

O Rex Gentium

The Second Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist at 10:15AM - December 8, 2024

All Saints EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to All Saints! We are an inclusive, open-minded, open-hearted community, following Jesus in the Way of Love. We are so glad you are here.

We are committed to love in action through the Woodstock Pantry, Hot Meals, Hygiene, Clothing Closet, Mustard Seed Thrift Store and Social Justice & Advocacy.

Please worship as you feel comfortable. The cross sign (†) indicates customary times to cross oneself, a gesture of receiving God's blessing, if you wish to do so.

Children are welcome in worship — wiggles, giggles and all! We have activity clipboards in the Narthex/Entryway. They are also welcome in the Nursey and/or Godly Play.

Join us after in the Parish Hall for Portland Coffee Roasters coffee, treats and conversation. Or spend some time puzzling or doodling in the Creative Corner.

Today we are in the season of Advent, which marks the beginning of the church year. Advent is a time of preparation, expectation and prayerful yearning for the birth of Jesus and his second coming. Advent comes from a Latin word that means "coming." We wear blue vestments at All Saints during Advent, following the Anglican Sarum Rite. Blue symbolize royalty, the coming of the King, hope, the color of the night sky before the dawn, the sea before creation, and Mary.

The Word of God

We begin with a moment for centering and calling to mind the prayers we bring with us today.

At the sound of the bell, all stand as the Celebrant greets the people from the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Celebrant

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78–79

Celebrant

Grace and peace to you from God. (†)

People

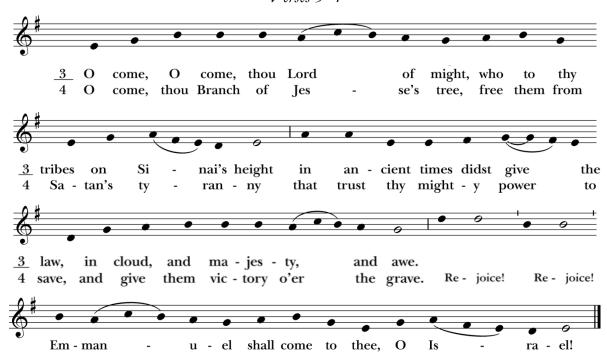
God fill you with truth and joy.

Hymn 56

"O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Verses 3–4

Veni, veni Emmanuel



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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Peace

Leader 1 Holy Jesus, despite the conflicts in our world, help us to seek and share the powerful peace you give to us all.

Leader 2 We light the candle of Peace.

All With gratitude, we receive God's Peace.

The Collect of the Day

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Praise and honor to you living God for John the Baptist, and for all those voices crying in the wilderness who prepare your way. May we listen when a prophet speaks your word, and obey; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**.

The readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of Bible readings used by congregations across the globe, following the church calendar. We look to them for inspiration in conversation with our tradition, community and our own reason and experiences.

Seated.

The First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

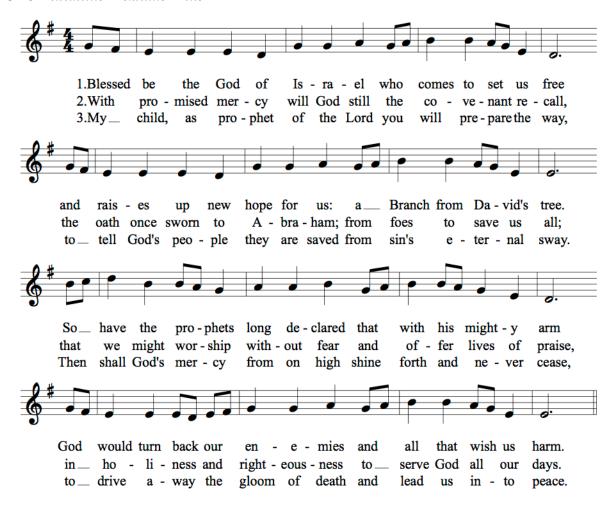
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.





