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1st Sunday of Advent

9:45 am Holy Eucharist

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Word of God

Prelude Song Advent

Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

This is the day/This is the day
That the Lord has made/That the Lord has made
Let us rejoice/Let us rejoice
And be glad in it/And be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day/This is the day
That the Lord has made

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King 3X
Hallelujah, hallelujah
We are going to see the King.

No more crying there,
We are going to see the King, 3X
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah.

No more dying there,
We are going to see the King, 3X
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah.

Hymn—Come into the quiet (lyrics on song page #11)

A Gathering Prayer

Hymn—H 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

The people standing, the celebrant says:

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The celebrant says:

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

Trisagion

BCP 356

Holy God
Holy and Mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy on us.

The Collect

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.**

Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons: 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!

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 122

BCP 779

Congregation to recite

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Lord.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.*

Prayers of the People

BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for **Joseph Biden our President, Larry Hogan our Governor, Barry Glassman our County Executive.** For this community, the nation, and the world.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

We pray especially those named on the prayer list and the residents of the Harford Family House. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop; Eugene Sutton our Bishop; Robert Ihloff our Assisting Bishop; Kirk Kubicek our Priest-in-charge; for those in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; *Epiphany, Odenton; St. Alban's, Glen Burnie; St. Margaret', Annapolis.* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, For all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence...people add their own petitions

Hear us Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Especially for those with birthdays this week, especially .. *Hollis Eaton, Gabrielle Hotham, Tyler Davis.* And for those with anniversaries this week.

Silence... people add their own thanksgivings

We exalt you, O God our King.
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, *especially .. Mary Rigdon, Sarah Necker*; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence... people add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.
Who put their trust in you.

To be read by the whole congregation

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously upon your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop coadjutor for this diocese, and those who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

**ALL: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
Known and unknown,
Things done and left undone;
And so uphold us by your Spirit
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn—Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom

Jesus, Remember Me
When You Come Into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, Remember Me
When You Come In To Your Kingdom.

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Blessing of the Annual Pledges

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, 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

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

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.

To receive Holy Communion, you may stand or kneel at the Rail, and receive Bread and Wine, or just Bread as is your custom. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice by holding it by its base. We only receive from the Common Cup, no longer by Intinction (dipping the wafer).

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say

**ALL: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you feed 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.***

BCP 365

A Prayer for those at home for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and 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.

[Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces]

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Blessing

Live without fear, your creator has made you Holy,
has protected you, and loves you as a Mother.
Go in peace to follow the good road,
and may God's Blessing be with you always. *Amen*
(A blessing of St. Clare of Assisi)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Hymn—Better times will come (lyrics on the song page #11)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come Into The Quiet

Come into the quiet
Be one with God's breath
Rest in this waiting place

Peace will be there
Truth
Love
Healing

Rest, rest,

Peace will be there
Truth
Love
Healing

By: Diane Davis Andrew

BETTER TIMES WILL COME

Words & music Janis Ian

Better times, better times will come.
Better times, better times will come.
When this world learns to live as one,
oh, better times will come

When we greet each dawn without fear
knowing loved ones soon will be near
When the winds of war cannot blow any more
Oh, better times will come

CHORUS

Though we live each day as our last
we know someday soon it will pass
We will dance, we will sing
in that never-ending spring
Oh, better times will come

CHORUS

Oh, better times will come

You Are Home

Be unbound
Go back to your home

You are free
You are whole
You are loved
You are home once again

You are home

Be made whole
You are no longer alone

You are free
You are whole
You are loved
You are home once again

You are home

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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God



In honor of Hollis Eaton's 4th birthday
by Rosemarie Eaton

For Craig Klein, In memory of the anniversary
of his death
by Philip & Lynn Klein

Thank you

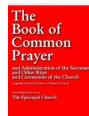
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this day and throughout the week ahead!

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PRAY for those who are sick, in any kind of need or difficulty, especially: For the residents of Harford Family House; For peace and understanding in Baltimore; For all the victims of recent terror attacks throughout the world; For the refugees leaving Syria and Central America in desperation; For those who suffer because of the extreme humanitarian crises; For all the people in the Middle East, that they can experience peace and stability in their lands; For the victims of natural disasters; For the communities that have experienced Mass Shootings & Riots.

For those on our prayer list: For Sue Tressler, Kevin & Linda, Betty Parker, Beverly Gomez, Dan Moss, Robin, Keith Hamilton, Sharon Selke, Sharon Slaughenhoup, Caroline, Donald Heddy, Karen Fulcomer, Art Smith, Eliot, Rebecca, Louise, Carole, Becky, Don, Peter, Lael, Jacqueline, Hollis, Mike Yates, Sue Sampson, Catherine Horchner, Ken, Libby Ohl, Judith Herseth, Mary Tucci, Sherry Cole, Silvia Meranski, Sam Robertello, Blake Gude, Wayne Hall, Amanda Tidey, Bill D., Hazel Borkowski, John

For our Missionary: Jean M. Baumbach

For these parishioners who are unable to be with us every Sunday:

Glassell & Betty Parker; Beth Hauser; Pat Rohrman, Lynn Klein, Libby Ohl