



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

## The Service of the Word

**Opening Voluntary:** *Noah Klauss (cello)*

**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 her 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 410:** "Praise My Soul the King of  
Heaven"

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!*

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

**The First Reading:** *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm:** *25:1-9* (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.

**Sequence Hymn:** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

*Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God, that I might serve you*

*Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God, that I might be renewed*

*So fill me and heal me and bring me back to you  
Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God, that I might serve you*

**The Gospel Reading:** *Luke 21:25-36*

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

*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."

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

**Sermon**

"The Great Hope"  
*The Rev. Roger Hungerford*

**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*

(\*"catholic" means universal)

**Prayers of the People**

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. (Silence)*

For this community during this season of Advent, help  
us to prepare ourselves for your Son;  
*That he may dwell in us and us in him. (Silence)*

For the United States of America and for the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.  
(Silence)*

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

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

We pray for those on our church's prayer list; and for the  
special needs and concerns of this congregation. – *(Pray  
aloud or silently for your own needs and concerns)*. We  
pray for all who have died and for those who miss them.  
– *Silence* - Comfort and sustain us. Help us to trust in  
you and in the never-ending life you eternally offer all  
people.  
*Fill their lives with the healing power of your loving  
Spirit. (Silence)*

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

And now, Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the  
forgiveness of our sins.

**The Confession** (p. 360 BCP)

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your  
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your  
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to  
the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Peace:** Welcome & Announcements



# 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 to kneel at the rail, 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.*

**Offertory:** “Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending”  
*Holy Cross Chancel Choir*

## 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 (p. 367 BCP)

*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

*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 324: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

## Communion Hymn: “Blessed Be Your Name

*Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name*

*Refrain:  
Every blessing You pour out. I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord. Still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name (Refrain)*

## 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 67: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

*Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
And her warfare now is over.*

*Hark, the voice of one that crieth,  
In the desert far and near,  
Calling us to new repentance  
Since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet him,  
And the hills bow down to greet him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
Make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That his word is never broken.*

# Flower Dedications

## 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

Ashley, Axel, Barbara, C., Barbara N., Bet, Betty, Bob, Bobby, Brenda B., Brenna, Dale, David I., Debra, Don D., Don I., Emme, Fr. Chris, Garrick, Heather, Ina, Jackie, Jane, Jean, John, Joseph, Joy, Kathy, LaKeisha, Laura, Lorraine, Mabel, Marayah Lee, Pamela, Ralph, Regina, Ron, Sherry Jo, Susan B., Susan K., Theresa, Tom, Tony, Trinity, Trish, Tyler, Vickie, Wade, William B.

### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Capt. Bruce Gough, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey,

Jackie Neville, 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 Discernment

Leanne Whalen  
Ted Kirchharr

### Repose of the Soul

Jerome Brault, Jr.  
All Who Have Died from Covid-19

### Clergy

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