

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

# The First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023 | 8:45am

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Veni Emmanuel

Edward C. Bairstow

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 110

Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

OPENING HYMN • 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures forever.

#### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 351

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP, p. 352

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 BCP, p. 353

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.** 

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Hymn S96) Schubert



COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 211

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.** 

Please be seated.

THE READING 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 80:1-7 Chanted by the choir

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.

Please stand, as you are able.

# SEQUENCE HYMN • 51 We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

DECATUR PLACE

Children in Grades K-4 process to Kids Chapel in Johnson Hall, returning to the service at the Peace.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "But 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."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Colin Ambrose

Please stand, as you are able.

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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM II

BCP, p. 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; and our Bishop, John; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our president, Joe, our governor, Bill, and our mayor, Freddie; for the members of the armed forces serving our country; for our enemies and those who wish us harm; those affected by the violence and suffering in Israel and the Middle East and in Ukraine; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. I especially ask your prayers for Reba Barker, Sandy Berry, Anna Kate Craig, Livi Grasman, John Mynatt, Susan Narramore, Acra Samuels, Trish Thomas, and Mike Waller. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who seek God or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Carolyn Housley, mother of Cindy Sanders; and Ruth McCabe. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for the births of Kathrine Janes Sullivan, daughter of Katie and Clay Sullivan and granddaughter of Kay & Brent Neal; and Frances Grace Williams, daughter of Annie Deptula-Williams and Shawn Williams.

Silence

You are invited to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond **Amen.** 

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE BCP, p. 360

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

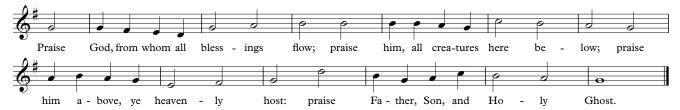
#### THE OFFERTORY

O thou, the central orb Charles Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light,
Of this our wint'ry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height.
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

# AT THE PRESENTATION The Doxology

(Hymn 380, verse 3) Old 100th



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

The celebrant says a Proper Preface.

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:



Please kneel or remain standing, as you 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,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP, p. 364



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.

Notes on Receiving Communion All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

After receiving communion, a Prayer Minister will be available in the front right corner of the Nave to pray with you for intercessions, thanksgivings, or other petitions.

# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be: Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Please kneel, as you are able, for the prayer.

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Let us pray.

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 BCP, p. 366

Please stand, as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN • 73 The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

THE DISMISSAL BCP, p. 366

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Allegro Maestoso from 'Sonata IV'

Felix Mendelssohn

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Clergy The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, celebrant; the Rev. Colin Ambrose, preacher; the Rev. Margery Kennelly; and the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi Verger David Puryear

Acolytes Mills Darst, Coerte Crawford, and Eliza Baggott

Advent Wreath Lighting The Walker Family: Emily, Chris, Morgan, and Lawson

Lector Francie Logan

Oblation Bearers The Nelson Family: Joey, Prentiss, Lillian, and Willa

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Ella Redkevitch, Jason Callen, Brad Pendleton, and Matthew Smith

Greeters Harry Allen, Nancy Dugger, and Kristen Gallimore

The Advent greens in the Nave are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of E. Bronson Ingram by Martha Ingram and family.

#### MUSIC NOTE

Together with our opening hymn, the offertory anthem evokes a great sense of hope and majesty as we hear in the gospel reading today. O thou, the central orb by Charles Wood (1866-1926) features exuberant lines from the organ and choir. The organ sets the majestic tone, and the choir has wonderfully soaring lines throughout, capturing the feeling of waiting for the light and clearing of darkness. It is written in ABA form (three sections where the first and last share identical musical ideas). Draw us in Spirit's tether by Harold Friedell (1905-1958) is a response to the epistle reading. Friedell is a well-known American church musician, educator and composer who was based in New York. The text was written by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), an English liturgists and a poet, who contributed great amount of texts and materials for distinct English/Anglican choral music during the turn of the century.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:* 

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Church of North India (United).

In the Episcopal Church, we pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for our Bishop, John Bauerschmidt, and the Church of the Advent in Nashville.

In our community, we pray for First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In our parish, we pray for St. George's Choir; our Nashville Fellows, Alex, Derek, Laura, and Olivia; and our Organ Intern, Abe.

TODAY! St. Luke's Toy Drive St. Luke's Community House has a rich history of supporting children and families during the holiday season. When you donate brand new toys to St. Luke's Toy Store, you ensure that more than 600 children signed up for this year's Toy Store may have a special gift for the holidays. To contribute, bring new, unwrapped toys for children (0-18), and leave them at designated drop-off points around the church. Or visit stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach to shop online from St. Luke's wish lists.

**TODAY! "Ask Me Anything" Panel for Parents** Join us in Dandridge Hall at 10:05am for a special youth panel moderated by Sarah Puryear. Several of our graduating youth will answer your parenting questions and sharing their insights on family, faith, friends and more.

