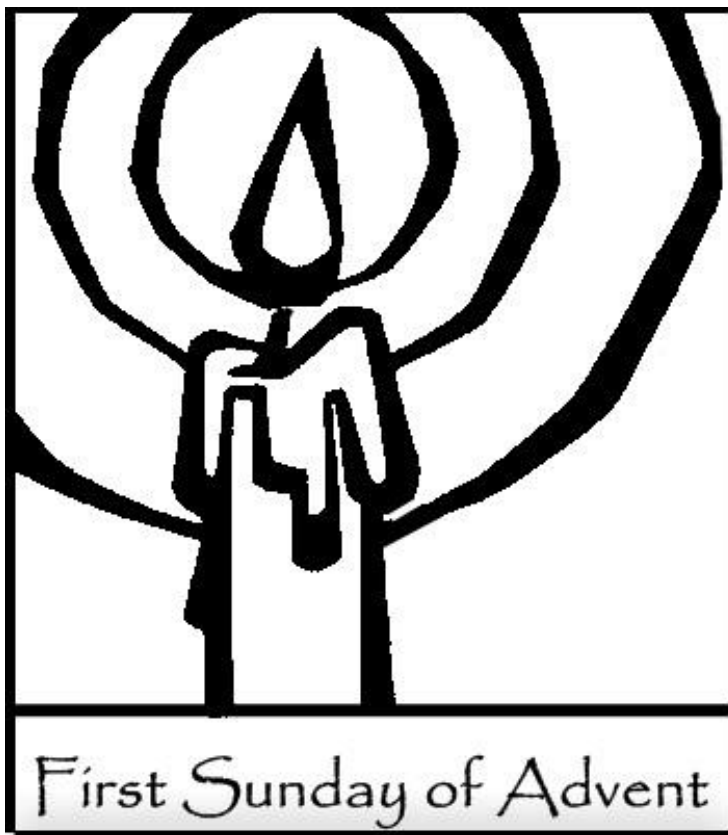


Holy Eucharist  
Rite II – Contemporary



10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
The First Sunday of Advent

Broadcast Live on Facebook

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, NY

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*The people stand.*

**Candle Lighting:** *see insert*

*The people remain standing*

**The Processional Hymn** “Lo! he comes. . .”

*Hymnal1982 #57*

### **Verse 1**

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

### **Verse 2**

Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
deeply wailing  
shall the true Messiah see.

### **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

### **Verse 3**

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture,  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

### **Verse 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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.**

### **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**

**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!

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Response**

**Psalm 122** BCP p. 779

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 Lesson**

**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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand for the Gospel Proclamation*

**The Gradual Hymn** “Creator of the Stars of Night ” v. 1 and 4

*Hymnal1982 #60*

**Verse 1**

Creator of the stars of night,  
your people’s everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.

**Verse 4**

At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord,  
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 24:36-4**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

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

**The Gradual Hymn** “Creator of the Stars of Night ” v.6

*Hymnal1982 #60*

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally.

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Scott Garno

*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 our Messiah, may we open our hearts to Him and step out of darkness into faith saying:

Leader: O, house of Jacob, come

Response: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Prepare and equip Your Church to enkindle a new awareness of Your call to ministry and service to others. May we continue to function as a beacon of hope and promise to the world.

Leader: O, house of Jacob, come

Response: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Direct the nations of the world to lay aside the works of darkness. May we transform our instruments of war into instruments of peace. We pray especially for an end to the war in Ukraine.

Leader: O, house of Jacob, come

Response: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Awaken our hearts to the needs of our community. May we minister to their needs and serve as witnesses of Christ's love and light...drawing others into the fellowship of Your kingdom.

Leader: O, house of Jacob, come

Response: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Help us to reach out and embrace those who are alone, who suffer from pain and grief, for those who live with anxiety and fear. May we welcome the stranger and may they be drawn to worship You with us.

Leader: O, house of Jacob, come

Response: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Grant rest to those we love but see no longer; receive those who have died into Your merciful arms especially Edward Smith, Tanya Mitchell, Minnie Shraa, Gail Garson, and Charles Krantz May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Leader: O, house of Jacob, come

Response: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

*Celebrant*

Come, Lord Jesus, come! We praise you, Lord, for calling us to be Your people and to be instruments of Your presence in this world. In all that we undertake, grant us grace to discern Your will and the strength to do it. **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

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*

*People* The Lord be with you.  
**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*

**In Union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and my body with the earnest desire that I may continually be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*(Spiritual Communion Prayer adapted from the Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951)*

*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** “Rejoice Rejoice Believers”

*Hymnal 1982 #68*

#### **Verse 1**

Rejoice! rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation!  
at midnight comes the cry.

#### **Verse 2**

See that your lamps are burning,  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting,  
the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory,  
the Bridegroom is at hand!

#### **Verse 3**

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**