

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church  
The First Sunday in Advent  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, November 28, 2021  
9:00am

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## The Word of God

*All stand and sing*

## Hymn 66

1. Come, thou long ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. I - srael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3. Born thy pe - ople to de - li - ver, born a child, and yet a king,  
5 4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of e - very na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for e - ver, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient me - rit raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

# Advent Wreath Lighting

*Sung by all*

Advent 1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:  
 Advent 2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:  
 Advent 3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:  
 Advent 4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:

3  
 let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -  
 let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the  
 6  
 let the light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and  
 let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing,

8  
 va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the  
 flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them  
 lift high the gate - way for the King of  
 tell the glad tid - ings, Let your lights be

prom - ise.  
 home - ward.  
 glo - ry.  
 shin - ing!

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

*Celebrant* Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. **Amen.**

# Kyrie eleison

*Sung by all*

**Cantor**  
 Lord Je - sus, you raise us to new life: Ky - ri - e, e -

7  
**All** le - i - son **Cantor** Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. **All** Lord Je - sus, you for -

12  
**All** give us our sins: Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

19  
**Cantor**  
 Lord Je - sus, you feed us with your bod - y and blood: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

26  
**All**  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

**People**         **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. **Amen.**

## The Lessons *All are seated.*

### A reading from 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.**

### Psalm 25:1-9

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

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.

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the 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. <sup>13</sup>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.**

*All stand.*

**Alleluia**                   *Sung by all – 1<sup>st</sup> time by cantor, 2<sup>nd</sup> time by all, repeat after verse*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. Below the notes, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff continues the melody, also in the same key signature, with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." A small number '5' is written to the left of the second staff.

**A Reading from Luke**

**21:25-36**

“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. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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.”

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Rob Travis

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand and say together*

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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

Let us pray for the Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, we pray for people of every race and in every kind of need: Make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world, especially the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, The Anglican Communion, and for Samuel and Anne our bishops: Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all people may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our new rector, Fr. Rob Travis, and his family, that our new chapter of ministry may bind us together in love and invite others into a Christ-centered life,

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your nurturing goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind, body, or spirit, especially Anne Davis, Thea Oglesby; Neal Campbell, Ann Wyche, Nina Burriss Baker, Ginger, Jeannette, Maureen Desrochers; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of their troubles

*A period of silence is observed.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We entrust to your gracious keeping all who have died in the faith of Christ, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*All are seated and the altar is prepared.*

## The Offertory

1. How bright ap - pears the Mor-ning Star, with mer - cy beam ing from a - far; the  
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pi - ty ing eye up -  
3. Re - joice, ye heav'nly earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners, fill the sky, for

6  
host of heav'n re - joi - ces; O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou  
on his help - less cre - ature; the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by  
11  
this his In - car - na - tion. In - car - nate God, put forth thy pow'r, ride  
Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voi - ces:  
high - est se - ra - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
15  
on, ride on, great Con - que - ror, till all know thy sal - va - tion.  
Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
19  
Je - sus, grant us, through thy me - rit, to in - he - rit  
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - ma - nuel, come and hear us.  
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Praise be gi - ven e - ver - more, by earth and hea - ven.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

*The Celebrant prays the appointed Proper Preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. \_\_\_\_\_

7  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -

12  
san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ed is

17  
he who comes \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the

22  
Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

27  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people kneel as able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Said by all*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace**

*The Celebrant says*

Holy things for Holy People.

## **An Act of Spiritual Communion** (for those watching from home)

Lord Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to at least come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my being. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

## Hymn 721 (WLP)



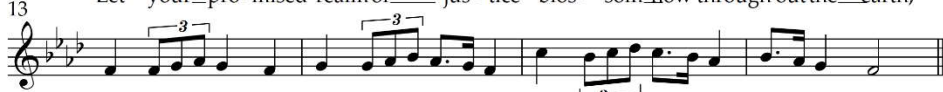
1. Signs of en-dings all a - round is dark - ness, death and win - ter days  
2. Can it be that from our en - dings, new be - gin nings you cre - ate?  
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives, your pre - sence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, num bing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death and from our re - ndings, realms of whole - ness gen - ner - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bo - dings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your pro - mised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fading light and dying sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - mi - nion bring now near us; we a - wait the sa - ving birth.

*After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people and then they are dismissed, responding*

**People**                      **Thanks be to God.**

**Altar flowers:** The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim and Anne Bulla.

## Participants in the Liturgy

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev'd Rob Travis

*Lector*

Peggy Hussey

*Server*

Kathy Conrad

*Musicians*

Rob Brock, Evie Cottam,  
Robin Hardman, Revon Johnson, David Moore

*Video & audio engineering*

Robin Hardman

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