

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:30 A.M.

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,” BuxWV 211
 (“Savior of the nations, Come;” Hymn 54)

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637–1707)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Advent wreath is lit as the Choir sings the Introit.

Introit *Ad te levavi*

Plainsong

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you, my God, I put my trust; let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me; let none who look to you be put to shame.

– Psalm 25:1

Hymn 56: “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Veni, veni, Emmanuel, *stand*

Opening Sentences

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

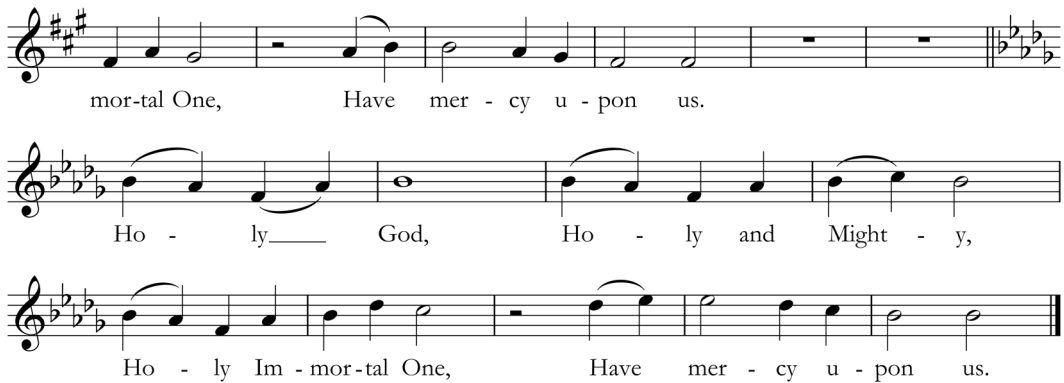
Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify
your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion

David Sinden (b. 1982)

Organ: All:

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and
Might-y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -



mor-tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.

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The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of the prophet Jeremiah. (33: 14-16) *sit*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25: 1-9

- 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.

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 73: "The King shall come when morning dawns"

St. Stephen, *stand*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
(21: 25-36)

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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Luke Jernagan

sit

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: In this season of Advent, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

kneel

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That we may discover God’s word in every sound of this world, God’s healing in every act of forgiveness, and God’s love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That the leaders of the church, in both word and deed, may show forth God's love for the world, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Bishop, and Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all in any need, especially those served by our ministry partners Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace, and Bravely, may receive God's mercy and grace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all who suffer from sickness of body, mind or spirit may know the power of God's love, especially Eve Ballman, Robert Barringer, Amanda Carstens, Kathy Dacheau, Bruce Carvell, Matthew Meinen and Karmen Selby, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all who have died may find eternal life in God's loving presence, remembering especially Gloria Covert, and Patricia Aitken and Scott Wilson, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. And accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously given, make ready our hearts for your coming, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: **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 Absolution

Priest: 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.
All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

Healing prayer is offered in Grace Chapel this morning.

At the Offertory, Motet

William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

Vigilate, nescitis enim
quando dominus domus veniat,
sero, an media nocte,
an galli cantu, an mane.
Vigilate, ergo, ne cum venerit repente,
inveniat vos dormientes.
Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico:
vigilate.

*Keep watch, for you do not know
when the lord of the house will come,
whether late, at dead of night,
at cock crow, at dawn.
Keep watch, therefore, lest he come suddenly
and find you sleeping.
What I say to you, I say to all:
Keep watch.*

– Mark 13: 35-37

The Presentation (*Hymn 76, stanza 5*)

Winchester New, *stand*

All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*)

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kneel

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Administration of the Sacrament

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Advent Prose *Rorate coeli*

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Drop down ye heavens from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness.
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people; My salvation shall not tarry. I have blotted out as a
thick cloud thy transgressions. Fear not, for I will save thee; For I am the Lord thy God,
The holy one of Israel, thy redeemer. Drop down ye heavens from above, And let the
skies pour down righteousness.

– Isaiah 45:8

Hymn 454: “Jesus came, adored by angels”

Lowry

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 58: “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”

St. Thomas, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Wachet auf, ich ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

(“Sleepers, wake!” *A voice astounds us; Hymn 61*)

MUSIC NOTES: The splendid five-voice motet *Vigilate* by William Byrd (c. 1540–1623) has much in common with the music of English madrigal style: an attention-grabbing rising line is heard for the cock crow (“an galli cantu”), the motion slows and becomes drowsy at “dormientes” (sleeping), and the very close (and exceedingly difficult!) imitation at “repente” (suddenly) all contribute to the excitement of this music.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

*In honor of the St. Peter’s Choir and in memory of Patricia A. Aitken,
by S. William Aitken.*

*In loving memory of Scott A. Wilson—brother of Jon and Stacey Wilson
and son of Gerald and Ellen Spencer—on Scott’s 50th birthday.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	Peter Perkins, Carrie Burroughs
Ushers:	Jack Gillis, Rob Heuermann, Mark LaGrange, Randy Parham
Acolytes:	Jack Dutton, Joe Dutton, Cooper Dutton Charles Martin, Nell Melton, Grant Nicholson
Acolyte Master:	Jim Gilbert
Hospitality:	Donna Hibler, Connie Lohr, Caren Vredenburgh
Altar Guild:	Jan Craig, DeWayne Trainer, Connie Lohr Caren Vredenburgh, Nancy Grimes
Counters:	Jerry and Bonnie Freeland

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioner: Eve Ballman.

