

December 3, 2023 - The First Sunday of Advent

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional: #56 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel; vs. 1-2



(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
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



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
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



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.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer for Illumination

O God of our people and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: #66 – Come thou long expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Presider may say

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

Em Am C Em Em D C G B Am7 D G G Am A7 Dsus D
 Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Am A7 Dsus D Em Bm C Am Dsus D Gsus G
 Christ, — have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy.

Presider: The Lord be with you.
 People: *And also with you.*
 Presider: Let us pray.

Collect

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.*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1:3-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you--

so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: #73 – The King shall come when morning dawns

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Message

The Rev. Elizabeth Chace

The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and **became truly human**. 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**, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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:

Each petition will conclude with: “Show the light of your countenance,”
The People reply with: “**and we shall be saved.**”

The Presider then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People (Standing or kneeling)

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 Priest standing says

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

Presider

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People

And also with you

The Holy Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome to join us at the Altar for Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: #57 - Lo! he comes with clouds descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! 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.

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Enriching our Worship Eucharistic Prayer A: Advent

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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 in power and great triumph to judge 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:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord. Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed 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 Presider continues,

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

LAMB OF GOD

Em G D Am Bm7 C Am G D7
 C F# Em G Am Bm7
 C Am G D7 G D Em
 Am G D7 Em C Bm C C D E

All: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins__ of the
 world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world, grant__ us peace.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Post Communion Hymn – My Peace

My peace I give un-to you,
My love I give un-to you,
it's a peace that the world can-not give;
it's a love that the world can-not give;
It's a peace that the world can - not
It's a love that the world can - not
un - der - stand, peace to
un - der - stand, love to
know, peace to live, my
know, love to live, my
peace I give un - to you.
love I give un - to you.

Post Communion Prayer

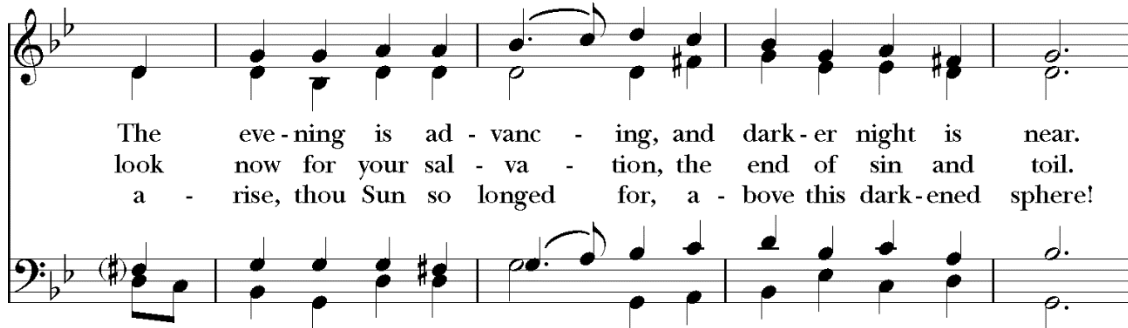
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing
Announcements

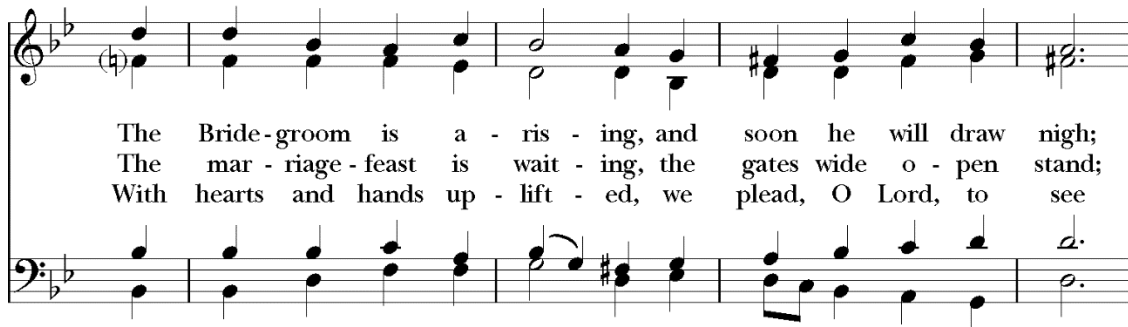
Sending Hymn: #68 – Rejoice! Rejoice, believers




