



ST. JAMES' CHURCH
MADISON AVENUE AT 71ST STREET

11:15 AM



Last Judgment, Peter Paul Rubens, 1617

Choral Eucharist

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • NOVEMBER 28, 2021

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Whether you have been here often or never before, the rest of the congregation is blessed by your presence and prayers among us. Please join in bolded responses and in singing the hymns from the blue *Hymnal 1982*. All are invited to stand, sit, and kneel as they are able.

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Worship, education, and formation is offered for our youngest parishioners every Sunday! See the enclosed insert to learn more about today's programming.

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT The Rev. Eva N. Suarez

PREACHER The Rev. Brenda G. Husson

ASSISTING CLERGY The Rev. Zachary R. Thompson, The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

LAY SERVERS Stephen de Francesco, Nancy Farrell

MUSICIANS The St. James' Compostela Choir,
Dr. E. Davis Wortman II, Stephen Tharp

FLOWERS The flowers that adorn our Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold Lefko, Anthony Dryden Marshall, Barbara Richards Michel and Andrea Dickson Wells and in thanksgiving for Harriet Lefko and Carol Lefko.

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHORAL EUCHARIST

*The choral setting for today's celebration of Holy Communion is
Communion Service in A Minor by Harold Darke (1888-1976).*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

RECTOR'S GREETINGS

INTROIT

Hills of the North, Rejoice

Martin Shaw

Hills of the north, rejoice,
River and mountain spring,
Hear now the advent voice,
Valley and lowland sing:
Though absent long, your Lord is near,
And soon in triumph will appear.

Shout while you journey home,
Songs be in every mouth;
See, from the north we come,
From the east and west and south:
The Lord our God has set us free,
We come to live eternally.

—*Charles E. Oakley, ad. A.G.P.*

AT THE PROCESSION *standing, sung by all*

Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

MERTON

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. — *Matthew 22:37-40*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The people kneel. A period of silent reflection is kept.

People Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Harold Darke

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible, OT p. 572

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice

and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Antiphon: Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come to help us.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Antiphon: Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come to help us.

THE SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible, NT p. 161

I THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the

Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

AT THE SEQUENCE *standing, sung by all*

Hymn 66 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

STUTTGART

To honor the teachings of Jesus, the people turn to face the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pew Bible, NT p. 65

LUKE 21:25-36

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is

already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brenda G. Husson

After a period of silent reflection, all stand and say

THE NICENE CREED

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 *kneeling*

Asst. Priest In peace, let us kneel and pray to the Lord.

Leader Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of thy Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

People **That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for [N.] and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for [N.] and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to [N.] and all the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Your prayers are invited, either spoken aloud or silently.

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now liveth by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY

Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit stjames.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood

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

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with Thee,
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within.
Amen.

Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about Thy throne,
set in the height Of God's ordaining council,
as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,
Thy power to prove.

—H. R. Bramley

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Choir Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel as the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him ... By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Those who need a gluten-free host are invited to receive
from the priest closest to the pulpit.*

*All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion. A prayer
for Spiritual Communion can be found on the hymn sheet online. The Prayer Book
directs on page 457: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of
extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine,
the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received,
even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."*

AT THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei

Harold Darke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Truth from Above

Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

But they did eat, which was a sin,
And thus their ruin did begin—
Ruined themselves, both you and me,
And all of our posterity.

The first thing which I do relate,
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell—
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run:
That he'd redeem us by his Son.

Then after that 'twas God's own choice
To place them both in paradise,
There to remain from evil free
Except they ate of such a tree.

—*Traditional English Carol*

After Communion, the people stand to sing

Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns

ST. STEPHEN

GOING FORTH

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *remain standing*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Asst. Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

AT THE PROCESSION *sung by all*

Hymn 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

We are glad you joined us for worship. Please come back often.

Coming up in Advent

TODAY First Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

THU. DEC. 2 Advent Wreath Workshop from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 5 Second Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Village from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 12 Third Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant at 4:00 p.m.

TUE. DEC. 14 **Caroling** on Madison Avenue & Festive Reception at 5:30 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

FRI. DEC. 24 Christmas Eve

Christmas Music at 4:30 and 10:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Family Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Lessons & Carols

10:30 p.m. Festal Eucharist

SAT. DEC. 25 Christmas Day

Festal Service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

SUN. DEC 26 First Sunday after Christmas

Services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00, 10:00a.m., 6:00 p.m.
