

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Holy Eucharist Rite II



St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Sunday, November 28, 2021

8:00 am (said)

10:00 am (with music)

St. Michael's is a joyful community, grounded in the love of Christ that welcomes and includes ALL with meaningful worship, service to the community, and commitment to growing as faithful Christians.

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

**PRELUDE** *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Arr. Mark Hayes

**ENTRANCE HYMN H54** *Savior of the nations, come*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* You come to your people and set them free.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

**SONG OF PRAISE H61** *“Sleepers, wake!”* (First verse only)

*The following is sung, all standing*

### 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 forever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

*Remain seated.*

- <sup>1</sup>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.
- <sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- <sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup>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.
- <sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- <sup>6</sup>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.
- <sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- <sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- <sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>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.

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN H65**

*Prepare the way, O Zion (First verse only)*

*All stand.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“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.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Canon Michael J. Horvath*

**THE CREED**

*All stand.*

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.  
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**

*All remain standing.*

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; 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.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*



## **SANCTUS**

### *Celebrant and People*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### *The People stand or kneel.*

### *The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

### *Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

### *The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Michael and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **COMMUNION HYMN H324**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN H64**

*O heavenly Word, eternal light*

**DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Last Sunday, **86** bags filled with our Thanksgiving Food Drive donations were delivered to The East Bay Food Pantry at their drive-by drop off on Wood Street. Thanks to Tina & Tim Palmer for doing SMC's two delivery runs to EBFP with our collection that morning.

***The East Bay Food Pantry is greatly appreciative of all of St. Michael's efforts on their behalf helping to ensure a holiday dinner for our East Bay neighbors in need. Thank you for your continued support of this effort!***

## PLAN TO JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS!

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, December 11 at 4:00 pm

Blue Christmas Service, December 21 at 6:00 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Service, December 25 at 10:00 am

The First Sunday after Christmas, December 26 at 10:00 am, Morning Prayer via Zoom

**MUSIC NOTES FROM NICK ROCHA** Every year that Advent comes around, I am struck by its circular nature. It is both the beginning of the liturgical year and the end of the calendar year, its primary symbolic marker is the Advent Wreath, and it is a season that gradually ushers in a host of centuries-old traditions and stories that illuminate these dark months. That being said, the First Sunday of Advent holds a special significance for me musically, and there are two texts and tunes in particular that stand out to me. The first is the tune of the entrance hymn today, "Savior of the nations, come." The origin of this melody is St. Ambrose of Milan, who wrote the chant *Veni redemptor gentium* somewhere in the 4th century - arguably, still very early on into the life of the Church. It was re-penned as a chorale by Martin Luther during the Reformation and put into German vernacular, and thus became known as "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland." This chorale tune would intrigue composers for centuries after, and would be the basis for countless cantatas and organ works.

The second tune is that of *Conditor alme siderum*, which similarly is attributed to St. Ambrose, but direct evidence of this is definitively lacking. This chant, "Creator of the stars of night," is intended to be sung at Vespers every First Sunday of Advent. While we will return to this melody later in the Advent season, today the choir is presenting a hymn-version of it composed by Guillaume Du Fay, a prominent Flemish-Burgundian composer of the 15th century. Using the then-novel technique of *fauxbourdon*, Du Fay harmonizes the original monophonic chant in a way that "sweetens" it, following the principles of the so-called "*Contenance Angloise*," or "English countenance," which the British army brought over to mainland Europe during the Hundred Years War. By incorporating these melodies into our worship today, I hope we get to observe and appreciate the great Circle of Advent - this seasonal tradition that connects us to both Christians across time and space, and also to a faith that is timeless and true.



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## **November 28, 2021**

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God.*

*The candle is lit for the Glory of God.*

### **Prayer List**

*Leta, Shirley, Sandra & Jonnie, Louise, Marie, Janet, Charlotte, Alice, Rev. Cecilia Perry, Colleen, Emerson, George, Jack, Marcia R., Rita, Mona, Bob A., Betty, Chuck & Mary, Deb R., Marcia & Ken, Joan, Colleen, Shawn, Lisa, Bill, Anne, Frank, Roger, Richmond & Carole, Kathy, Karen, Steve, Donna, Joseph, Tara, Stephen, Trina, Wendy, Michael, Cheryl, Lou, Paul, Kenneth, Renee, Trevor and Larry, Anna Mae, Suzanne, Sue, Carol, Nancy, Roland, and Cheryl.*

\*The book to write your Prayer Intentions is located at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also call the Church Office (401) 253-7717 with your prayer intention or send an email to [parishadmin@stmichaelsbristolri.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmichaelsbristolri.org). *\*Please note that your prayer intention will remain on the Prayer List for one month, unless you have otherwise indicated.*

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