

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



# HOPE



## First Sunday in Advent

1928 BCP Morning Prayer

Sunday, November 30, 2025 + 10 AM  
St. John's Chapel, Del Monte

# Welcome to St. John's Chapel!

*We are glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor, please fill out a Connection Card (pew rack) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Let this bulletin be your guide through the service; it includes everything you need.*

***Today is the First Sunday in Advent.*** Advent is the four-week period of preparation for Christ's birth. A few words about this season. The liturgical color changes to purple or blue. Advent is not to be confused with Lent. This short period is not primarily a time of penitence but rather a time to joyfully prepare for Christ's return and his reign. It is the right time to review the direction of our lives and do a reset so that God can enable us to "cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light" (The Book of Common Prayer [1928], page 90).

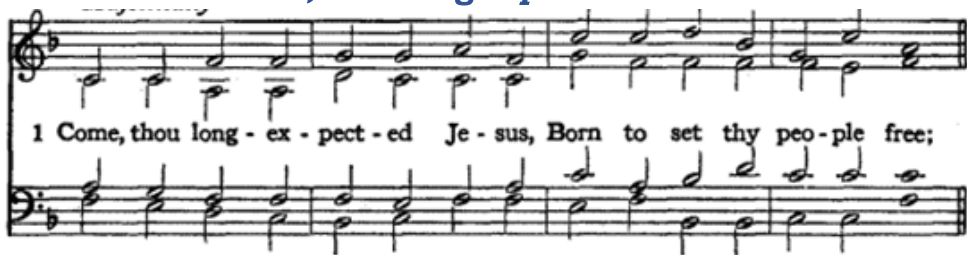
***Please stay for coffee in the Parish Hall after the service.***

***Throughout the service the People read the words in bold italics.***

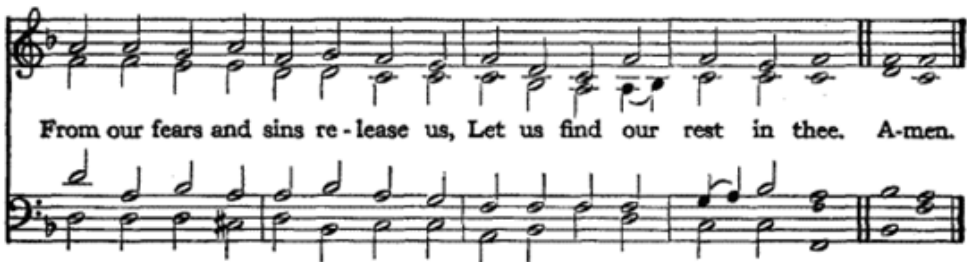
## PRELUDE

***All stand as able***

### HYMN 1 ***Come, thou long-expected Jesus***



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;



From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee. A-men.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne. Amen.

CHARLES WESLEY, 1744

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



*Reader:* O holy Light, you light the way  
for all of us.

We light these candles to  
prepare for the coming of Jesus  
to our world. Fill our hearts  
with your love, so that we may  
receive your Son with joy and  
hold him fast in our hearts with  
a firm faith.

*All:*

*Amen.*

*One purple candle is lit.*

*Reader:* Today we light the first Advent candle,  
which we call Hope.

We look forward to the coming of  
Christmas and pray that our world may  
be a better place because we remember  
the birthday of Jesus.

**Reader:** A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Yes, the day will come, says the Lord, when I will do for Israel and Judah all the good I promised them. At that time I will bring to the throne the true Son of David, and he shall rule justly.

**Reader:** O loving God, as we enter the Advent Season, show us how we may prepare ourselves for the coming of Christmas. Open our minds and hearts to receive the loving spirit of Jesus. We thank you for the gift of your only Son, who is our friend and our guide.

