



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

***The First Sunday of Advent
November 28th, 2021***

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**The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
November 28, 2021**

Prelude: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* J. Krebs (1713-1780)

Processional Hymn #59: *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding* (please stand)

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(First Advent candle is lit.)

Leader: 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.**

Choral Response (sung by the choir)

Light the candle of LOVE today, the Giver of love is here!

Welcome the love we live and die for, but only Christ can give.

Flicker and flame and glow with love, light up the world around you.

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant & People

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.

Gloria S-280 *(said or sung together)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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 for the Lessons)

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

(we will read responsively as instructed by the Lector)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #601: *O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power*

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 (*please stand*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(please be seated)

The Homily: The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

The Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 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.**

Prayers of the People Form II

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 385

(please kneel or be seated as you are able)

We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops - **Michael, Susan, Jennifer** and **Porter**; for **Jennifer**, our Priest; for the clergy and congregations of **St. Bartholomew's, Richmond** and **St. Peter's, Richmond**; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the church.

We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

We ask for your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our intercessions list: **Betty Whitlock, Marie Farrell, Howard Scheurenbrand, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski, Danielle Jones, Robert Whitlock, Richard Bull, Jennifer Hoh-Hill, Shirley Walton Schaffer, Nancy Miller, Joan Brennan, Juanita Casey, Debra Bickley, Dina Richards, Page Bradley, Eddie Moore, Karen Cochrane, Jeff & Kristi, Karen Weaver, Billy Cannon, George & Marnie Stant, May Joswick & family, Michael Goldsmith, Julie Hall & family, Gary, Sandy Jones, Sandy Voellinger, Brenda Anderson, Lola Casey, Gayle Salisbury, Jen Martin, Chris Stanley, and Katrina Stephenson.**

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military, especially **Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Katie Morgan, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser.**

We ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

We ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

We ask your prayers and thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including **Dara Jo Sharpe, and Randy Keil.**

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.

The Celebrant will add a concluding Collect.

Confession

The Book of Common Prayer, pg.360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & 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.

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all yours 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.*

Peace & Greeting *(please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Announcements

Children's Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Anthem: *Let Light Shine Out of Darkness*

2 Corinthians 4:5-6; J. Behnke

Doxology *(please stand – said or sung together)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow/Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host/Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367

(please remain standing)

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.**

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 S-129

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.

(please remain standing or kneel as you are able)

Celebrant 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 in glory;

Celebrant 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 James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born 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,

Celebrant and People

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

**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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

Fraction Anthem S-169

Communion Meditation

Post-Communion Prayer *(please kneel)*

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #66: *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia
People Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Those Who Serve Today

Advent Lighters: Marie Farrell & Susan Courtney (8)/Carol & Sam Hall (10)

Crucifer: Powell Shiflett

Chalice: Linda Harvey

Lector: Kim Williams (8)/Greg Schumacher (10)

Prayers of the People: Dale Williams (8)/Davis Shiflett (10)

Ushers: Sam Hall/Megan Grissom

Altar Guild: Lisa Walton

Videographer: Rachel Wesley

Counters: Kelly Craig/Jill Schumacher

Intercessions

Church Members: Betty Whitlock, Marie Farrell, Howard Scheurenbrand, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski

Family of Church Members: Danielle Jones, Robert Whitlock, Richard Bull, Jennifer Hoh-Hill, Shirley Walton Schaffer, Nancy Miller, Joan Brennan

Friends of Church Members: Marion Johnson, Juanita Casey, Debra Bickley, Dina Richards, Page Bradley, Eddie Moore, Karen Cochran, Jeff & Kristi, Karen Weaver, Billy Cannon, George & Marnie Stant, May Joswick & family, Michael Goldsmith, Julie Hall & family, Gary, Sandy Jones, Sandy Voellinger, Brenda Anderson, Lola Casey, Gayle Salisbury, Jen Martin, Chris Stanley, and Katrina Stephenson.

For those in military service, especially: Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Katie Morgan, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For the clergy and congregations of St. Bartholomew's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Thanksgivings:

29-Dara Jo Sharpe; Dec 01-Randy Keil

Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

We welcome all visitors to St. James. If you would like to know more about our church family, please sign a pew card as well as the guest register on the table in the back. We want to know that you were here, so be sure to leave your contact information, including your mailing address, so that someone can contact you.

Many thanks to all who donated items and helped to fill the Thanksgiving Baskets this year. All baskets were picked up Monday!

The name tags for our Angel Tree Families will be available this Sunday in the Parish Hall - immediately after the early service and before and after the second service. Beginning November 30th, any remaining tags will be available online either through the church or by contacting Chris Shultis at 540 872-2496 or lkashultis@gmail.com . All wrapped gifts should be returned to the Parish Hall by December 19th. Thank you so much for supporting this mission with an abundant amount of love and enthusiasm. We are grateful beyond measure - The Outreach Committee.

On Thursday, December 9th @ 9:00 am, Sunny Agee and her helpers will be busy making the Christmas wreaths to decorate in and around St. James for the holidays. This is an annual tradition, and all are welcome to join in. The more the merrier! Please call Sunny at 540-967-0415 if you would like to help.

A Blue Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 12th, @ 3:00 pm. This service is a quiet and reflective service recognizing that there are those who carry heavy burdens and emotions into the Christmas Season. Focusing less on Christmas cheer and more on the power of Christ's light to overcome darkness, this worship holds up hope in the face of grief and brokenness. All are welcome to join us.