

First Sunday of Advent

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I

11:15 a.m. (choral)
November 30, 2025

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church!



On this First Sunday of Advent, we renew the ancient practice of lighting candles arranged around a wreath as part of our observance of the season. An Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreens with four dark-blue candles around its edge, and a white candle – the Christ Candle – in the center. The four blue candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A single blue candle is lit every day during the first week of Advent and an additional one each week thereafter. As the season progresses, the additional light-giving candles signify the approach of the One who said, “I am the Light” – Jesus Christ. Finally, on Christmas Eve, the Christ Candle in the middle of the wreath is lit to show that the Light of Christ has come into the world.

A Word to parents of Young Children

We are delighted to have children join us for worship. We encourage you to sit close to the front of the church so that your child can get a better view of what is going on at the altar. Ask any usher for a Busy Bag – a cloth sack containing items for quiet play.

*Please turn off cellphones and other electronic devices
that could intrude on the solemnity of the service.*

A note to our deaf and hard-of-hearing parishioners:

*If you would like to view the livestream of our 11:15 service with closed captions, visit our
Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/allsaintstheepiscopalchurch.fortworth>*

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The Holy Eucharist

(Silence is observed before the service.)

The Prelude

The Procession (*stand*)

HELMSLEY

Blue Hymnal 57, Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

The Opening Acclamation

Red Prayer Book, page 323

The Collect for Purity

The Trisagion, Blue Hymnal S 102 (sung three times)

Alexander Archangelsky

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day

Red Prayer Book, page 184

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.*

The First Lesson, Isaiah 2:1-5 (*sit*)

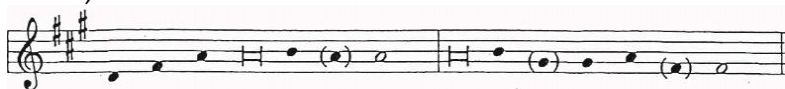
Revised Standard Version

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and 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 the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, 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 Gradual, Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

Tone V.1



- 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 (*sit*) Revised Standard Version

You know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Sequence (*stand*) MERTON

Blue Hymnal 59, Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (1-3/4-5)

The Holy Gospel, Matthew 24:36-44 Revised Standard Version

Before the Gospel: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, 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 when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched 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 hour you do not expect.

After the Gospel: *Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Nicene Creed (*stand*)

Red Prayer Book, page 326

The Prayers of the People, Form I

Red Prayer Book, page 383

The Confession and Absolution

Red Prayer Book, page 331

The Peace

The Birthday and Anniversary Blessings (*sit*)

The Announcements

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

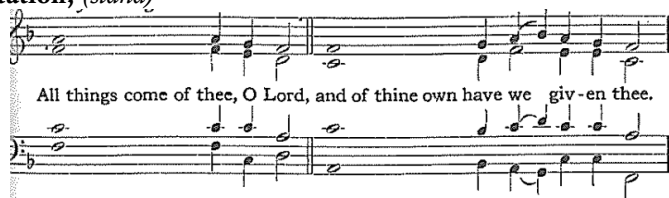
The Offertory Anthem

Henry Purcell

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

The Presentation, (stand)

Anonymous



The Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer II

Red Prayer Book, page 340

The Sanctus, Blue Hymnal S 113

John Merbecke

The Our Father, Blue Hymnal S 119

Plainsong, adapted by Charles Winfred Douglas

The Breaking of the Bread

The Agnus Dei, Blue Hymnal S 157

John Merbecke

The Ministration of Communion

*Visitors, if you have been baptized and receive communion in your home church,
please join us for Holy Communion.*

The Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal 73, The King shall come when morning dawns

ST. STEPHEN

Blue Hymnal 596, Judge eternal

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

The Dispatching of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*Lay ministers may be sent forth with Holy Communion
to parishioners unable to travel to church.*

The Ablutions Anthem

Nicolai/Bach

‘Wake, O wake!’ With tidings thrilling. The watchmen’s cry the air is filling:
‘Arise, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight strikes! No more delaying: The hour has
come!’ we hear them saying; ‘Where are ye all, ye virgins wise? The Bride
groom now is nigh: Stand forth! Your lamps raise high! Halleluja! In bright
array This nuptial day Go forth and meet him in the way! Sion hears the
watchmen singing, Her heart for joy with in her springing; She wakes, and
eagerly attends; See her Friend, from grace unending! Her light shines clear,
her star ascends. Appear, thou precious Crown! God’s Son, to earth come
down! Sing ‘Hosanna!’ Now rise we all To that glad hall Where to thy feast
thou dost us call.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Red Prayer Book, page 339

The Blessing

The Procession (stand)

ST. CECILIA

Blue Hymnal 613, Thy kingdom come, O God!

The Dismissal

Red Prayer Book, page 366

The Postlude