**All:** *Amen.*

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*The people standing as able. The Officiant shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading the following*

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

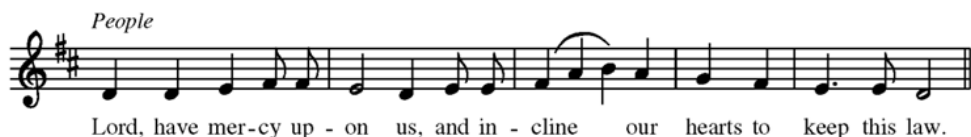
## SEASONAL SENTENCES: Advent

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

*All kneeling as able, the Officiant says*

### THE DECALOGUE

GOD spake these words, and said: I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.



Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;

*People sing response*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;

*People sing response*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

*People sing response*

Honour thy father and thy mother;

*People sing response*

Thou shalt do no murder.

*People sing response*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*People sing response*

*People sing response*

*People sing response*

**Thou shalt not covet.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our  
hearts, we be - seech thee.

**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 neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, . . have mer - cy up - on us.

*Then the Officiant says*

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## GENERAL CONFESSION

*Then the Officiant shall say*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*To be said by the whole congregation, all kneeling*

*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; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, 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.*

## ABSOLUTION

*People kneeling as able, the Officiant says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*All standing as able*

Officiant O Lord open thou our lips.

*People And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.*

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

*People The Lord's name be praised.*

## VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

*Standing, sung or said by all together*



O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;  
\* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; \* and a great King  
above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; \* and  
the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; \* and his hands  
prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel  
before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; \* and we are the  
people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let  
the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the  
peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the  
Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, \* world without end. Amen

*Standing as able. Then shall follow a Portion of the  
Psalms. And at the end of the Psalm, shall be sung or  
said the Gloria Patri.*

## **PSALM 46 *Deus noster refugium***

*Reader:* We will read Psalm 46 responsively by the whole verse.

1 God is our hope and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.

*2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, \* and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;*

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, \* and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

*4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; \* the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.*

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; \* God shall help her, and that right early.

*6 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; \* but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.*

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, \* what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.*

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; \* he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

*10 Be still then, and know that I am God: \* I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the*

*earth.*

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost: as it

was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out-ent. A-men, A-men.

*The people sit*

## **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 28:14-22**

*Reader:* A reading from the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> verse.

Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that

believeth shall not make haste.

Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

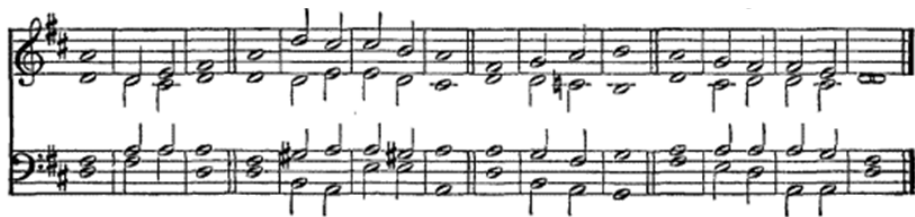
For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

*Reader:* Here endeth the First Lesson.

*Standing as able, sung or said by all together*

**BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE**



Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers:\*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty:\*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness:\*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and  
dwellest between the Cherubim: \* praised and  
exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy  
kingdom: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the  
Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, \* world without end. Amen.

*The people sit*

## **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:14-29**

*Reader:* A reading from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the  
book of Hebrews, beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> verse.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,  
and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better  
things than that of Abel.

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if  
they escaped not who refused him that spake on  
earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn  
away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he  
hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not  
the earth only, but also heaven.

And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the  
removing of those things that are shaken, as of  
things that are made, that those things which  
cannot be shaken may remain.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot  
be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may  
serve God acceptably with reverence and godly  
fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

*Reader:* Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*Standing as able, sung or said by all together*

### **JUBILATE DEO**



Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; \* serve the Lord  
with gladness and come before his presence with a  
song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \* we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; \* be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his truth endureth from generation to generation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

*The people sit*

## **THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:5-25**

*Reader* A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Luke, beginning at the 5<sup>th</sup> verse.

