

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 26, 2022 – 5:00 PM
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 – 10:30 AM



ST. GABRIEL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Supplication

Percy Wicker MacDonald

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the First Candle in the Advent Wreath

Celebrant We light the first candle on the Advent wreath,
the candle of hope.

People **We live in hope of the Lord's coming.**

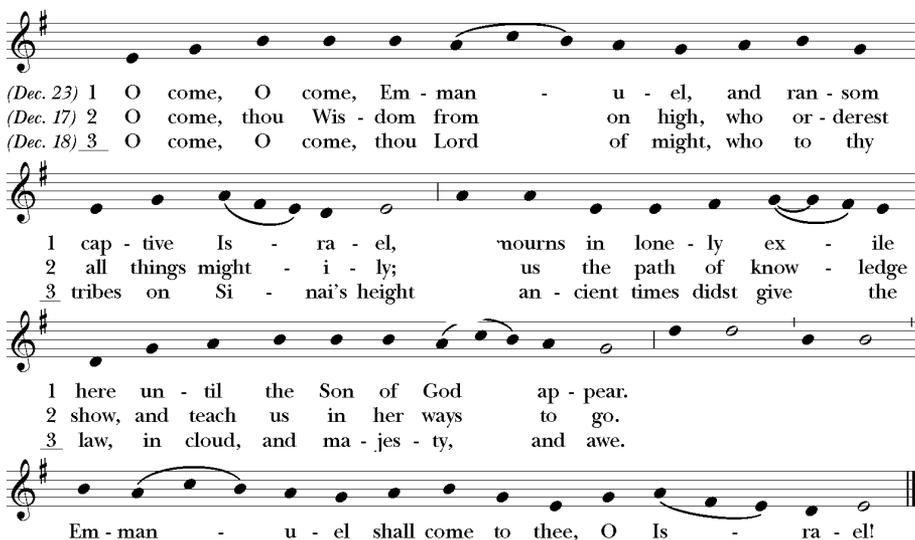
Celebrant The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when
I will fulfill my promise to my people.

People **Justice and righteousness will fill the land,
and all will live in peace and safety.**

Celebrant The Lord makes our darkness bright.

People **Come Lord Jesus!**

Opening Hymn – #56 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vv. 1-3



(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

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height an - cient times didst give the

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.

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

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

The Song of Mary

Magnificat – S247

To begin, the choir sings the antiphon twice, with the congregation joining in the second time. Then the choir sings the verses, and the congregation joins in singing the antiphon.

Antiphon

1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness
of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in
God my Sa - vior; for he has looked
with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.

Verses

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
3 He has mercy on those who fear him
4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
7 He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel,
8 The promise he made to our fathers,
9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
10 As it was in the be - ginning, is now,



2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
 3 in every gen - er - ation. [Ant.]
 4 he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit.
 5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]
 6 and the rich he has sent a - way empty.
 7 for he has remembered his prom - ise of mercy,
 8 to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever. [Ant.]
 9 and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
 10 and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

The antiphon may be sung in unison, with the counter-melody played by an instrument, or it may be sung in three parts.

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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.**

The First Lesson – Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
 the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

- 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.”

The Second Lesson – 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.**

Sequence Hymn – #58 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - ump of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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The Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Andrew VanBuren, Rector

A period of silence follows the homily 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 III, BCP p. 387

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Father, we pray for your holy universal Church;
That we all may be one.

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

We pray for all laypeople, bishops, priests, and deacons;
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

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

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

Have compassion on the people of Ukraine and all those who
suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

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.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Choir Anthem

Out of the Wintery Gloom

Richard Shepherd

Presentation Hymn

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.

