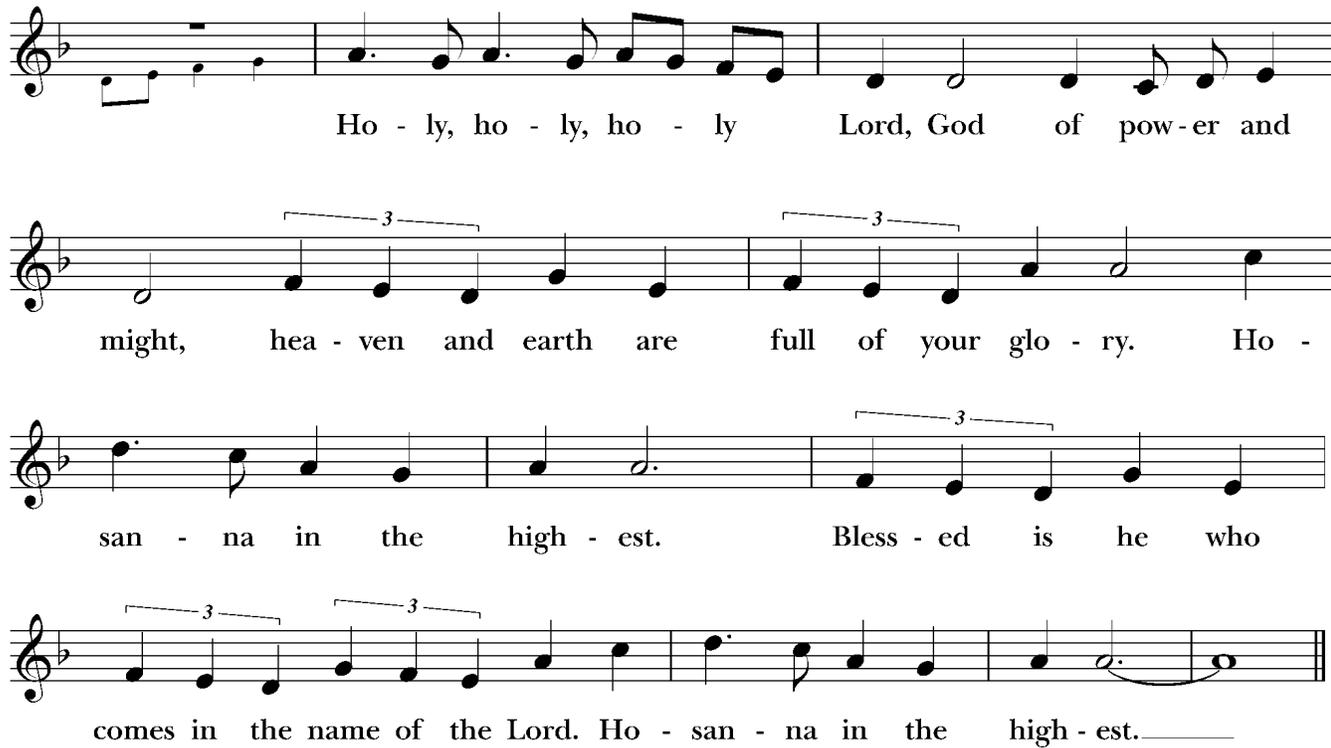
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People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
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the only Son of God,
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true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
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For us and for our salvation
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have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
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to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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And forgive us our trespasses,

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The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In 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.

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"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
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that he may teach us his ways
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⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
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“May they prosper who love you.
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and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
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- ⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The people remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: *Christ is the world's true light* (St. Joan) **Hymnal 542**

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nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
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in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

- ¹I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- ²Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, *
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Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Charlene Snyder, Postulant

THE CREED

All stand.

**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.**

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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.**

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and his kingdom will have no end.**

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Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Silence

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Minister and People

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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 says

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

All stand.

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

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy* (Powell)

Celebrant and People

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. _____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

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Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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,
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The Breaking of the Bread

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All stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People

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you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
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Send us now into the world in peace,
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The Priest blesses the people, saying

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* (Helmsley)
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You are welcome to join us for coffee in the parish hall.*

Upcoming events at St. Mary's

Sundays after service during Advent - Adult Forum: Episcopal 101

December 17th – 7:30 pm at Cold Spring Presbyterian, Production of Handel's
Messiah with John Curtis, and Mo. Allison as Narrator

December 21st – Blue Christmas

12 Step Meetings in the Church Hall

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Monday at 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Tuesday at 8:00 pm

Alanon Friday at 10:00 am

BLUE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 21ST 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE EUCHARIST
WITH STRINGS**
SATURDAY 24TH 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH 9:00 AM

ALL WELCOME!

First Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday, November 27, 2022



The Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca, Rector
Charlene Snyder, Deacon Intern

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* (Merton) **Hymnal 59**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung, all standing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, 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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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You are welcome to join us for coffee in the parish hall.*

Upcoming events at St. Mary's

Sundays after service during Advent - Adult Forum: Episcopal 101

December 17th – 7:30 pm at Cold Spring Presbyterian, Production of Handel's
Messiah with John Curtis, and Mo. Allison as Narrator

December 21st – Blue Christmas

12 Step Meetings in the Church Hall

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Monday at 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Tuesday at 8:00 pm

Alanon Friday at 10:00 am

BLUE CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY 21ST 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVE EUCHARIST
WITH STRINGS**
SATURDAY 24TH 8:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY 25TH 9:00 AM

ALL WELCOME!