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

*Reader*    Here endeth the Gospel Lesson.

*All standing as able*

**HYMN 694** *God be in my head*

*Hymnal 1982*

God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

The first line of the hymn is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;"

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

The second line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;"

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

The third line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;"

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

The fourth line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;"

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

The fifth line of the hymn concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing."

*The people sit*

## **SERMON**

*All stand as able and say together*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please be seated*

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### *Birthday Prayer*

*Watch over your **child/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 heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## *Anniversary Prayer*

***God of peace, your love is generous and reaches out to hold us all in your embrace. We pray now for the couple(s) before us, committed to each other in love. Fill their hearts with tenderness. Stay with them as they travel through good times, through trouble, or through change. Bless their home, their partings, and their meetings. Make them worthy of each other's best and tender with each other's dreams. May they always trust in your love. Amen.***

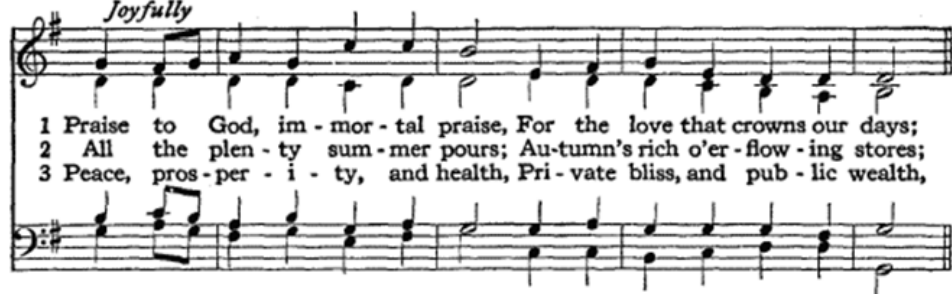
## *Prayer for Safe Travel*

***Living God, the creator of all there is and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; guard them from all that may harm them: and bring them in safety and joy to their journey's end. Amen.***

## **OFFERTORY**

***Officiant***     Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

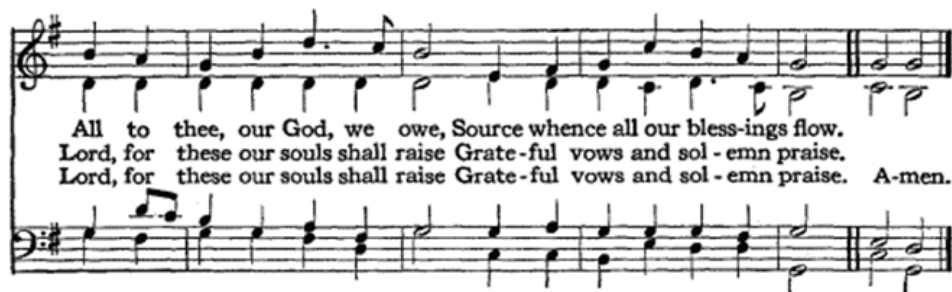
**HYMN 140** *Praise to God, immortal praise*  
*Sung while seated*

*Joyfully*


1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that crowns our days;  
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; Au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;  
 3 Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss, and pub - lic wealth,



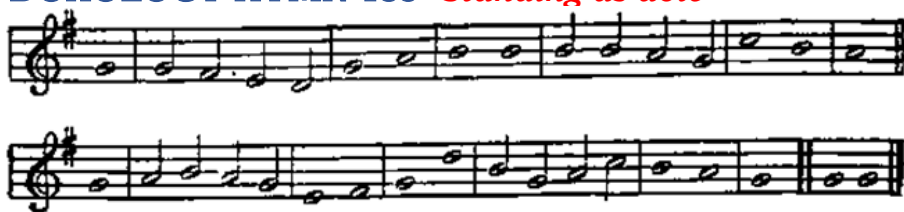
Boun - teous source of ev - 'ry joy, Let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:  
 Flocks that whi - ten all the plain; Yel - low sheaves of ri - pen'd grain:  
 Knowl - edge with its glad - d'ning streams, Pure re - li - gion's ho - lier beams:



All to thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.  
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.  
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise. A - men.

