

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOV 27, 2022 YEAR A



Prelude

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

(Based on this morning's opening hymn)

Opening Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Lighting of the Candles

Presider: Ever loving God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; he is the Savior of every nation. O God, let your blessing come upon our community gathered here before you. Bless us and our advent wreath.

As the Advent Candles are lighted

(In unison) May the light that shines forth illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas; may the light that shines forth illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ-child. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion S100 *Hurd*

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.***

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Together 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 Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

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!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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

Psalm 122 *see next page*

The Epistle: 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.

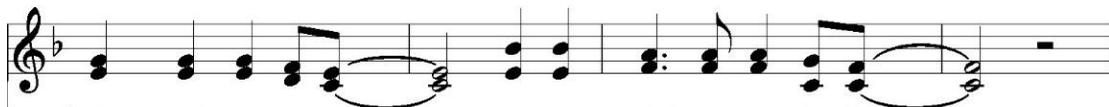
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

Sequence Hymn "Soon and very soon" *From Lift Every Voice and Sing*



1. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King, _____
4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King; _____



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2. No more cry - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there _____ we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon _____ we are goin' to see the King;



Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, _____ we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -



jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Words: Andrae Crouch (b. 1942) Music: Andrae Crouch © 1976 Bud John Songs, Inc./Crouch Music/ASCAP

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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.”

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

The Homily

The Rev. Mark Kozielec

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All: We believe in God the Creator,
infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of God’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the divine presence in our lives,
who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.
We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,
that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Leader As we prepare to meet the Lord of Righteousness, let us offer prayers to the Son of Man who comes with power and great glory, praying,
“Come, O Lord, and save us.”

For the church throughout the world, that we may lay aside the works of darkness and walk in the light of the Lord;

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the People of God;
In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral;

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for Nippon Sei Ko Kai;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Estacion de Predicacion Santo Domingo de Guzman in Aguadilla;

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at Hope United Church of Christ;

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

Let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, that they may have the wisdom and courage to seek peace and justice, let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For all peoples of every race, nation and disposition; may your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, defenses, and fears; we pray especially for the people of Ukraine; let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering; for the hungry and the oppressed; for the homeless, immigrants, and refugees; and for the victims of violence and those in prison, let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

We pray for all who struggle with addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

We pray for those serving in the armed forces and all those who endeavor in public service; let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the dying and the dead and those who grieve, let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Gracious God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and may we be your expectant people. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Presider

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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem “Cries a Voice” John Behnke (b. 1953) © 2021 Birnamwood Publications

Give comfort, Lord, we beg of you;

With tender words announce your plan.

To grant us pardon from our sin

And make us pure and whole within

Cries a voice in the wilderness!

A highway fair your Son prepares,
The curving road all straight shall lie.
The hills bow down, the valleys rise;
God's power revealed before our eyes
Cries a voice in the wilderness!

Glad tidings then we shout aloud,
From mountains high we lift our song.
For through God's gift new life's
restored,
Salvation's sure forevermore
Cries a voice in the wilderness!

An Advent Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is truly right, and a good and joyful thing that we gather to give you thanks, O Holy God, source of hope and goodness. You come to us in the gathered blue of a world in wait. You enter our time and hallow it. You come to the doorway of our heart and invite us to new life in you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Presider and People

Holy, Holy, Holy S125 Proulx

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

We remember, O creator, from the dark blue of the firmament you ignited creation, you sparked light and life. Your spirit infused the whole world, having brooded over it, knowing it before it began.

You gave hope to a people lost in the darkness. Your promise to Abraham and Sarah was an invitation to bold journey. Your compassion in Solomon was the hope of a new order.

In Jeremiah you reminded us that we are molded in your image. In Hosea you called us to a faithful relationship with you alone.

But we loved the darkness more than the light, we struggled to make our own future. We fought to establish our ways, at the expense of yours. We wantonly embraced everything that seemed to satisfy our deep longings.

But you came to us again as the light in Jesus your Christ. In his living you reminded us of your original intent for the cosmic order. In his dying you showed us the way of faithful existence. In his resurrection you promise us again that our journey with you is bound only by your love.

We give thanks that on the night he was given over to suffer and die, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to his friends and said, “take, eat, this is my body given for you. Whenever you do this, remember me.”

So also after they had eaten he took the cup of wine. He blessed you for it, and gave it to them and said, “this is the cup of the new order, my blood poured out for you and for the whole creation for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you do this, remember me.”

Remembering all that Jesus was, and all that Jesus did, the cross and tomb, the resurrection’s bright morning, the promise of a resurrection life, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

In Christ’s name, we ask you again to send forth your spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on the entire creation. By your spirit, grant Christ’s presence with us in the taking, breaking and giving of these simple things. By your spirit, make us one with all creation.

In your kingdom’s coming in the blue darkness of our lives may we sense your presence. Help us to see you and to know you, to hear you and to follow you, never to be the same again because your light lives in us.

All this we ask in the name of our savior Jesus Christ. By Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, we give you honor, praise and glory for ever and for ever more. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Presider

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.

Fraction Anthem



Al- le- lu- ia! We break this bread to

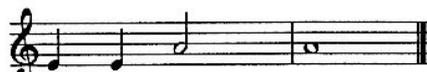


share in the bo- dy of Christ. We who are man- y are one



bod- y For we all share in the one bread.

Robert S. Mullgardt



Al- le- lu- ia!

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 68 "Rejoice! Rejoice, believers" Blue 1982 Hymnal

Prayer after Communion

Presider and People

God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your light so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.

Advent Blessing

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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn 74 “Blest be the King whose coming in the name of God”

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Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

David Johnson (1922-1987)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Erica White

Usher: Kittie Golomski

Greeter: Marti Robards

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery

Chalice: Carlos Carrillo

Godly Play: Robards

Livestream: Vicki Stegmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Call

If you enjoy singing but aren't able to sing with the choir on a regular basis, please consider joining us for the Christmas season. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and will sing for the 10:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. If you'd like to sing with us, please be in touch with Barbara Raedeke (braedeke@aol.com). We would be delighted to have you join us!

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We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Sophia Ackerman, Stephanie Anderson, Fred Appleby, Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Becky Burley, Marianne & Steve Chamberlin, Janet and George Chance, Marsha and Keith Cornell, Janice Craft, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Candace Farmer, Mary Feldmeier, Mary Gabrisch, David Goen and his wife, Carlos Gomez, Megan, Peggy and Ron Gaul, Stephanie Henline, Yaz Hernandez and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Peggy Holmes, Billy Hughes, Andrew Hvatum and family, Margaret Hvatum, Sharon H., Sonja Jenkins, Dayna Jewson, Ellen, Kelly, Barbra Macke and Beth, Charlene Mayfield, Jaxon Menner, Katie Merek, Crystal Mersch, Terry Muckelston, Jenny Mullikin, Gary & Kathy Makely, Kim Medley, Scott Medley, Robin Mendica, Cathy Menendez, Nina Olmsted, Sandra Olmstead, Jen Peavy, Maureen Polasek, Angelo Powell, Bailee Ratteree, Devon Rauch and family, Chris Reeves and family, Tim Reeves and family, Shannon Robinson, Susan Rowe and family, Emma Elizabeth Roland, Scott Schmidt, Becky Schroeder, Pam Sellers, Tom Sellers, Ethan VanEngenhoven, Ann Vannier, John Watts, Lindsay Watts, Margie Weaver, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Justin Williams, Susan Winfrey, Cheryl Wyatt, Walter Zimmerman Eric, Elizabeth, Sam, Paige, Leo.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jon Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Chris Weinrich, and Matthew.

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