

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the  
**HEAVENLY REST**

God's Love. For All.

First Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Sunday, December 1, 2024  
10:30 in the morning

**PRELUDE** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

**INTROIT** *Matin Responsory*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

*Cantor: I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say*

*Choir: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?*

*Cantor: High and low, rich and poor, one with another.*

*Choir: Go ye out to meet him and say:*

*Cantor: Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.*

*Choir: Tell us, art thou he that should come?*

*Choir: Stir up thy strength, O Lord and come to reign over thy people Israel.*

*Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*Choir: I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?*

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Hymn 436

Tune: *Truro*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

*Celebrant*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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 holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Kyrie, Lord have mercy*

Hymn S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, have mercy'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of the score is: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second line is: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

### 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 for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

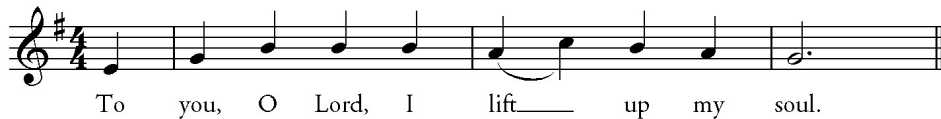
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will 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 Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation alternates with the choir, singing the text in bold*

ANTIPHON *Organ, Choir, All*



PSALM TONE

*tone: VENI EMMANUEL*



*The congregation alternates with the choir, singing the text in bold*

PSALM 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 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 [tri]-umph 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.**

*Antiphon*

- 5 Remember O Lord your com-[passion] and love,\*  
for they are from [ev]-erlasting.
- 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 [do]-ing 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.

*Antiphon*

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 Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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

**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 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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Children ages four through seven are invited to attend Wiggle Worship. Children who would like to attend Wiggle Worship may follow the Children's cross to the Children's worship space. Children who attend Wiggle Worship will return to the Nave during the Peace.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Romanik, *Rector*

*Following the sermon, all stand for*

THE 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A Deacon or Priest says*

For God alone our souls in silence wait; from God comes our salvation.

*All kneel or stand*

*Intercessor*

Almighty God, give us grace to confess your Name, that your Church may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

*Silence*

Stir up your power, Almighty God, as we strive to serve the common good, that we may confront each other without bitterness and work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

*Silence*

By your daily visitation, increase our reverence before the mystery of life, that with wisdom and determination we may honor your creation in accordance with your will.

*Silence*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, that we may remember and serve those whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them.

*Silence*

Let your bountiful grace speedily help and deliver all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, that those who are in need of healing may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care.

*Silence*

We commend to your mercy all who have died; and we pray that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*Silence*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon*

As we seek to heed the warnings of the prophets, we pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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.**

*All stand for*

## THE PEACE

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*At Heavenly Rest, we believe that we are called to respond to God's grace and generosity by giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The work of this church community is made possible by the financial contributions of those who worship here and participate in the life of this place.*

*There are several ways to make a financial gift to Heavenly Rest: you may place cash or a check in the alms basin as it goes by; text the amount you wish to contribute to 84321; use the "Give" tab on your profile in the ChurchCenter App (also known as the Directory App); or visit our website by using the QR code below.*

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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lo! He Come, with Clouds Descending*

David H. Williams (b. 1919)

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; Thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign. Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, 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 worshippers: with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars! Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the pow'r and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Thou shalt reign and thou alone. Amen.*

### PRESENTATION HYMN *Blest be the King whose coming*

Hymn 74

Tune: *Valet will ich dir geben*

Those who are celebrating birthdays in the month of December  
are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

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:

## THE SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are  
full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel as they are able*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.



We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei*

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service.*

*Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*The King shall come when morning dawns*

Hymn 73  
Tune: *St. Stephen*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymn 56  
Tune: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

*The Celebrant blesses the People  
All stand and sing*

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Hymn 57  
Tune: *Helmsley*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

*Celebrant* - The Rev. Amanda Watson, *Assistant Rector for Community Life*

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