



ADVENT SUNDAY

27 November 2022

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

10AM SUNG EUCHARIST

Prelude *Lied, from '24 Pièces en style libre' Op.31*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

All stand as the Choir and Clergy enter.

The Advent Prose

The Cantor intones the antiphon, and ALL REPEAT antiphon after each verse.



Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

All repeat the Antiphon as above.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

All repeat the Antiphon as above.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

All repeat the Antiphon as above.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry:
why wilt thou waste away in sadness? why hath sorrow seized thee?
Fear not, for I will save thee: For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

All repeat the Antiphon as above.

At the wreath, the Verger lights the candle for Advent Sunday. Remain standing.

People Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (24.42-44)

Jesus said, "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 Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit.

The 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!

The Lector concludes
The people respond

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Alleluia

The Choir intones: Alleluia.

All Respond:



Choir: Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy: and grant us Thy salvation. (Ps 85:8)

*All repeat: **Alleluia** (as above)*

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Fr Charles Wallace

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried:
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All kneel.

The Prayers of The People

In our Intercessions for the Church and the world, we pray for Anglican Communion, and this week, for the Church in Japan. In our Diocese, we remember all churches and ministries as we begin a new Christian year.

We remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

The Kingdom of God is upon us. Let us put away the works of darkness and be clothed in the brilliance of God's light, as we offer our prayers responding to each petition by saying, "*Come, Lord Jesus.*"

Come between the warring nations of the world, enter the chambers of government and the hearts of our leaders, and bring the peace that passes all understanding; for this we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come to those who are alone, who suffer from the pain of hunger and grief, and who live with anxiety and fear, and invite them into the glorious fellowship of the blessed Trinity; for this we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come, spare us from our deceit and selfishness, from our attachment to the false idols of our age, from our excuses for not living the gospel, and awaken us to your hope that we may keep watch for your appearing; for this we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come in the Eucharistic Meal, that strengthened by your Body and Blood, we may proclaim your kingdom in our daily lives; for this we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Come and open wide the gate of heaven, that the faithful departed may find themselves in the arms of your mercy; for this we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

The Celebrant introduces the Confession.

All say

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution *Said by the 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.**

All stand. At the exchange of the Peace, please remain in your pew.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

At The Offertory: Hymn #59

From The Hymnal 1982

Remain standing.

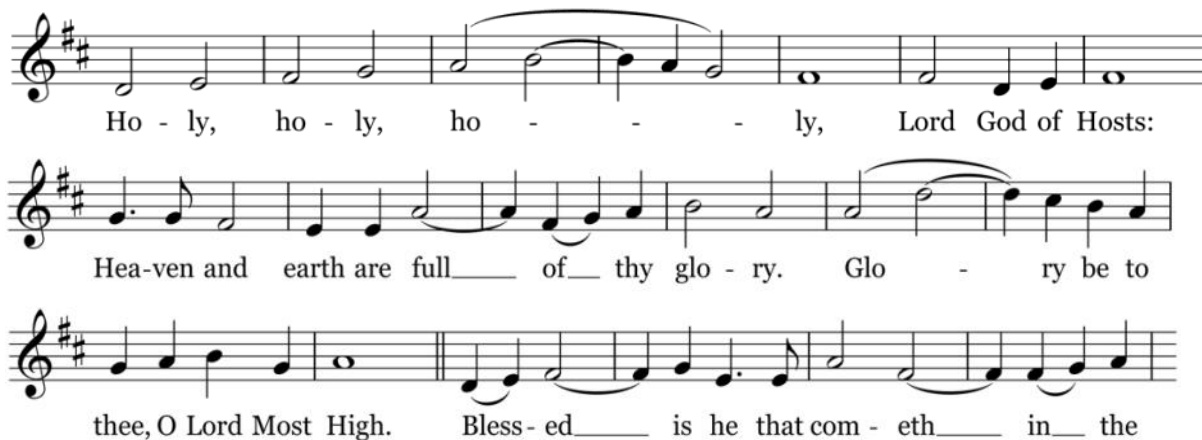
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit *Sung by all, standing*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to
thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the



All kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 340

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to 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.

Agnus Dei from *Missa Sancto Albano*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

Communion is distributed at the chancel step.

At The Communion

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of the statues, and I shall keep it unto the end. (Ps 119:33)

After Communion, all kneel.

The Post Communion Prayer

Said by all

Almighty and ever-living 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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

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

Closing Hymn: #66

From The Hymnal 1982

Voluntary *Postlude on 'Come, Thou Almighty King'* *Maurice Whitney (1909-1984)*

Parish and Community News

Next week In addition to Holy Communion at 8am, there will be a service of Lessons and Carols for Advent at 10am with music by our choir and harpist, Elizabeth Huntley.

The deadline for ordering **Christmas** poinsettias and greenery is 5 December.

Special Monthly Envelope. Our special monthly envelope for November supports the work of Saratoga County Children's Committee *Empty Stocking Project*. The *Empty Stocking Project* is the largest and most widely recognized program of the Saratoga County Children's Committee. There are hundreds of children living within Saratoga County who are in need of assistance yearly, but the holiday season can be the most trying time of year for parents and caregivers. Their mission is to embody the holiday spirit by helping to provide over 900 families in Saratoga County with a joyous holiday.

Thursdays in Advent On Thursdays in Advent season, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 12.05, beginning this week, 1 December.

Bethesda Book Club meets to discuss the novel, *Cathedral*, by Ben Hopkins on Thursday, 8 December, at 5pm. To register, please call the office.

Bethesda Christmas Pageant Please mark your calendars: Christmas pageant rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 17th at 9:30 am and the pageant will be presented during the 10am service on Sunday, December 18th. We are looking for children to participate; if you know anyone who is interested, please speak to Sara Manny or Diane Robinson.

Christmas Decorating Join us on 10 December at 9am to decorate the church for the festive season.



Christmas Flowers, Greens, Wreaths and Trees

This Christmas Season offers the opportunity to not only purchase flowers for the Altar, but to sponsor other decorations that are used to ready the Sanctuary for this special time of year. If this is something that you would like to do, please complete this form and return it to the church office. You can place the completed form in the offering plate or mail it to:

Bethesda Church Office
178 Elm Street, Suite 5,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

I would like to purchase:

___ Poinsettia \$25 each. How many? _____

Given By: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

I would like to contribute towards the following:

___ Greens \$ _____

___ Wreathes \$ _____

___ Trees \$ _____

Given By: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please return to the church office before 5 December.

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