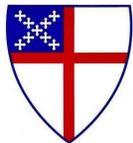


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**Greeter:** Sydney Roberts Rockefeller  
**Acolyte:** Lucy Rogers  
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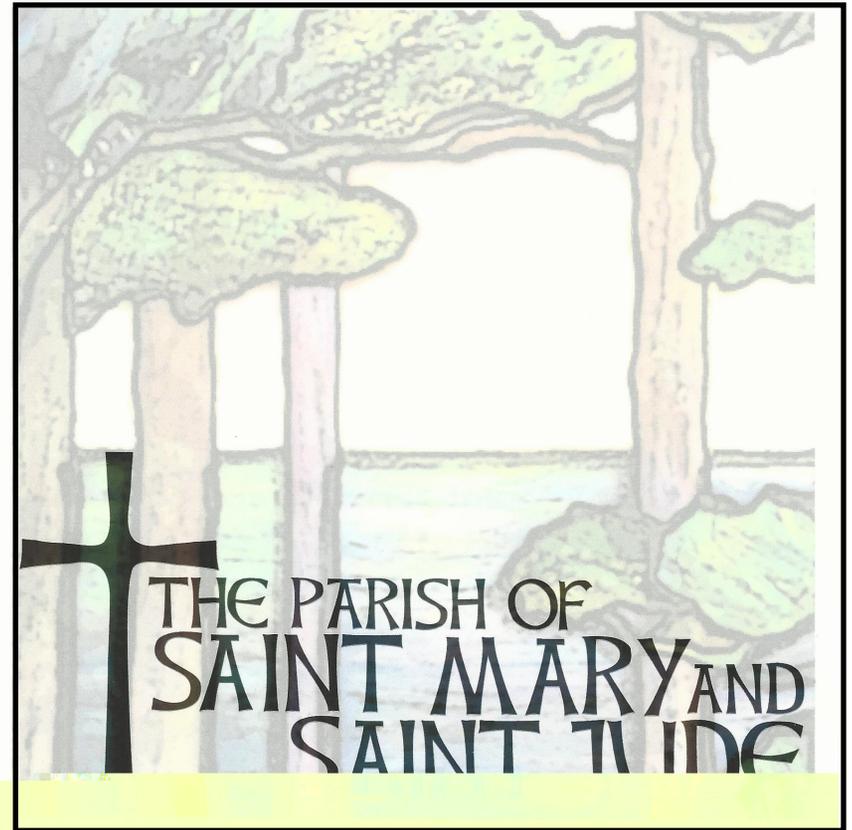


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**The First Sunday of Advent**

December 2, 2018

**Holy Eucharist**

**10 AM**

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*We are a spiritual home for all generations  
engaged in the mission of God's love for the world.*

### Welcome to Worship!

*"Draw near to God and God will draw near to you." James 4:8*

Welcome to this Episcopal community of worship. No matter where you come from, or what your circumstances are, we invite you to participate fully in worship in the way you most feel comfortable. Though it is our practice to stand for hymns and to stand or kneel for prayers, please do what is most comfortable for you. Hymns are usually found in the hymnal. Page references are for the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Both texts are in the pews.

All are welcome to receive communion. These are God's gifts for all who believe in Christ and all who yearn to draw closer to him! Thank you for enriching us with your presence. May God bless you on this day!

*Celebrant* 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.

### The Invitation to Communion

*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to come forward for communion. If you prefer a blessing to receiving the bread and the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. (Gluten free wafers are available, please let the celebrant know when you come to the altar rail.)*

**Communion Hymn** "Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us" *Hymn 61*

*(Please stand as able)*

### The Post-communion Prayer

**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

*People's response:* **Amen**

**Closing Hymn** "Signs of endings all around us" *WLP Hymn 721*

### The Dismissal

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

### Postlude

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God...

...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...

...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.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

*BCP p. 364*

**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 the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Prelude**

**The Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Opening Hymn** "Watchman, tell us of the night"

*Hymn 640*

**Salutation**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Reader:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the season of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world. God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

*The first candle is lit. While this is being done, the following is read:*

**Reader:** Today we light one candle as we wait for the coming of Jesus. Every week in Advent we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the infant Jesus. ...Let us pray.

**Advent Prayer (said by all):**

**Come, O Holy One, as the morning light after a wakeful night!  
Keep us mindful that at any moment you may ask of us an accounting of our lives; help us to love you and love one another in all we do, and so clothe us with your light that we may bring others to love you also, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

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**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.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **The First Reading**

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

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**

*BCP p. 614*

- 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.

### **Absolution**

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**

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

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

### **Announcements**

## **The Celebration of the Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*The plates that are passed throughout the congregation are for your offering of yourself to God this day. Feel free to include money, a note, or any other symbol of your self-offering. The plates will be placed on the altar to be blessed with the bread and the wine.*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Presentation Hymn:** "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

*Hymnal, p. 380, vs. 3*

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

*BCP p. 367*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

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

...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:

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for *Dorothy Clunan, Alexander Diana, Nini Diana, Claire Emlen, Leanne Foster, Patricia Gardner, Herb Haller, Cassia Hatch, David Hill, Adam Keeler, Paula Knudsen, Bud Martin, Jr., Sheila Smallidge and her family, Kathryn Suminsby, Vivienne Verklin, Angela Young*; and those we now name...

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for *Lauri Fernald and Spencer Clark-Lovejoy who celebrate their birthdays this week; for all the people and families of our parish, especially Gail and Hamilton Clark, Teresa and Mea Clark, Spencer Clark-Lovejoy, Jim and Dorothy Clunan, Eddie and Clarke Coggeshall, Gifford Combs*; and those we now name...

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**The Confession** *(Please kneel as you are able)*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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.**

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.

## The Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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. 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.**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Sequence Hymn** "How bright appears the Morning Star" Hymn 497 vs. 1-2

## The Gospel *(Please remain standing)*

*Luke 21:25-36*

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

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

Jesus said, "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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place,

you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn** "How bright appears the Morning Star" Hymn 497 vs. 3

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Jane Cornman*

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand as able)*

*BCP p. 358*

**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 Form II**

*BCP p. 385*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; *for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; for the congregations of St. Peter's, Bridgton and St. Ann's, Windham, for the children of the world; and for our sisters and brothers in our companion Diocese of Haiti.*

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*