

November 28, 2021

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford
First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 a.m.

Prelude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die stimme* BWV 645 ... J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn: #61 Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

"Sleepers, wake!"

A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:

"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"

Midnight's peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken:

"The time has come, O maidens wise!

Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight.

Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."

Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.

Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace,
in truth victorious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, Incarnate Word,

Alleluia!

We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.

Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:

through them we stream to join the immortals as we with joy your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight, no ear hear such delight:

Alleluia!

Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People:

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

Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your hold Name;

through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise – "Once more the Advent candles burn" vss. 1,2

Wm. Flanders

Once more the Advent candles burn.

For new, for fuller life we yearn.

Let music cast a hopeful spell:

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel." We sing. We sing.

A verse that once Isaiah wrote.
Saint Matthew in his time would quote:
"A child shall be conceived and birthed,
a blessing giv'n to all the earth." We hear. We hear.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.** *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Prayed together:

**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;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi* *prayed responsively*

- 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.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn # 74 Blest be the king whose coming vss.1,3,4

Valet will ich dir geben

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!**

**Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!**

**Blest be the King! Whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!**

The Gospel:

The Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospeller concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. *People respond:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Harrison West

Nicene Creed

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: Form V

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Please turn with me to Prayer Book page 389 for Form Five, this morning's Prayers of the People.

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth

and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura our own Bishops,

for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world,
that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice,
and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community Town of Guilford, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation,
that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you,
O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart,
and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to
you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and neighbors;
that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health and for all who have commended
themselves to our prayers, including Brennie, Patti, Sandy, Murray, Joanne, Anne, Janet, Mardee and fam-
ily, Philip, Ryan and those on your hearts, ... we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Robert T. and Franceska Cairns, Elisabeth and Robert Glenn, Martin G. Maher, and Norton Morrison,
whom we hold in blessed memory, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and
those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the
saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain
or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,
and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant:

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and
for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

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.

Celebrant:

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

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

Announcements and Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory anthem: Offertory anthem: Advent Carol

A. V. Fedak

The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Hymnal #S-114 Holy, holy, holy

H. Willan

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:
Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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Invitation to Communion

Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

Communion

Communion solo: Communion solo: My Lord, what a morning ... trad. spiritual, arr.
Leila Mustakos, soprano

H. T. Burleigh

Postcommunion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

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of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these
holy mysteries that we are living members of the
Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you
Have given us to do, to love and serve you as
Faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #57 Lo, he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsey

**Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

Dismissal: "Let us go forth in the name of Christ." *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Valet will ich dir geben* BWV 735

J. S. Bach

*Today's altar flowers are in loving memory of
Robert T. and Franceska Cairns, Elisabeth and Robert Glenn,
Martin G. Maher, and Norton Morrison
By Bob and Nancy Cairns.*

Officiant: The Rev. Harrison West

Music Director: Mark Sullivan

Usher: Kay Claiborn

1st Reading & Psalm: Bob Donahue

2nd Reading: Susan Leonard

Prayers of the People: Bill Cuddy

Soloist: Leila Mustakos

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Upcoming Calendar Events



1 Advent (Year C) – Sunday, November 28, 2021

Morning Prayer in the Garden (or Parish Hall) – 9AM

Sunday School on holiday – resumes on December 3 @ 10:00

Holy Eucharist – 10AM (streamed and in-person)

Refreshments – outside weather permitting

The Path – Monday, November 29 @ 7PM via Zoom

Cecelia Parker – Office Hours – Tuesday, November 30 in the Guild Room – 11:00 – 4:00

Order of the Evening – Wednesday, December 1 @ 7PM in person and livestreamed

The Path (Bible Study) on Thursday, December 2 @ 9:30AM – Zoom

Wreath-making – Thursday, December 2, 3-6PM – Parish Hall

Chili-to-Go, Wreaths, Christmas Market – Friday, December 3 @ 5-7PM (along with the Tree Lighting)

2 Advent – Sunday, December 5, 2021

Morning Prayer in the Garden (or Parish Hall) @ 9:00AM

Sunday School – 10:00AM

Holy Eucharist – 10AM (streamed and in-person)

Refreshments – outside weather permitting

Outreach – Monday, December 6 @ 6:30

The Path – Monday, December 6 @ 7PM via Zoom

Cecelia Parker – Office Hours – Tuesday, December 7 in the Guild Room – 11:00 – 4:00

Order of the Evening – Wednesday, December 8 @ 7PM in person and livestreamed

The Path – Thursday, December 9 @ 9:30 via Zoom

ECW Holiday Party Lunch – Thursday, December 9 @ Noon – Maritime Grille

Poetry Retreat led by Cecelia Parker – Saturday, December 11 from 11AM – 1PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal Church Women News:

ECW now has flyers for their December 9th **Annual Christmas Luncheon** outside the office, in the church and parish Hall, on the table under the window. They also have **“Cookie-Less Cookie Boxes”** that maybe picked up now in the parish hall or December 3rd, in the driveway during the Chili “To-Go” and wreath sale. This is a re-usable container that you can remove ribbon and bow and fill with your own baked goods, craft item, etc. Your Free Will donation for the boxes will be used for their high school scholarship program. Holiday cardholders will also be available in the Parish Hall. There will be an honor system collection box for each. ECW’s ongoing and much needed “New Sox and Underwear” project and Food Bank memorial projects continue. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

The Chili Supper will return on Friday, December 3 from 5-7PM, the evening of the Tree-Lighting on the Green. **This year we will have “Chili-to-go” in the Church driveway.** Chili-to-go in a paper cup with cornbread on a napkin and hot cider. Adults - \$8, kids - \$5. Proceeds to Meals on Wheels.

The Annual Wreath Sale will begin on Friday, December 3 through Sunday, December 5. Order forms can be found on the table at the back of the church and in the Rectory and orders must be received by December 1st. Please include payment with order form. For questions please contact Sue Shackford.

Christmas Market – December 3rd 5-7p.m.

Your Tag Sale Team is trying something new before the Town Tree Lighting! Come see our **outdoor** Christmas Market held at the same time as the Chili-to-Go and youth wreath sale. The market will feature holiday enter-

taining and decorating items, as well as NEW gifts and holiday baskets. Proceeds will fund needed building improvements. Get in the holiday spirit and support Christ Church! Thank you!