



Candlelight Communion

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT · NOVEMBER 28, 2021 · 6:00 pm

Welcome to St. James' Church! We are blessed by your presence and prayers among us. Everything you need to participate fully in the service—prayers, readings, hymns—is included in this booklet. Welcome and God bless you now and always.

PRELUDE

Meditation

Robert Wadsworth

OPENING

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.

—1 Thessalonians 3:13

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

—“Advent Calendar” by Rowan Williams

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Celebrant In the beginning, when it was very dark,
God said, 'Let there be light.'

People **And there was light.**

Celebrant In the beginning, when it was very quiet,
the Word was with God.

People **And what God was, the Word was.**

Celebrant When the time was just right
God sent the Son.

People **He came among us.
He was one of us.**

KYRIE ELEISON *sung by all*



Setting: *Mass for St. Bartholomew's*, William Trafka. Used by permission of the composer

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE READING *seated*

Pew Bible, NT p. 65

LUKE 21:25-36

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."

A period of silent reflection is observed.

HOMILY

The Rev. Zack Thompson

A period of silent reflection is observed.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Jock o'Hazeldean

Traditional

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS *please stand*

Celebrant Let us pray for ourselves and others.

Leader We hold before God those who are coming to a greater awareness of God's loving presence, that God might confirm and strengthen them.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God the work of the Church in this and every place, that the Good News of Christ's saving love might be known.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God the needs of this community, nation, and the world, that there would be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God those who are in any kind of need or trouble, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God those who are joyful and have reason to celebrate, that God might shield and magnify them in their joy.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God those who have died... as well as those who are grieving.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God our own concerns and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Please offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Lord God, may our prayers, rising before you like incense, be pleasing to you; and may our outstretched hands be filled always with your mercy, through Jesus Christ your Son.

People **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of your prayer. Candles are on stands in the side aisles on either side of the center pews; please feel free to go to any of these places to light a votive candle.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Veni, Emmanuel

Improvisation

HYMN *standing, sung by all*



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el who comes in love and pow'r,
2. Re - mem - be - ring the cov - e - nant, God re - scues us from fear,
3. In ten - der mer - cy, God will send the day - spring from on high,



who rais - es from the ro - yal house de - liv' - rance in this hour.
that we might serve in ho - li - ness and peace from year to year.
our ri - sing sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.



Through ho - ly pro - phets God has sworn to free us from a - larm,
And you, my child, shall go be - fore, to preach, to pro - phe - sy,
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.



to save us from the hea - vy hand of all who wish us harm.
that all may know the ten - der love, the grace of God most high.
Sing prai - ses to the Ho - ly One, O wor - ship and a - dore.

Words: Ruth Duck (b.1947).
Music: *Forest Green*, adapt. and harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

THE PEACE

Celebrant In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
— Luke 1:78-79

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

GREETINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

AT THE OFFERTORY

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *please stand*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow, the truth we need to know, and the life into which you call us. He came to reconcile and forgive. Christ is the new beginning. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *sung by all*

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, ho-
san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-
san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: Mass for St. Bartholomew's, William Traffka. Used by permission of the composer.

Celebrant Holy One, you are the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people Israel. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for looking with favor upon Mary, your faithful servant. Blessed are you in your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks; he gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant With this bread and this wine we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We celebrate our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming again.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

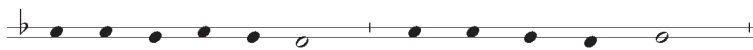
Celebrant Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Let your Word take flesh in us.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

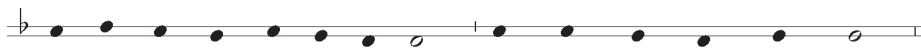
Celebrant All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by all*



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



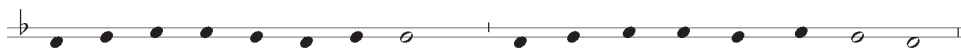
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: *Ambrosian* chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silent reflection is observed.

FRACTION ANTHEM *sung by all*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je-sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, Re - deem-er of the world.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem,

do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: *Ambrosian* chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Table is ready. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Everyone is invited to receive Communion by coming forward, as directed by the ushers, to receive the consecrated Bread. If you wish to receive a contactless blessing please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Improvisation

HYMN *standing, sung by all*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us asleep but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Asst. Priest Go in the peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Sunrise

Robert Wadsworth

Please depart quietly.

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.

IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT

The Rev. James Morton

PREACHER

The Rev. Zack Thompson

LAY SERVER

Marcy Sendax

MUSICIANS

Ed RosenBerg, hammered dulcimer; Davis Wortman, piano;

Christine Papania, cantor

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