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Sunday, November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent  
Advent Festival of Lessons & Hymns  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Worship at 10:15am

In-Person & Facebook Live  
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## First Sunday of Advent: Hope

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. The church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. So, we light the first candle—the candle of hope—and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

*(Lector lights the first blue candle.)*

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

## Processional

## “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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Dear People of God: In the Season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen*

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: 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 forever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*all are seated for the Lessons*

**The First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15**

**Fred Schroeder, Lector**

*A Reading from Genesis*

*Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the garden of Eden.*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 12:2-6

Celebrant & People

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

The Second Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Elizabeth Hill, *Lector*

*A Reading from Jeremiah*

*A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

Hymn

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

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The Third Lesson: Baruch 4:36-5:9

Darlene Hall, *Lector*

*A Reading from Baruch.*

*The Scribe Baruch urges people to look east because salvation is at hand*

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the

robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low, and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

Hymn

"People, Look East"

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The Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-4

Mary Upton, Lector

*A Reading from Micah.*

*The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Alternating Verses

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.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

**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.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgression; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

**All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**The Fifth Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

**Fred Schroeder, Lector**

*A reading from Zephaniah.*

*The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**Seq**

**“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”**

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**The Gospel**

**Luke 1:26-38**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke: The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was

much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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The Nicene Creed    Celebrant & Congregation  
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.*

## Prayers of the People

*Kneeling or standing as able*

As we begin this Advent Season and a new Church Year, give us grace to make amendment of life and to discern right pathways as we prepare for the coming of our Savior:

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Grant us joy in friendship, in family, and in our faith community that the Lord might make us to increase and abound in love for one another and for all:

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

Strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be found blameless before you at the coming of Christ:

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me.**

Fill our children with anticipation and godly wonder, and use our Advent preparations to deepen their faith:

**You are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted.**

Be with our sick, ministering to their anxieties and infirmities, praying especially for those for whom our prayers are now offered Anita, Beth, Danny, Dave, Delinda, Denny, Delores, Donna, Elaine, Ian, Jane, Jeff, Jerry, Jessica, Joan, Jonah, Judy, Julie, Karen, Kathleen, Kenneth, Kent, Kim, Lauren, Penny, Richard, Robert, Ron, Rose, Suzanne, Susan, Taylor and Logan and their newborn Oaklyn Mae. Bring healing, strength, and peace:

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

We place our sure confidence in your righteous branch, the scourge of all injustice, the hope of the poor, the longing of Judah, and our journey's end:

**Gracious and upright is the Lord.**

For those seeking greater depth of life, and for all whom you are drawing to yourself, make this Advent a season in which wonder is stirred, quests are answered, and of spiritual homecoming:

**The Lord guides the humble in doing right, and teaches the lowly.**

Pray for our Full Communion Partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pray for the people of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger

Pray for St. James Episcopal Church, Wichita, The Reverend Dawn Frankfurt, The Reverend Sam Criss, The Reverend Joseph Bayles, The Reverend Dillion Green, Curate, The Reverends Jeff Roper, and Deedee Evans, Deacons and their lay leadership



For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, for our Bishop Cathleen Bascom, for all bishops and ministers, and for all the holy people of God.

For Heartland Minster and their Shepherd, The Reverend Marc McDonald, Rector of St Andrews Episcopal Church, Emporia Kansas.

We give thanks for St. Matthew's and Trinity and pray for St. Matthew's Payee Program, Northridge Elementary School their teachers, staff, students and families, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach of our churches.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.***

### The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### Offertory Sentence

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be save through him. *John 3:16-17*

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

**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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." +++

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." +++

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.* + + +

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymn

“Of the Father's Love Begotten”

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### The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us out now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Announcements

- Bring a snack to share at coffee hour. Let us help you clean up your leftovers!

Recessional

“Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending”

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## The Dismissal

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Kelli Glann

## Ministers This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson

The Rev. Barbara Gibson, *Deacon*

Darlene Hall, *Lector*

Elizabeth Hill, *Lector*

Fred Schroeder, *Lector*

Mary Upton, *Lector*

Kelli Glann, *Organist*

Melissa Keenan, *Altar Guild*

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