1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Dismissal

Our Thanks go out today to:

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Chace

Lector/Prayer Leader: Joan Goolsby

LEM: Lori Beaudoin

Altar Guild: Judy Doyen, Susan Nye, Sandy Whitmire

Organ: Mr. Josh Howell

Internet Tech: Doug Goolsby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR DECEMBER 3, 2023

Pray for those who are ill or otherwise in need

Josh & Beverly Howell, Lotta Westlund, Susan Nye, Barb Austin, Merrilyn Walraven, Gerry & Marirose Rehagen, Patti Moore, Boughner Family, Truax Family, Brad & Maureen Derenzy, Bill Skinner, Richard Williams, Katie Coppernoll, Carol Greene, Michael Coonan, Samantha Hines, Mary Stafford, Linda Lucas, David Doyen, Laura Morris, Myra Morris, Donald Polla & Family, Darin Polla & Family, Kevin Underwood, Anthony Santini, Rev. Karen Thompson, Wendy McCallum, Ramona Skinner, Jim Reinhardt, Dani K., Thelma (Brig) Fuller, Debbie Castele, Steve Ames, Danielle Lawrence, Mary Stafford, Kathryn Rakich, Derek P., Leslie, Merhdad, Stephen Skinner, Joan Lee, Patricia K.

***All who are grieving from the loss of a loved one.
Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.
The Victims of gun violence.***

Pray for our Church

The Most Rev. Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop
Julia Ayala Harris - President of the House of Deputies
The Standing Committee of the Diocese
The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz - Priest-in-charge
The Vestry and Lay leaders of the Parish
Our Parish Family

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Jude's, Ron Trimmer, Sr. Warden
Grace Church, East Grand Rapids – Anne Schnaare, Rector

Pray for our Country

President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris
Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist
Our National and State Congresses
Our Military men and women throughout the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 3, 2023

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Pam will be holding an Advent Bible Study on **Wednesday December 6, 13, & 20** both in-person at 12:00 noon and online at 7:00 pm via Zoom. A link will be sent out on Wednesday mornings.

GAYLORD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Gaylord Concert will be held on **Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm** at Gornick Auditorium. This will include the Gaylord Community Orchestra and Community Choir. See flyer on the bulletin board.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will hang the greens in the sanctuary next **Sunday, December 10** following the service. I invite you stay and join us. Many hands make light work!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The fourth annual ceremony will take place at Fairview Cemetery on **December 16, 2023 beginning at Noon.**
Laying of the wreaths will follow the ceremony at participating cemeteries.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Peace Lutheran is hosting a Longest Night Service on **Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 pm.** This is a quiet, reflective service that will calm our hearts as we prepare to enter the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 am – Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist
No Service on Christmas Day

Welcome to St. Andrew Episcopal Church

We are glad you are with us today. We extend a special welcome to all our guests and visitors. You have honored us with your presence. Please sign our guest book located at the entrance door of the church. If you would like to learn more about St. Andrews, please feel free to speak with anyone around you.

St. Andrew Leadership

Ministers – The Congregation
Priest-in-Charge - The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz
Administrative Assistant – Ms. Susan Nye
Sr. Warden - Mr. Josh Howell
Jr. Warden – Mr. Doug Goolsby
Clerk - Ms. Susan Nye
Treasurer/Vestry Member – Miss Jackie Skinner
Vestry Member - Mrs. Beverly Howell
Vestry Member – Ms. Nadine Fortier
Vestry Member – Ms. Barb Austin

If you have need of a Priest or Pastoral Services:
The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz
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Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:00 AM
Noonday Prayer and Bible Study Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon

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