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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

December 3, 2023 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).
Hymns and Service Music (S) are in the Hymnal 1982.*

PIANO PRELUDE 3 Variations on *Nun komm* (Hymn #54).....J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding MERTON

The liturgy continues on page 355 of the Prayer Book.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

TRISAGION S-102 (*sung three times*).....Russian Orthodox chant, adapt.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

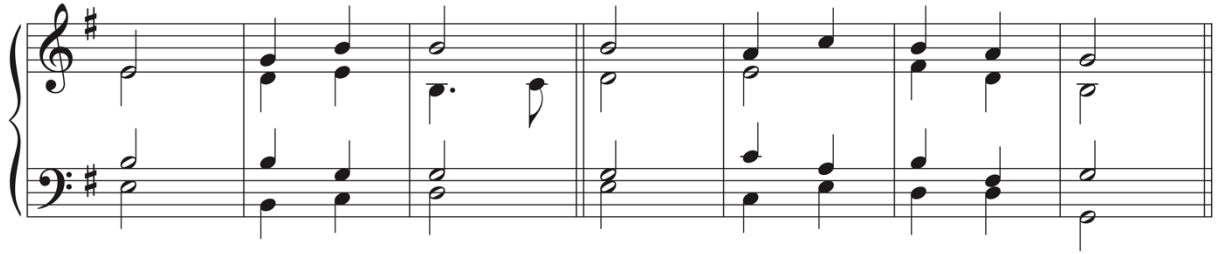
O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down,
so that the mountains would quake
at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble
at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds
that 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.

How to Read Anglican Chant

One half-verse of Psalm text corresponds to the music between the two half (hollow) notes.

1. The text is chanted on the first pitch until the first tick mark (').
2. Then, in general, syllables move at the same pace as the pitches.
 - a. If two dots appear above a syllable, two pitches are sung to that syllable.
 - b. If a bracket appears above multiple syllables, all of those are sung to the same pitch (do not move notes until the end of the bracket).
3. All the syllables after the last tick mark are recited on the latter hollow note.
4. If there is a dagger (†) before a verse, it is sung to the second half of the chant.



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading ¹Joseph like a ¹flock; *
shine forth, you that are en¹throned up¹on the ¹cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, ¹Benjamin, and Ma¹nasseh, *
stir up your ¹strength and ¹come to ¹help us.
- †3 Restore us, O ¹God of ¹hosts; *
show the light of your ¹countenance, and ¹we shall be ¹saved.
- 4 O LORD ¹God of ¹hosts, *
how long will you be angered
de¹spite the ¹prayers of your ¹people?
- 5 You have fed them with the ¹bread of ¹tears; *
you have given them ¹bowls of ¹tears to ¹drink.
- 6 You have made us the de¹rision of our ¹neighbors, *
and our ¹enemies ¹laugh us to ¹scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O ¹God of ¹hosts; *
show the light of your ¹countenance, and ¹we shall be ¹saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the ¹man of your ¹right hand, *
the son of man you have ¹made so ¹strong for your ¹self.
- 17 And so will we never ¹turn a ¹way from you; *
give us life, that we may ¹call up¹on your ¹Name.
- †18 Restore us, O LORD ¹God of ¹hosts; *
show the light of your ¹countenance, and ¹we shall be ¹saved.

THE EPISTLE..... 1 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.

HYMN 61 “Sleepers, wake!” a voice astounds us WACHET AUF

THE HOLY GOSPEL 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.”

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED..... Prayer Book, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form V..... Prayer Book, page 389

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book, page 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 74Blest be the King whose coming..... ST. THEODULPH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B..... Prayer Book, page 367

SANCTUS S-130..... Franz Schubert (1797–1828), *Deutsche Messe*

FRACTION ANTHEM S-164..... Franz Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

ANTHEM *Rorate caeli* Plainsong, mode I
Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our most holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

- Isaiah 45:8, 64:9-11 (KJV)

ANTHEM Savior of the nations, come..... melody fr. *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524,
arr. Toole

The anthem text may be found at Hymn #54.

HYMN 601 O day of God, draw nigh..... ST. MICHAEL

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONPrayer Book, page 365

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 68Rejoice, rejoice, believers!LLANGLOFFAN

PIANO POSTLUDE“Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum” from *Children’s Corner*C. Debussy (1862–1918)

Join us for Advent and Christmas at Holy Cross!

ECW Soup Days..... Wednesday, December 6, 13, and 20 (Undercroft)

Christmas Eve Early Mass.....Sunday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass Sunday, December 24, 11:00 p.m.

Carol sing and prelude will begin at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass..... Monday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. (Chapel)



Welcome to the Church of the Holy Cross! Our community is grounded in Baptism, Eucharist, prayer, and service. For it is in these things that we answer the call of our Lord to love God and love our neighbor.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday..... ECW Soup Day (Undercroft), 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (\$7.00)
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Saturday Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

SERVING TODAY

Kirk Fontenot
Mike Wilkerson
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Mike Wilkerson
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carolyn Mahlen
Herschel Richard
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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Donna Neal
USHERS

Grady Jackson
ACOLYTE

Tommie Sue Brooks
Cheryl McBride
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The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D., D.D.
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