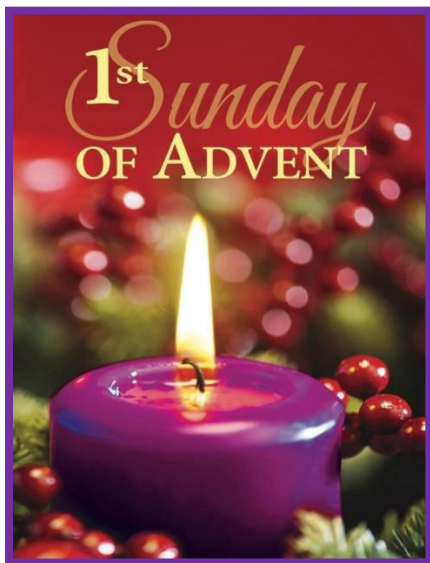


Saint Monica & Saint James
CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON DC



The First Sunday of Advent

The Sung Mass

December 3rd, 2023

11:00 a.m.

A very warm welcome to Saint Monica and Saint James

Our Celebrant and Preacher today is The Rev. John A. Weatherly.

We sing from two Hymnals: *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice & Sing II*, and our Mass is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, abbreviated here as *H82*, *LEV*, *BCP*.

Our Usher is here to help with any questions you may have.

Restrooms are found through the doors at the rear of the church on the far side of the Parish Hall, and we'd love to see you after Mass at Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Savior of the Nations, Come! Dieterich Buxtehude

THE GATHERING

Please stand when a handbell rings. The Choir greets the assembled with these words

Choir The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Choir Almighty God, grant that we may enter your house with
reverence and love, there to offer a service acceptable in your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

INTROIT HYMN *H82 56*, stanzas 1-2 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Sanctuary Party processes to the font to bless the advent wreath.

After the blessing, it proceeds to the chancel as all sing

H82 54, stanzas 1-4 Savior of the Nations, Come!

After the Altar has been censed, the Mass continues BCP, p. 355

Celebrant ✝ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
 be with you.
All And also with you.

The Celebrant now says

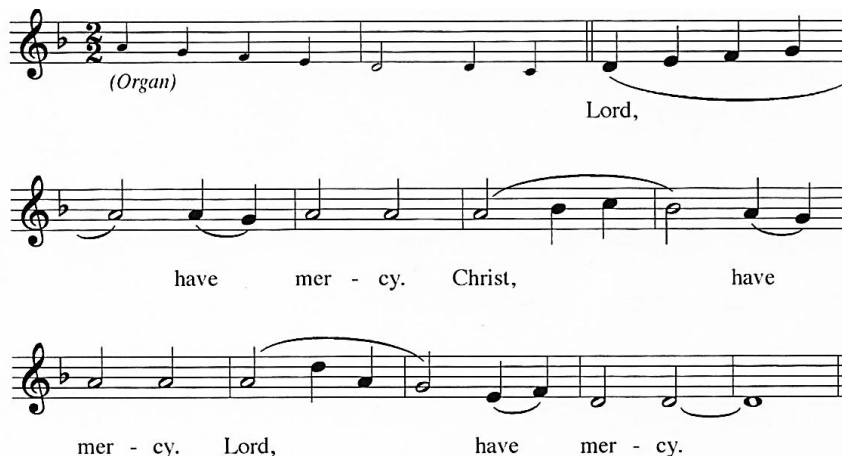
Dear friends in Christ, we celebrate at this time the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ.

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us.

And so as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

KYRIE

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman



(Organ)

Lord,

have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader A reading from Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence~ as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil~to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM - Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

From *A Hymn Tune Psalter*

All repeat the Antiphon below after the Choir.



Re-store us, O God_ of hosts; show the light of your coun - te-nance and we_ shall_ be saved.

The Choir sings the verses below.

All repeat the Antiphon above as marked.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Antiphon

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THE EPISTLE - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind~ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you~ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

If you are able, please stand for the Gospel procession.

THE ALLELUIA *Cantor, then All repeat.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Show us your mercy, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

All repeat the Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel ✝ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

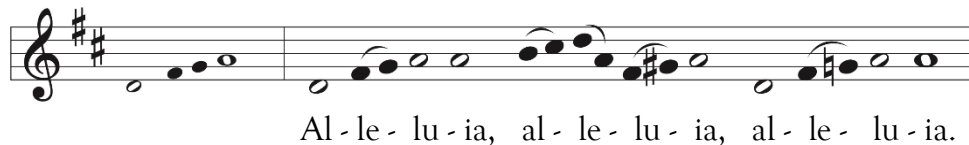
Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sing



THE SERMON

The Rev. John A. Weatherly

THE NICENE CREED

If you are able, please stand.

All 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: *(You are invited to bow your head)*
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. *(We raise our heads again)*

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

Please kneel or sit. The Intercessor leads the prayers, after each prayer the following is said

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy;
All **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the Intercessions

Intercessor Merciful Father;
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We pause for a moment.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE *If you are able, please stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet each other in the name of the Lord. Please remain standing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated as the Celebrant makes a few announcements.

Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. A collection will be taken.

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Representatives of the Congregation bring the people's offering of bread, wine, water, and the collection to the Celebrant. The Element Bearers stand at the Altar rail while the gifts are offered and placed on the altar.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *H82 61*

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

Celebrant Pray, dear friends in Christ, that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty father

All **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues, ending

Who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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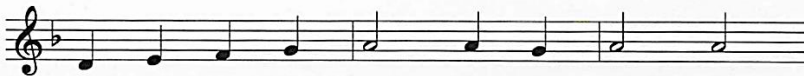
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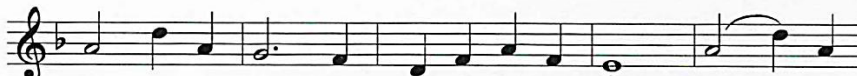
ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues, ending with

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.

All Amen.

A time of silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All 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 BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman

(Organ)

Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

have mer - cy on us. Lamb

of God, you take a - way the

world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant says this invitation

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

All Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

*Please make your way to the Altar rail as directed by an usher. Kneel or stand.
Both the Host and Chalice will be offered. Should you wish to receive the Chalice, please remain kneeling or standing at the altar rail after receiving the Host.*

The Host and the Chalice are given with these words

Celebrant The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Server The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

ANTHEM Lo! he comes, with clouds descending David McKinley Williams

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone. Amen.

Words: Charles Wesley

COMMUNION HYMN H82 53

Once He Came in Blessing

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Please kneel or sit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL *If you are able, please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

The Celebrant blesses the Congregation, to which All respond
All Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the Congregation, to which All respond
All Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *LEV 12*

Come, We That Love the Lord

VOLUNTARY "Sleepers, Wake!"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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