



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C
November 28, 2021, 8AM & 4PM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!

Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer.

Everything you will need for this service is contained in this bulletin.

*The Diocese of Newark requires masks
to be worn in our building.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays the Collect, after which all respond **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 246

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

read antiphonally, by half 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The people stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: As we await the coming of Christ, let us pray for the Church and the world, saying **'Come, Lord Jesus.'**

The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Each petition concludes We pray to you O Lord,
People respond **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Holding fast to your steadfast presence...
... through Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit is glorified to the ages of ages.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *The people kneel or stand.* BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

After the Absolution is said, the people respond **Amen.**

The people stand.

THE PEACE

The Peace will be exchanged with your neighbor verbally.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org, then 'Online Giving'.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 good...

... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the
glory of your Name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

BCP, p. 362

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion on extended hands.
To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond Amen.

DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response **Thanks be to God!**

Calendar Highlights

See our website at gracemadison.org for more details.

Today, 11:15AM , Grace Hall— **Advent Wreath-Making & Coffee Hour**

Advent Bible Study with Father Asa *"A Beginners' Guide to Advent"*

Four sessions beginning this Wednesday, December 1, at 10AM on Zoom; and 7PM in-person at Grace Church.

Wednesday, December 1, 11AM—**Funeral service for Thomas Fox, Jr.**

Sunday, December 5, at 4PM—**Vigil Mass for the Feast of Saint Nicholas** with music in Grace Hall. Join in Advent Carol singing on the Ihloff Terrace and a visit from Saint Nicholas.

Monday, December 6, between 1PM-7PM—**NJ Blood Service blood** drive in Grace Hall. Register on our website: www.gracemadison.org

Tuesday, December 7, 7PM, Grace Hall—**Circle of Women** with Mother Susan.

Sunday, December 19, 5PM **Advent Evensong**

Sunday, December 19, 6PM **Tree of Light**. Outdoor tree lighting in honor, memory, and thanks. Names need to be received by December 13 for inclusion in a *Tree of Light* Booklet.



*A Big Thank You to those who have already pledged!!
If you have not pledged yet, please help us by pledging as soon as possible, as we are creating next year's budget which support many ministries and support our work as a church.*

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