

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – 10:30 AM



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**ST. GABRIEL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Prelude

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Diane Bish

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the First Candle in the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* On this, the first Sunday of Advent,

*People* **We light the candle of hope.**

*Celebrant* We wait for the birth of Emmanuel,

*People* **who is God with us.**

*Celebrant* Our candles remind us the Jesus is the Light of the World. Our evergreens are a symbol of life. And the circular wreath signifies that God's love, like the circle, has no beginning and no end.

*People* **Alleluia! Come Lord Jesus!**

### Opening Hymn – #56 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vv. 1-4



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with “The Song of Mary” on the dates given.*

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## Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, and then a half note on B4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff shows a dotted quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics "Christ, have mercy" are repeated, followed by a long dash indicating a sustained note.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, —

The third system features a more active melody in the treble staff, with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment. The lyrics "Lord, have mercy" are repeated, with a long dash indicating a sustained note.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a dotted quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a half note on B4. The bass staff provides the final accompaniment. The lyrics "Lord, have mercy, have mercy" are repeated.



- 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.
- 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 Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

**H**ow 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.**

## Sequence Hymn – #61 “Sleepers, Wake!”

1 “Sleep-ers, wake!” A voice a - stounds us, the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her  
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: “A -  
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!” Mid - night’s peace their  
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty’s por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: “The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

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## The Gospel – Luke 21:25-36

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

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

**J**esus 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.**

**The Sermon**

Jess Smith, Seminarian

*A period of silence follows the sermon for reflection and silent prayer.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Form VI, p. 392*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those  
who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and  
oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our Bishop, and Emmanuel Bishop of Kajo Keji, and all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this gathering.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the following collect*

Hasten, O Lord, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy see your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*



**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you:  
We are an offering; we are an offering.**

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer A, p. 361*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again with power and great triumph to rule the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Sanctus – S130*

The musical score is written for a vocal part, likely a soprano or alto, in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The lyrics are: "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The music features a mix of quarter notes, half notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

God of power and might, heaven and earth are

full, full of your glory. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become

subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

**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**

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

### **Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei – S164*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation is for the first phrase of the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the treble staff is a bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C), providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words "Je - sus", "mer - cy", and "on".

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of musical notation is for the second phrase of the Fraction Anthem. It follows the same musical structure as the first line, with a treble clef staff and a bass staff in one sharp (F#) and common time (C). The melody and accompaniment are similar in style. The lyrics "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words "Je - sus", "bear - er", "mer - cy", and "on".

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Invitation**

*The Celebrant invites everyone to Communion using these words*  
 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**

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion at St. Gabriel's. Please come up to the front of the church, where the priest will give you a wafer. Return to your seat by the side aisles, and you can consume the bread once you are seated. To receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the priest.*

**Communion Hymn** – #321 “My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread”

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

## Post-Communion Prayer

*BCP p. 365*

Let us pray.

**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.**

## 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 – #WLP 721 “Signs of Endings All Around Us”



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Postlude

*Trumpet Tune on “Wachet Auf”*

Marth Sobaje

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**We thank our seminarian Jess Smith for being our guest preacher today!**

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*This prayer is used if someone cannot be present for the Eucharist.*

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are truly present  
in the blessed Sacrament of the altar.  
I love you above all things,  
and long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you have already come,  
I embrace you  
and unite myself entirely to you;  
never permit me  
to be separated from you. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Angel Tree Gifts are due back next week!** Return unwrapped gifts, in bags, to the church before Sunday, December 5. At the 10:30 service that day, we will present and bless the gifts, and they will be picked up that week.

**Wreath Ceremony - Sun, Dec 12** Sponsor a wreath for a veteran in the second annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the St. Gabe's cemetery! Wreaths cost \$15, and we are hoping to sell 103 of them so that each veteran in the cemetery will have a wreath on his grave. Then please join us for the ceremony on Sunday, December 12 at 12:00 noon.

**Seeking Vestry Members** Do you want to find out more about how St. Gabriel's runs? Do you have a passion for an area of ministry that St. Gabe's offers? Are you looking to serve the church and help us live into God's call for our community? Join Vestry! We are looking for members to serve a 3-year term, beginning in January of 2022. To find out more, email Andrew.

## ST. GABRIEL'S PRAYER LIST

**30 Day Prayer List:** Michelle Gajewski; Dan Klein; A. M.; Michael & Linda McGinley; the Owsiany family; Chris Ripnak; Mae Russell; Suzanne Siebert; Sherry Turczynski; Tim Zueno.

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**WE PRAY FOR** Hopewell Love; Common Ground Recovery Community; Good Shepherd Learning Center.

**IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER,** we pray for Scott & Cathy Yorgey; Ian & Carol Young.

**IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER,** we pray for the clergy and people of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral; and Holy Cross in Wilkes-Barre.

**IN OUR ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER,** we pray for the clergy and people of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**IN THE DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI** in South Sudan, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Mark's Rodo Parish.

**THE BULLETIN** is sponsored by the Amstutz family in thanksgiving for Grace's birthday and in memory of Grace's mother, Alma D'Onofrio.

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