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The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir and repeated.



The cantor (and choir) chant a verse appropriate to the day. All repeat the refrain.

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The Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-6

As the Gospel is presented, you may trace a small cross (†) over your forehead, lips, and heart to signify God in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

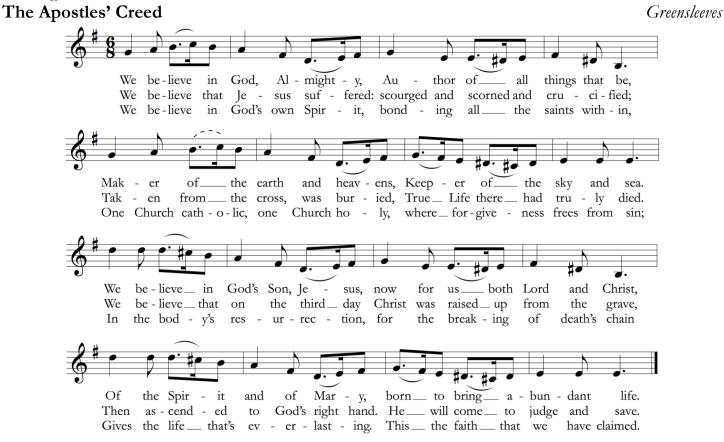
Seated.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Andria Skornik

After the sermon, we join with Christians across the world and throughout the ages, affirming faith in a God who creates, restores, redeems and sanctifies all things.

Standing as able



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Prayers of the People

Deacon Creator God, the world cries out for your peace – the perfect peace that heals our souls and can never be overcome.

Leader We pray that peace may prevail in all churches, all congregations, and in the people we serve. *O God*,

All Give us your peace.

May peace rule in our government, overcoming fighting and aggression -- locally, statewide, and throughout this country we love. O God,

Give us your peace.

Dear Prince of Peace, let your power, together with the work of people everywhere, end wars in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, and in the places we now name: . *O God*,

Give us your peace.

We pray that our nearby neighbors, and the unsheltered souls who walk the cold streets, may live in peace with one another, recognizing our kinship. *O God,* **Give us your peace.**

We lift up family, friends, and neighbors who are in trouble, sick, or in pain, including Lucille Pierce; Megan Webber (Centering Prayer Circle); Doug and Ken Ouderkirk (brothers of Laurie McDowell); Ron Jones; Margo Grant and those we now name. May their suffering be eased. O God,

Give us your peace.

We name with tenderness those who have died, and those we now name. O God, Give them your peace.

The Celebrant may add additional prayers.

Celebrant These things, good I

These things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Kneeling or standing.

The Confession and Absolution

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

Silence.

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 absolution follows.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

