



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The
First
Sunday
of Advent

Suffolk, Virginia

November 27, 2022

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30

An Organ Voluntary: *Let all mortal flesh*—Leo Sowerby

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A Reading:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life—John 3:16

The Lighting of the first candle:

We light this candle as a symbol of God's Love.
May the Word sent from God show us the way to salvation.
O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Choral Response:

The first Advent candle is the candle born of Love.
In his love and mercy he saves us.
And when he calls us to the feast his banner over us is peace.
Our hope and salvation sent down from above,
the first Advent candle is Love.

A Hymn: *The King shall come when morning dawns* (St 1) #73

The Collect of the Day: p. 211

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 humili-

ty; 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.**

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

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!

The Response: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“**May they prosper who love you.**

**Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.**

**For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.**

**Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”**

**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.**

The New Testament 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.

A Hymn: ***Signs of endings all around us***

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The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 24:36-44**

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.”

The Sermon: The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson

The Nicene Creed: p. 358

The Prayers of the People: Form I p. 383

Birthdays: Mary Hart Darden, Richard DeFreeuw, Gregory Liles, and Pat Rountree.

Anniversaries: John & Deidre Dickins and David & Debbie Russell.

Parish Prayer List: Ronnie Aylward, Magdalene Barnes, Sylvia Bourcier, Arthur Buchanan, Juel Carr, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Richard Harrell, Thomas Hilton, Patricia Hundley, Elizabeth Jenkins, Peggy Moore, Dixie Peachy, Frances Pettit, Doreen Pickering, Sandi Rekkedal, and Lyn Snyder.

The Departed: Jack Pettit, Elsie Carr Duke, Mary Carr Butler, and Connie Pettit.

The Confession & Absolution: p. 360

The Peace: p. 360

The Offertory

The Anthem: *Keep your lamps*

Spiritual-arr. Andre' Thomas

The Holy Communion:

Eucharistic Prayer B: p. 367

The Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* S-130

The Lord's Prayer: p. 364

The Fraction and Anthem:

The Communion of the People:

Every person who has been baptized into the Christian faith and life in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. Communion wine is served in individual cups, which, once consumed, members place of a tray located in the Chancel area. If you are not able to negotiate the Chancel steps the priest will be happy to bring communion to you at your pew.

Most Sundays a member of the congregation will be available to pray with you privately after you receive communion. This person will be standing at the Prayer Desk next to the pulpit. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for healing and grace.

The Communion Hymn: *Isaiah the prophet has...* **WLP #723**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion: p. 366

The Blessing:

The world is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone;
your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament;
your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love—your love—
changes everything.

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be among you this day and remain with you always.

A Hymn: ***Lo! He comes with clouds descending***

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The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

An Organ Voluntary: ***Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles***-J.S. Bach

Announcements

Communion-to-Go Bags are still available if you are not able to attend next week's service and plan to watch on Facebook Live.

Calendar

- Today **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist on the First Sunday of Advent**
- 12/4 **The Second Sunday of Advent**
St. Nicholas Party after Church
Advent Vespers at 4:00.
- 12/6 **Bach's Lunch Concert** at 12:10. Come and enjoy a music program and bring a bag lunch to enjoy afterward.
- 12/11 **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** after Church
Presentation on the Camino after Church
- 12/17 **Virginia Handbell Consort** at 4:00
- 12/18 **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** after Church
- 12/21 **Longest Night Service** at 5:30.

12/24 **Christmas Pageant and Family Service** on Christmas
Eve at 4:00

A Festival Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 5:30

12/25 **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 (said service)

Assisting in Today's Service

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>L.E.M.</u>	<u>Vestry Ushers</u>
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The Vestry: Mary Ellen Baur, Tom Coxe, Mary Kemple Henderson, Beau Holland, Bob Leonard, Nina Matukewicz, Terry Mottley, Wanda Rector, Bill Sage, and Norma Spain (Registrar)

The Treasurer: Beau Holland

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