



December 01, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

10:15 AM

All children and youth are welcome, unconditionally. They are welcome to gather at our *PrayGround* at the front-left of the Nave. Materials for art and play are waiting there. During the sermon, children pre-K through fifth grade move to the Chapel, where we explore the gospel reading for the day. (We return in time for Communion.) ¶ During the school year, *Youth Group* (grades 6-12) gathers shortly after Eucharist in the Sherman Room (in the same building as Coffee Hour) to enjoy fellowship and exploration of our faith journey. ¶ Professional childcare is available in the *Nursery* (in Gooden Hall) every Sunday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

*The VOLUNTARY Rorate caeli*

*Melissa Dunphy (b 1980)*

All stand, as they are able, at the ringing of the bell as the Procession enters

**HYMN 57** *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*

HELMSLEY

During the singing of the hymn, straw for the Manger, which represents the good we are pursuing and the sin we are repenting of as we prepare for Jesus' Advent, is brought in; and the candles of the Advent wreath are lighted

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

All remain standing, as they are able

*Celebrant*

Bles - sed are you, ho - ly and living One.

*People*

You come to your people and set them free.

## The COLLECT for PURITY

*Celebrant* 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.*

## The KYRIE ELEISON *Mass 9 'Cum júbilo'*

*Sung by all*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy

up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy

up - on us. Lord,

have mer - cy up - on us.

## *The COLLECT of the DAY*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*  
 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.*

*All may be seated*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## *The* FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## *The* PSALTER

Psalm 25:1-9

*Sung by all*



**Tone VIII.1**

- 1    To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
     my God, I put my / trust in you; \*  
     let me not be humiliated,  
     nor let my enemies / triumph over me.
- 2    Let none who look to you be / put to shame; \*  
     let the treacherous be disap/pointed in their schemes.
- 3    Show me your / ways, O LORD, \*  
     and / teach me your paths.
- 4    Lead me in your truth and / teach me, \*  
     for you are the God of my salvation;  
     in you have I trusted / all the day long.
- 5    Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, \*  
     for they are from / everlasting.

- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your / goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in / doing right \*  
and teaches his way / to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

## ***The* SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Lector*            *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

*All stand, as they are able*

**HYMN 72** *Hark! the glad sound!*

RICHMOND

## **The HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 21:25-36

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The SERMON**

The Rev Douglas Worthington, *Rector*

*Following the Sermon, a brief silence is kept*

*The remainder of today’s liturgy, beginning with the Nicene Creed, will be found in the seasonal booklet distributed with this insert.*

## ☞ AT THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Music at the Offertory *Never weather beaten sail*

*Thomas Campion (1567 – 1620)*

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.  
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!  
*(Text: Thomas Campion)*

### Music at the Communion *Drop down, ye heavens*

*Plainsong, Mode I*

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:

Be not wroth, very sore O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:  
Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:  
Our holy and most beautiful house, where our father's praised thee.  
*Drop down, ye heavens ...*

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.  
*Drop down, ye heavens ...*

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.  
*Drop down, ye heavens ...*

Comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:  
fear not for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy god,  
the holy one of Israel, thy Redeemer.  
*Drop down, ye heavens ...*  
*(Text: The Advent Prose (taken from the Book of Isaiah))*

## ☞ AT THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN 62 “*Sleepers, wake!*”

WACHET AUF

*The* VOLUNTARY *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme,*  
*Op. 8 no 2 (bicinium)*

*Hugo Distler (1908 – 1942)*

Today, in our Diocese’s cycle of prayer, we pray for

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and in our military cycle of prayer, we pray for

XXX.

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### CELEBRANT

The Rev Douglas Worthington

#### VERGER

Jack Northam

#### CRUCIFER

Todd McCracken

#### CHALICIST

Rosemary Barnes *and*  
Dorothy Schmidt

#### TORCHBEARERS

Rosemary Barnes *and*  
Dorothy Schmidt

#### LECTORS

Scott Crispell *and* Mary Brown

#### INTERCESSOR

Neil Malmquist

#### USHERS

Joseph Rios *and* See Xiong

#### ALTAR GUILD AND FLOWER GUILD

Christine Carta *and* Mary Brown

#### TELLERS

Scott Crispell *and* Joseph Rios

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: 6 services. In-person attendance: 161 people.

Online participation: 93 views.