**TODAY! Lessons & Carols** This festive service on Sunday, December 3 at 6:00pm features all of our dedicated choirs as we share profound Scripture readings, Advent carols, and beautiful choral anthems. Dr. Wilma Jensen, our Organist & Choirmaster Emerita, will offer a 30-minute prelude at 5:30pm. This service is a well-attended favorite, so please arrive early.

Parish Christmas Party All adults of St. George's are invited to the annual Parish Christmas Party on Friday, December 8 from 6:00-8:00pm. Join friends old and new at this festive occasion in the Bradford Gallery & Jones Rotunda! This event is \$25 per person and includes a cocktail buffet and beverages. Please register and pay online at stgeorgesnashville.org. You may also mail your check for \$25 per guest to the church office no later than Tuesday, December 5.

**2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar** St. George's Kindergarten will open its 2nd Annual Christmas Bazaar on Thursday, December 7 in Legacy Hall. Visit the bazaar from 9:00am-4:00pm to find unique local gifts for your loved ones this season. Twenty percent of vendor proceeds are donated to the kindergarten.

Christmas Gift Delivery with St. Luke's Each year St. Luke's Community House coordinates the Adopt-A-Senior program to share donated Christmas gifts with low-income seniors in the Nashville area. We need 7 teams with a vehicle that can pick up the gifts at St. Luke's and deliver them to the seniors on Saturday, December 9. Participants should meet at St. Luke's Community House at 9:00am. Additional details and registration are online at stgeorgesnashville.org/news.

A Little Advent Quiet Women are invited to come hear and imagine the beautiful promise of the season. Be refreshed amidst the swirl. This quiet half-day retreat begins at 10:00am with refreshments in Hampton Hall followed by

worship in the Chapel. We will use a traditional form of Ignatian imagination prayer which allows participants to reflect on the unfolding story of Scripture aided by their own imagination and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. There will be time for individual journaling or reading, and the retreat will conclude at 12:30pm after Eucharist.

Christmas Flower Offering Each year, church members are invited to make a special Christmas flower offering in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please make your offering no later than Tuesday, December 12 for your loved ones to be included in the Christmas bulletins. You may use the flower envelopes in the pews or submit your offering online at stgeorgesnashville.org/news.

Church in the Yard We're always looking for volunteers for our ongoing partnership with Church in the Yard. Sunday, December 10. Volunteers are needed to prepare food Saturday morning prior and/or to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday afternoon at Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S). Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach.

Coffee and Conversation on December 14 Seniors are invited to join us in the Gathering Space the second Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 10:30am to enjoy conversation without any agenda. Sweet treats and coffee provided. No reservations, just come as you are.

Christmas Caroling Adults and children of all ages are invited to join the Choir and Choristers of St. George's to sing carols for the residents of Woodcrest at Blakeford on Saturday, December 16. Meet the Music Ministry team at Woodcrest (11 Burton Hills Blvd.) at 10:45am to join in the cheer!

**Silent Night: A Service of Hope & Healing** This is a difficult time of year for many of us as we face anxiety, illness, grief, and all sorts of challenges. On Sunday, December 17, we'll gather for a service of prayer at 6:00pm in the Nave to make space for those seeking God's healing as we move through the holiday season. All are welcome.

Prime Time Speakers Series On Thursday, December 21, join us for a festive presentation of Songs of Christmas & the Season," with our own Gerry Senechal sharing the origins and special characteristics of songs we will be hearing and singing. Invite your friends for this favorite event. Register and pay online for the \$12 lunch at stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors or call 615-385-2150 x 262.

**Give Online** Thanks to so many who make online donations. To give online, visit stgeorgesnashville.org/give or text "GEORGE" to 73256. Message and data rates may apply.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

# 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 10:00am The Table (livestreamed)

#### **Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24 3:00pm\* Traditional (livestreamed) 5:30pm\* Traditional (livestreamed) 10:00pm Traditional with Choral Prelude at 9:30pm (livestreamed)

#### **Christmas Day**

Monday, December 25 10:00am Traditional

\*Nursery available for 8-week-old infants to 2-year-olds born in 2021.

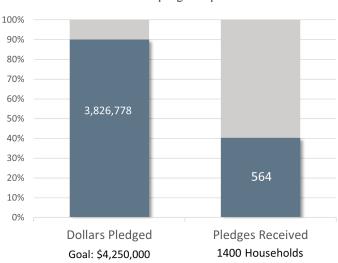
Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/Christmas for details about overflow parking on Christmas Eve.



Caring for Our Parish Thanks to all those who pledged for the 2024 campaign! We have nearly reached our goal. It's not too late to pledge via Realm or online, stgeorgesnashville.org/

annual-campaign. Or you may simply contact Catherine Beemer, Director of Parish Giving, Catherine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150. Thank you for ensuring that our ministries will continue to serve this parish and community.

# Annual Campaign Update





#### STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

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The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff
The Rev. Dr. David Barr, Associate Rector
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Associate Rector
The Rev. Richard Kew, Priest Associate
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then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

**SUNDAY SERVICES** 

7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am: Holy Eucharist

9:00am: The Table

5:00pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)
7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship
10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer

