

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

First Sunday of Advent · Rite I Holy Eucharist · December 1, 2019 · 8 am

Our service begins on page 323 in the blue Book of Common Prayer.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *

the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant As we eagerly await the coming of our Lord and Savior who brings light into our weary world, we turn to you, O God, with our concerns and thanksgivings, saying:
Comfort your people, O God.

Following each petition, the people respond

Let your light shine in our hearts.

The Celebrant concludes:

Comfort, comfort your people, O God. Cause a new light to shine in our hearts, and keep us in hopeful expectation that you will make yourself known to us in small and generous ways as we await the coming of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I 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.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Bob Schlanz, Armand Antommara, Megan Johnson, Peter Merten, Jon Mills, Wes DeVaul, Harry Bextermueller, James Hard, Sarah Sanderson, Bill Culp, Nancy Mackenzie Powell, Heather Kromholz, Charles Baker, Martha Stimson.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth Greenwald Mapes by Anne and Tate Greenwald and in thanksgiving for Rachel Votaw by the Altar Guild.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Philip DeVaul

Deacon

The Rev. Gary Lubin

Lector

Russ Morrison

Lay Reader

Missy Darling

Intercessor

Robin Henderson

Bankers

Cynthia Walker, Ginnie Walker, Michael Staffiera (alt.)

Bread Guild

Cherie Wallpe, Brett Flodder, Guy Byars

Flower Guild

Kathe Kissel, Jenny Gale, Marcia Shortt, Courtney Vice

Altar Guild

Missy Darling, Judy Frey, Lisa Frey, Liz Schildknecht, Kelly Schleker,

Sharon Smith

Children's Liturgy

The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane, Kristin Theobald



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