

*First Sunday*  
OF ADVENT

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

*Plainsong Mode 4*

Processional Hymn #56 “O come, O come, Emmanuel” *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*  
(verses 1-3)

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Priest:* Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming.

*People:* **Come and fill us with your life.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: We are here because of the promises of God. God kept the promise to our ancestors in the coming of the Savior on the first Christmas. God keeps the promise to come to us constantly. God will keep the promise to come again in glory.

***Response:* Our light is the Word of God, the assurance of the Lord to come. The light of these candles will illumine our minds and hearts to remember the faithfulness of God. Let there be light. (The first candle of Advent is lit)**

Leader: God of all ages, stir up our hearts and create new room in us for your light to shine.

The Trisagion

Hymnal #S-102

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.**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

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.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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

Second Lesson

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.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn #640 “Watchman Tell Us of the Night”  
(verse 1)

Aberystwyth

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

*Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.”

*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Garrett Mettler

## The Prayers of the People

*Priest:* As the church worldwide celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part.

For all peoples of every race and nation: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

***People:* And grant us your mercy.**

For all the faithful throughout the world: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**And grant us your mercy.**

For Christian communities in every place, those that are young and emerging and those that are aging and changing: Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**And grant us your mercy.**

For those who live in fear and confusion: We share a heart with those who suffer violence and are cast out for any reason. We ask you to show us ways to bring healing where there is brokenness, for we know that you, O God, love without exception. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**And grant us your mercy.**

For this community, especially for those who suffer most; for the emotionally and physically ill, for the dying, for those who grieve. We pray particularly for Sue, Brian, Barbara, James, Elaine, Vincent, Bob, Joan, Kate, Ashley, Nada, Joseph, Ariana, Susie, Sander, Sara, Hannah, John R., Vincent B., Carolyn, John C., Toni, Avery, Dorothy, Bryn, Libby, Judith, Kevin, Diane, Joe, Bea, Jerry, Miriam, Audrey, Inez, Lee, Virginia, Bob and Fran, Rosemarie, Marilyn, Robin, Ann-Marie, Norbert, Monica, Beth, John, Patty, Michelle, Eric, Dawn, Joe, Robyn, Clara and Susan, Bennett and family, the Salas family, the Medla family, and William and family. Help us all to offer comfort and support as we have the ability. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**And grant us your mercy.**

For those in our wider community, especially for newborn children, the homeless, and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food and medical care are available for all and where justice is afforded to all people equally. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
**And grant us your mercy.**

Bless those who have died, especially Sandy, and any others, that they may have rest with you. Bless also those who mourn, especially the Medla family, and any others, that they may be comforted. Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
**And grant us your mercy.**

On this first day of a new year, we lift up our prayer as an offering to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now and at the close of this age. **Amen.**

### The Confession

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### The Peace

### Announcements

Offertory Hymn #496 "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"

*Wie schon leuchtet*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Eucharistic Prayer C

Priest           The Lord be with you.

**People**        ***And also with you.***

Priest           Lift up your hearts.

**People**        ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Priest           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**        ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*By his blood, he reconciled us.*  
*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Priest and People say together*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

**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 Fraction

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. May they be a remembrance that Christ died for you, and may you feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(Though we cannot share the Holy Eucharist in person during this service please know that it is available by appointment during the week. Please call the Trinity Church office at 845-896-9884 or the St. James Church office at 914-669-5563 to arrange a time.)*

Communion Hymn #318

“Here O My Lord”

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Post Communion Hymn Taizé III #20

I Am Sure I Shall See

I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Yes, I shall see the goodness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord.

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## The Post-Communion Prayer

**God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your light so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Emmanuel. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Closing Processional #54 “Savior of the nations, come!”

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

## The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. alleluia, alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God; alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

*Claude Goudimel*

Processional Hymn #56 “O come, O come, Emmanuel” *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with “The Song of Mary” on the dates given.*

# #S-102 The Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

# Gospel Hymn #640 “Watchman Tell Us of the Night”

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it  
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges  
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

*Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.*

# Offertory Hymn #496 “How Bright Appears the Morning Star”



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam -  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -



ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,



and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

## Communion Hymn #318

## "Here O My Lord"



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;  
 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;  
 an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;  
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.

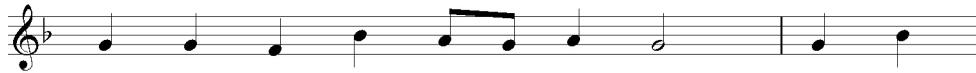


here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;

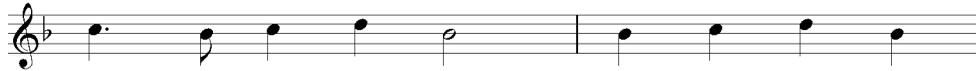


and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.  
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

## Closing Processional #54 "Savior of the nations, come!"



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.



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