



The Holy Eucharist

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Sunday, November 27, 2016

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION all stand *BCP, page 323*

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *adapted from* The Rev. Matthew Kozlowksi

Celebrant Today we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

Celebrant "We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield." *Psalms 33:20*

People **Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY all say together

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TRISAGION said three times *BCP, page 324*

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME all say together

Almighty God, we pray for the people of St. Mary's during this time of transition. May we be genuine in our self-reflection, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we seek to find, instill in us trust in your loving guidance. As we seek to challenge, unite us in our commitment to serve and to know Christ in each other and the world; As we seek to inspire, fill us with your bountiful spirit. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

all sit

Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM 122

read responsively by half verse

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SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Matthew 24:36-44

Response after the Deacon introduces the Gospel
Response at the end of the Gospel reading

Glory be to thee, O Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader O God, as sunlight wanes toward the hush of winter, we remember that darkness is where creation began.

People **Keep us mindful of your abiding presence.**

Leader The world aches for justice and peace.

People **Give us the wisdom and courage to do your will.**

Leader We are a people adrift on a hurting planet.

People **Help us turn back to you.**

Leader We yearn for birth of the Incarnate One.

People **Bless all whose lives touch ours.**

Leader Our trust is borne of the gift of your love.

People **Wrap us in your healing embrace.**

Leader Your word is a lamp to our feet.

People **Open our eyes to the light that is sure to come.**

Leader We pray especially for those who have invited our prayers...

The Officiant offers prayers from the St. Mary's Prayer List
and invites the congregation to add theirs.

Deacon Life-giving God, you hovered over the waters of the deep before all time began. Hover over our anxious hearts, heavy with worry and vibrant with hope, that in this season of anticipation we might faithfully tend the mysteries before us and prepare joyfully for your coming again. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN all kneel or stand

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II all stand

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The celebrant continues...

Celebrant Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues....

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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All those who wish to are invited to hold hands during this prayer.

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE INVITATION

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.
Bread and wafers are both available as well as gluten free wafers.
If you have preference, please let the clergy know.
You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine
by crossing your arms over your chest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

all stand and say together

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

*when needed

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

LITURGICAL STAFF

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown
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