

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



Are we ready?

7:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn #59 Hark! a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding *Merton*

Opening Acclamation *Book of Common Prayer, page 323*

The Collect for Purity page 323

Lighting of the Advent Wreath O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs 1) *Hymnal 56*

Collect, Readings and Gospel (*pages 3-4 of Bulletin*)

Sermon The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

Nicene Creed page 326

Prayers of the People Form IV (*pages 4-5 of Bulletin*) page 388

Confession and Absolution page 331

The Peace

Announcements and Birthdays (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

Offertory Voluntary

Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I page 333

Sanctus page 334

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread—Agnus Dei page 337

Prayer of Humble Access page 337

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #73 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns *St. Stephen*

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #59 Hark! a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding *Merton*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Lighting of the Advent Wreath O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs 1) *Hymnal 56*

Kyrie (*either insert in Hymnbook, or S96 in Hymnal*) *Richard Proulx*

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4 of Bulletin*)

Sequence Hymn #58 Lo He Comes With Clouds Ascending *St. Thomas*

The Gospel (*page 4 of Bulletin*)

Sermon The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

Nicene Creed page 358

Prayers of the People Form IV (*pages 4-5 of Bulletin*) page 388

Confession and Absolution page 360

The Peace page 360

Announcements and Birthdays (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

Offertory

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A page 361

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy (*either insert in Hymnbook, or S130 in Hymnal*) *Richard Proulx*

The Lord's Prayer page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (*either insert in Hymnbook, or S164 in Hymnal*) *Richard Proulx*

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 366

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #73 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns *St. Stephen*

The Dismissal

Postlude



The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-56

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalms 122

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
² Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
⁴ To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you."

- ⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- ⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

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

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Prayers of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially...

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Birthday Prayer

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

Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.



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Additional restrooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on the left).*

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher:

Deacon:

Organist:

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass

Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

7:30 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Pam Bardon

Lay Readers: Pam Bardon, Edmund Hartt

Prayers of the People: Pat Ayers

Usher: Peggy Daniels

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dean Jackson

Acolytes: Lola Black, Volly Watkins, Wolfe Watkins

Lay Readers: Sarah Groman, Gwen Prosser

Prayers of the People: Chris Glass

Ushers: Phil Groman

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