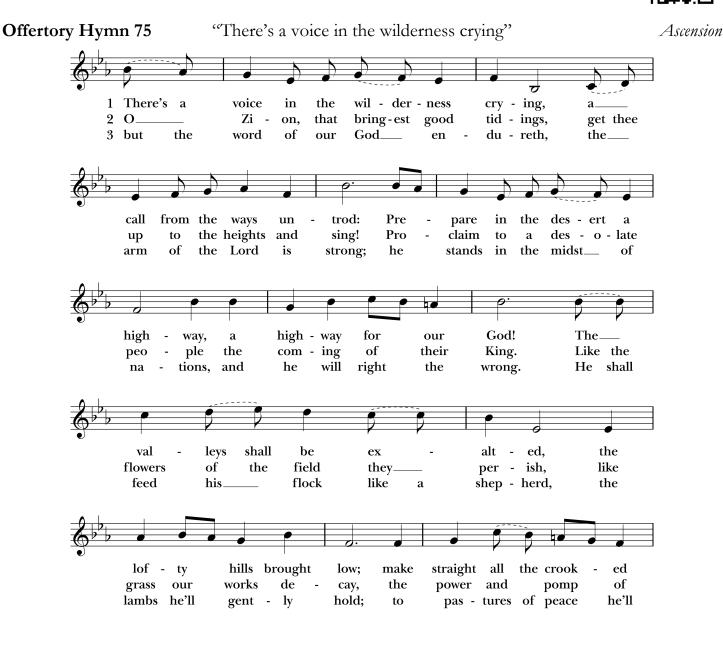


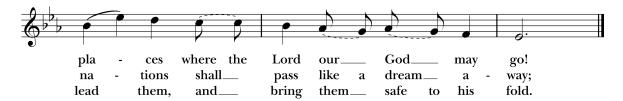
The Holy Communion

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The Presentation of the Offering

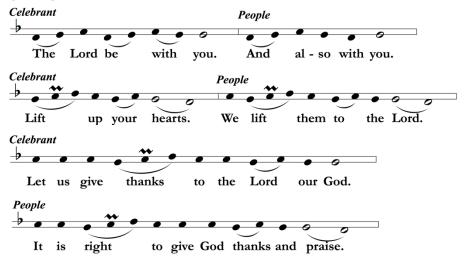
Doxology Winchester New

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; In heav'n above and earth below, Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one. Amen.

Standing as able.

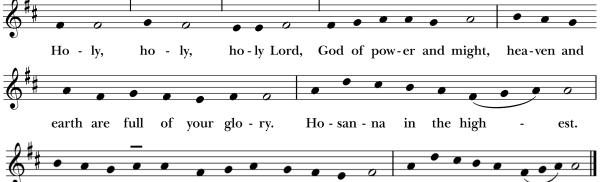
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B



The Celebrant chants the preface.





Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Kneeling or standing.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Following the Words of Institution, the Celebrant says:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with the following:

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**.

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.

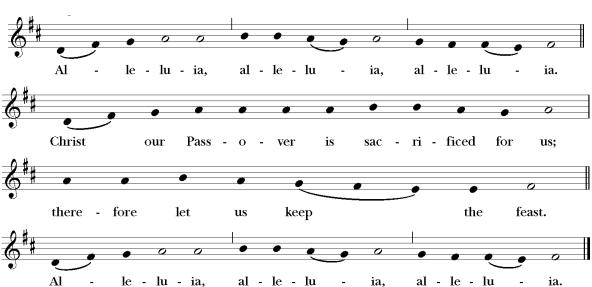
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever an ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Christ, Our Passover

David Hurd



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Communion of the People

The Eucharist is the sacred meal through which Christians embody who we are called to become as creatures made in God's image. All who hunger for relationship with God and God's people are welcome to come forward. After receiving the bread, you may drink directly from the chalice or give the bread to the server to dip for you. Gluten free bread is available upon request. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate that preference.

Music at the Communion Anthem

O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

— Psalm 122:6

Post-communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

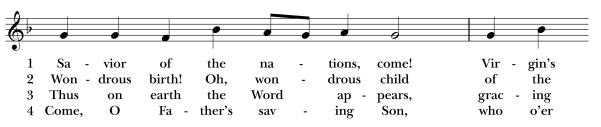
The Blessing (†)

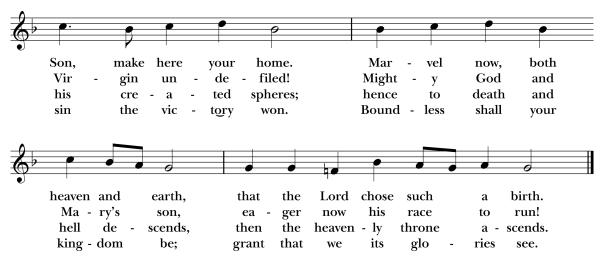
Standing, as able

Hymn 54

"Savior of the nations, come"

Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland





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Dismissal

The Deacon says the dismissal. The People respond, "Thanks be to God! Alleluia!"

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come! (Fugato)

Bach

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