



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *Andrew Gregg (piano)*

Opening Hymn 56: v. 1-3 “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in its ways to go. (Refrain)*

*O Come O Come, thou Lord of might
Who to they tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe (Refrain)*

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever**

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*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: S-96: Kyrie

*Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,*

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (read responsively by whole verse)

1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

Sequence Hymn: “Take Me As I Am” (*See Insert*)

*Take, O take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24:36-44*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen*

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, during this season of Advent and beyond, help us to prepare ourselves for your Son.
That he may dwell in us and us in him, eternally.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those among our families and friends who experience sadness and grief during the holiday season; *That they may experience your steadfast love and be filled with peace and joy.*

We pray for all who have died; *Silence* - lovingly receive them into your eternal kingdom. *That we may one day be reunited with them, in you.*

We pray for those on our church's prayer list, for all who are sick or lonely, for prisoners, and for the victims of crime everywhere. *That your healing presence may embrace them all.*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others.

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

**For Giving
Electronically**

Point phone
camera at this
Image.

Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Panis Angelicus”
Choir Special

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
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.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus S-129
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.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father.
People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Communion Hymn: “Raise a Hallelujah” (See Insert)
*I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me*
*(Refrain) I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you’re gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive*

*I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me*

(Refrain)

Sing a little louder (Repeat) (Refrain)

Communion Hymn: “In Christ Alone”
*In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied —
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)
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 for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “Christ Be Our Light” (See Insert)

Flower Dedications

In Celebration of the Baptism of Barrett Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes:

Prayer List

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

Requested Prayer

Ann, Arlie, Art, Axel, Barbara C., Barbara S., Betty E., Beverly, Bob D., Bobby, Brad, Brenda B., Brian, Brenna, Cheri, Chris, Curtis, Debby, Della, Dewey, Diane, Dixie, Don D., Donnie, Ede, Elaine, Eleanor, Ellen, Emily, Fay, Fr. Chris, Gary, Gene, Gordon, Gracey, Gretchen, Harold, Jack, Jackie Lap., Jacob, Jerry H., John H. Jr., Joyce, Kathy M., Kelli, Kenneth, Laura G., Laura W., Linda D., Linda S., Lisa, Mabel, Madeleine, Manuel, Marilyn, Matthew C., Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy, Pamela, Patrick, Phyllis S., Rachel H., Ralph, Regina, Ronda, Sally, Scott, Seth, Sherry Jo, Sylvia, Thomas, Tom L., The Hardcastle Family, The Rev. Marguerite Alley, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Valerie, Wade, Wendy, William B., & William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough,

Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post, William Verwoerd

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

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Repose of the Soul

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