

Holy Eucharist  
Rite II – Contemporary



10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The First Sunday of Advent

Broadcast Live on Facebook

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, NY

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The people stand.*

*One purple candle is lit*

*Celebrant* This morning we light the first candle. The first candle reminds us that, as we wait upon the Lord, God's light never ceases to shine, God's will never ceases to unfold, and God's grace never ceases to be felt. As we begin the journey of Advent, may we learn to wait upon the Lord with hopeful expectation by celebrating all God has done and anticipating all he will do.

Chorus - "Emmanuel"

*Celebration Hymnal #243*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel

Let us pray: God in heaven, as we begin this season of Advent, we pray that you will teach us to wait with patience, endurance, and trust. Holding to the eternal promises revealed to us through your Word, we ask that you remind us of your everlasting presence. **Amen.**

*The people remain standing*

**The Processional Hymn** "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending" vs. 1 & 4

*Hymnal1982 #57*

- 1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

## **An Exhortation**

### *Celebrant*

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.**

*The Priest continues*

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.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

*People* **Christ have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*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.**

## **The Lessons**

*The people sit.*

### **The First Lesson**

**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 Response**

**Psalms 25:1-9 BCP p.614**

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.

## **The Second Lesson**

**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.**

*The people stand for the Gospel Proclamation*

**The Gradual Hymn** “O come, O come, Emmanuel” v. 1

Michelle Wills

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-36**

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

*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.**

**The Gradual Hymn** "O come, O come, Emmanuel" v. 2

Tim Bronk

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Susan Bowman

*The people stand.*

**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 people stand or kneel.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

As we await the coming of your Kingdom, let us pray, saying:

*Leader*            Lord, in your mercy

*People*            **hear our prayer.**

May your Church be united and remain strong and constant in witness to you and service to others. We continue to pray for our Diocese during this time of transition and ask you to inspire and sustain us.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

May the leaders of this country and all who hold authority in the nations of the world, seek your will first and govern with justice and righteousness.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

May our hearts be open to those in our community who are in need. Unite us in compassion and love for one another. We especially place before you the disease present in our world and turn to you in our time of need.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

May we be alert at all times to your nearness in our lives. Show us your ways and direct our actions.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

For those who have been called from this world, especially Virginia Cook, Minnie Schraa, Charles Krantz, & Gail Garson; may they be numbered with your saints.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

On this first day of the year, we offer up our prayers to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars, and in the everyday events of our life that call us to prepare for your coming. Prepare our hearts for your coming and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Celebrant & People*

**Parish Prayer for Mission: Heavenly Father, we ask you to help us fulfill our mission, to worship you in a loving community, to support people on their Christian Journey, and to empower disciples for service, so that we can bring Jesus to each other and to the world. Amen.**

*All stand.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people sit.*

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

*Celebrant*

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

**Offertory Hymn** “The Light of Glory”

St. Stephen’s Choir

*The people stand.*

## **The Doxology**

**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.**

*Celebrant*     All things come of thee, O Lord

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

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph

to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

*Celebrant*      Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*          **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*People and Celebrant*

**We do not presume to come this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*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.

*For those unable to worship in person with us today, we include this prayer. A Spiritual Communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from receiving Holy Communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*(Spiritual Communion Prayer attributed to St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

*The people stand or kneel.*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**



*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.**

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** “Watchman, tell us of the night”

*Hymnal1982 #640*

*(Music, see over)*

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**





1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch - man, does its beau - teous ray  
 course por - tends. Watch - man, will its beams a - lone  
 are with - drawn. Watch - man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it  
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges  
 lie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav - eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

*Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.*