- 4 As thy prosp'ring hand hath blest,  
 May we give thee of our best;  
 And by deeds of kindly love  
 For thy mercies grateful prove;  
 Singing thus through all our days  
 Praise to God, immortal praise. Amen.

## DOXOLOGY HYMN 139 *Standing as able*



**P**RAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## AMERICA HYMN 141, v. 4



4 Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our King. Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*All standing as able, the Officiant takes the alms basin, stands in front of the altar, lifting the alms basin says*

**Officiant** All things come of thee, O Lord, and of  
thine own have we given thee.

*After which the people kneeling, the Officiant says*

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.  
**Answer** *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

*All kneeling as able, all pray together*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

## SUFFRAGES

Officiant O Lord show thy mercy upon us.

*Answer And grant us thy salvation.*

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

## COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

### *Collect for the Day*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour 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, now and ever.  
*Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Grace*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for The President of the United States,  
and all in Civil Authority*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to

live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for all Conditions of Men*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into Morning Prayer the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who, are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate;

*We pray especially for:* Kinnic, June, Rosemary, Tricia, Jerry and Carol, Whitney, David and Jane, Sonny and Diana, Frank and A.J., Jill, Brighten, Randy, John S., Luke, Mackenzie's family and friends, Gloria, Gail, Lila, Bill B., Geoffrey and Amy, Art and Debbie, Danny, Logan, Nancy, Mousy and family, Christine and family, Connie, Jeremey, Carl, Zane, Bethany and family, Pete T., Bill S., Joanne, Mara Stephanie, Fr. Vincent Raj, Rocco, Claudette, Christina, Rori and Shane, Art C., Dean and Monica, James, Ron, Eva, Jane B., Peter, and all those whom we name in our hearts.

*And for those in military service:* The McAteer family, Houessou Jonas, The Brown family, Alex Murray, The Birkelbach family, Walid Abou Chaar, Fouad El Hayek, Elizabeth Keller, Christine Puglia, The Riley family, The Logan Behr family, The Bingham family, The Elliot family, The Hollingsworth family, Zack and Ebony LeMaster, The O'Donnell family, and The Schaeffer family.

That it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

### *A General Thanksgiving*

*All pray together*

*ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty*

*thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## HYMN 153 *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

*Standing as able*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous-ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
Joy-less is the day's re - turn, Till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more thy-self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day. A-men.

## DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Altar Greens** are given to the glory of God by Suzanne Gill in honor of St. Andrew.

### **Serving Today**

**Officiant:** Carl Patience

**Acolyte:** Art Brost

**Lay Reader:** Suzanne Gill

**Usher:** Chibby Ogbuka

**Next Sunday is The Service of Lessons & Carols!** This is a wonderful service. It is an experience of storytelling and music. It is also a way to immerse yourself in the sounds of Advent and Christmas so that you emerge “in the mood” for the season. ***Plan to come and bring your friends!***

**Angel Tree Families are posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.** Take one or even team up with someone else and take an angel. Let Cynthia Brown know what family you have adopted ASAP. Families are sponsored by the Behavioral Health Department. Cynthia's contact info: Office #831-375-4463 or cell #831-392-6049, email [stjohnschapel@redshift.com](mailto:stjohnschapel@redshift.com).



### **Upcoming**

- **Sunday, December 7, Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion at 10 AM**
- **Sunday, December 14, Holy Communion at 10 AM**

**Pastoral Emergency?** Please call the church office (831) 375-4463, or to get in touch with Fr. Rick call (336) 613-2829.

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Priest-in-Charge: The Very Rev. Dr. Richard Miles

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Senior Warden: Geoffrey Holland

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Jean Givetz

Amy Holland

Chibby Ogbuka

### **Ministry Directors**

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Director of Ushers: Chibby Ogbuka

Director of Acolytes: Art Brost

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