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 – S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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,**

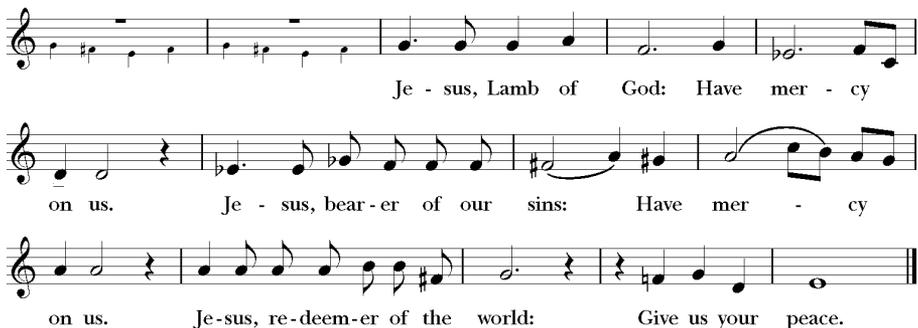
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei – S165



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: 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

All are welcome to receive Communion at St. Gabriel's. Please come to the front of the church, where you will receive a wafer of bread and will be offered a chalice of wine. If you would like to receive the wine, please intinct (dip) the wafer in the wine, making sure that your fingers do not touch the wine. If you do not want to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest as you move to the chalice bearer. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion Hymn – #65 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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Post-Communion Prayer

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.**

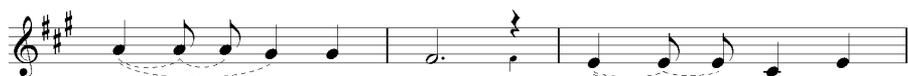
Closing Hymn – #335 “I Am the Bread of Life”



1 I am the bread of life;— they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give— is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat— of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that —



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day.

2 The
3 Un- day.
5 Yes,

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Triumphal Chorus

Reginald Martin

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**Welcome Deacon Midge Pendergast to our St.
Gabriel's family!**



ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

30-Day Prayer List: Beverly Davis; Dotty; the Floriani family; Rachel & Thomas; Sean McLaughlin; the Nester family; Jim Stoneberg; Steve Sutton.

Military and First Responders: Jacob Bennett; Jason Beiler; Kyle Connor; Connor Cooper; Morgan Crummy; Nick English; Zach English; Vince Frasure; Adrienne Hunt; Jason Killian; Jeff Lydic; Ben Martin; Shannon McCorkle; Ross Morrison; Brooke Moyer; Jared Patt; Matthew Pawlik; Jason Robbins; Ben Skean; Daniel E. Vroman; Kenneth Whitelock.

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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 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 The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

IN THE DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI in South Sudan, we pray for St. Mark Rodo Parish.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jo Rivera in memory of her mother, Betty Bartholomew.

THE BULLETIN is sponsored by Bob & Claudia Mumau in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is given by Betty Webster in memory of loved ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Cards for Christmas Dinners We are collecting donations to buy Redner's gift cards to help local families in need purchase food for their Christmas dinner. Your check (for \$25, \$50 or \$75) written to St. Gabriel's with "Christmas Dinner" in the memo can be placed in the Offering plate or Carol Heist's mailbox in the first office in the hallway. **Please give!....this Sunday is your last chance to help your neighbors in need!** Thank you!!

Shop with gift cards purchased here! A list of retailers and order forms are at the back of the church and on the bulletin board. **Order by December 4** to be in time for Christmas. You'll be earning rebates for the church (1 to 13% of card value). See Carol Heist (heistca@aol.com) for

more information, or at Sat. service see Winkie Reed;
Sunday 8AM: Cissy McKeon, Carolyn Nippert; Sunday
10:30AM: Dory Reed, Carol Heist.

Salvation Army Angel Tags Are Here! Pick up a green or red Angel Tag in the back of the sanctuary and answer a Christmas wish for a child or a senior in need. Please return **unwrapped** gifts to St. Gabriel's by Sunday, December 4th, when we will be blessed and ready for pick up by Salvation Army volunteers that week.

Chapel Clean-up - Saturday, December 3rd

Help get the chapel ready for the holidays! Join us on **December 3rd from 9:00 am to noon** to clean the chapel and cemetery grounds. If you have a weed-whacker, please bring it; don't forget to dress warmly!



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