



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C
November 28, 2021, 10AM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us! Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (the red book) and most of our music can be found in the Hymnal 1982 (the blue book.) Everything you will need for this service is contained in this bulletin except the hymns which can be found in the blue hymnal.

**The bell will ring one minute before the service begins,
inviting the assembly to be seated and enter into
prayerful silence as our service and live-stream begin.**

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

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

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- 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.

GRADUAL HYMN

“O come, O come,
Emmanuel”
sung by all

Hymnal 56
verses 1 & 2

All are invited to sing. Please keep your masks on.

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*
- 2 O come, thou 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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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

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.**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION *The people kneel.* 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 verbally
with your neighbor from your pew.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Come thou long-expected Jesus”

Adult Choir

Marty Wheeler Burnett



For those worshipping with us in person, there is an offering plate available in the Narthex following the service. Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org, select Giving.

The people stand.

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

(Powell)

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people remain standing or kneel.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“O Heiland, reiss die Himmel auf”
organ

Friedrich Zipp

“A New Year Carol”
School Choirs

Benjamin Britten

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

The people stand or kneel.

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

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

CLOSING HYMN

“Hark! a thrilling voice”

Hymnal 59

(Merton)

All are invited to sing. Please keep your masks on.

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing; “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 “Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day.”
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“O Heiland, reiss die Himmel auf”

Helmut Walcha

‘O Saviour, tear open the heavens’

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Read Dr. Anne’s blog about the music in our service
<https://annematlack.wordpress.com/>

Calendar Highlights *See 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 n-person at Grace Church.

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

Sunday, December 5, at 4PM, Grace Hall— **Vigil Mass for the Feast of St. Nicholas.**

Join in Advent Carol singing on the Ihloff terrace and visit from St. 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 Dec. 13 for inclusion in 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.*

Grace Episcopal Church

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Holy Eucharist Services

8AM - 10AM - 4PM

Tuesday

8:30AM Morning Prayer, Zoom

Wednesday

8:30AM Holy Eucharist with
Healing Prayer in the Sanctuary

Thursday

8:30AM Morning Prayer, Zoom

Saturday

8:30AM Morning Prayer, Zoom

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Asa David Coulson, *Associate*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir Director*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choir Assistant*

Henry Marinovic, *Organ Scholar*

Luke Deane, Charlie Love, Mia Melchior,

Claudia Sydenstricker, Elisabeth Wielandy

Head Choristers

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

Kit Cone, *Senior Verger Emeritus*

Mia Melchior & Peter Munter, *Head Acolytes*

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*

Sam Dixon, *Sexton*