For Family and Friends: Robert Barringer, Amanda Carstens, Kathy Dacheau, Bruce Carvell, Matthew Meinen and Karmen Selby.

For the Faithful Departed: Gloria Covert.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Patricia Beseda, Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Patricia Drew, Martha Ferguson, Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmitt, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Paul Johnson, Susan Kerkering, Marcy Kovis, Rick Ledbetter, Sandy Lehrer, Sophia Mandl, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Bryan Miller, Michael Montgomery, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Ray Sellenriek, Dan Singer, Gerald Spencer, Jane St. John, Madeline Tufts, Timothy Vowels and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

ADVENT WREATHS TODAY – Please join us for the annual and joyous Advent wreath-making workshop in the Undercroft **immediately following both services**. All supplies and instructions will be provided for your family’s Advent wreath.

CHILDCARE is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

RECTOR’S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. The topic for this morning and next Sunday is the continuation of “Advent Conspiracy.” The discussion will focus on the book *Advent Conspiracy: Making Christmas Meaningful (Again)*. Books are available for \$15.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School!

HEALING PRAYERS – If you would like to receive healing prayers with the laying on of hands and anointing, as you leave the altar rail today after receiving Holy Communion go to Grace Chapel, where one of the clergy will be waiting for you. If you would like family members or friends to accompany you, they are welcome to participate. The ritual is brief, allowing you time to return to the church proper for the final blessing and dismissal.

FOOD DRIVE SUNDAY – Thank you for your generosity for today’s “1st Sunday” food drive for the Trinity Episcopal Church food pantry. Watch for the posting of January’s list of food needs at the end of December.

GIVING TREE – Please support our outreach partners by participating in St. Peter’s annual Giving Tree. Take an ornament from the tree and bring back your unwrapped gift, with your ornament attached, by the date specified. Thank you!

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS – All are welcome **today at 5:00 p.m.** to hear the St. Peter’s Choristers and Choir sing this popular service which reflects the Advent season’s growing anticipation. A reception prepared by the Woman’s Guild will follow.

ANNUAL GIVING – “WALKING IN THE WAY OF LOVE” – A great big THANK YOU to the families who have pledged their support to the 2019 Annual Giving campaign. To date, we have 177 pledges totaling \$730,346, or 64% of our \$1,150,000 goal. We still need everyone’s participation to reach our goal. Please return your pledge card via mail, place it in the Sunday collection, or you can pledge online at www.stpetersepiscopal.org. Every pledge counts!

THIS WEEK...

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Tomorrow is the deadline to submit your listing for Christmas flowers for the Christmas Eve and Day booklets. Please use the form on the last page of this bulletin or go online to donate.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program "Creativity in Children" by our guest Helen Hume. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BOOK GROUP – Join us this Wednesday, December 5th at 2:15 p.m. in the Elliot Room to discuss *Stoned: Jewelry, Obsession, and How Desire Shapes the World* by Aja Raden.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PRAYER GROUP – Everyone is welcome on Friday mornings at 10:00 in the Elliot Room to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

TRINITY HOT LUNCH – If you would like to help cook and serve Trinity's Hot Lunch next Sunday, 1:15-3:00 p.m., contact Bill Gilbert at turkgobble@aol.com or 314-283-5288. High school teens are welcome with their parents.

YOUTH PARTY – Come out for a gutter ice cream sundae, pizza and to meet Fr. Joseph on Sunday, December 9th at Noon in the Undercroft. Be there or be square!!!!

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Join us in the Undercroft at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11th for good food and fellowship!

39 AND HOLDING – For everyone feeling somewhere between 39 and 99, join us for a night of fellowship and fun at Annie Vogt's home on Friday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Annie at 314-520-6267, annievogt@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT – Every child, age 3 through Grade 8, is welcome to have a part in St. Peter’s annual joyful Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Ann Babington at annbabington@gmail.com to sign up and then watch for more information!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 - 9, 2018

Sunday	12/ 2		The First Sunday of Advent
			Food Drive Sunday
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		<i>After both services</i>	Advent Wreath-Making Workshop
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Confirmation Class
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		12:00 Noon	Confirmation Lunch
		5:00 p.m.	Advent Lessons and Carols
Monday	12/3		Deadline to order Christmas Flowers
Tuesday	12/4	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		4:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	12/5	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	12/6	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	12/7	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	12/9		The Second Sunday of Advent
			Giving Tree Deadline
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		12:00 Noon	Youth Party
		1:15 p.m.	Trinity Hot Lunch

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

It is time to order flowers and greens to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Season. We hope that you will contribute **\$40.00** to the general cost of the decorations and greens. You may order and make your donation through the parish website, at www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give.

Or, you may place your order by completing this form and submitting it to the Church Office with your check, marked for "Christmas Flowers". The address, if you choose to return it by mail, is: 110 N. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124.

If you wish to have your acknowledgement appear in the Christmas Eve/Day booklet, all orders must be placed **by Monday, December 3rd**. Christmas Flowers donations received after that deadline are appreciated, and will still be designated for the flowers, but the acknowledgement will not meet the Christmas booklet print deadline.

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In loving memory of:

In honor of:
