



### WELCOME HOME.

Whether you worship here often, or this is your first time, we still say ‘welcome home,’ because when we are in the presence of God, in Word and Sacrament—God’s beloved people gathered together in hope—then we are home. We welcome you home to this place, a place to love and be loved, and we hope you return again soon.

### PEACE BE WITH YOU.

We’ll say that to one another today, and while some of us might not shake hands just yet, the spirit of our affection is ever present and helps bind our community together. Our ushers stand ready to assist you. Mask use is still in place to protect our unvaccinated children and the parents who care for them. Bathrooms are available through the side door behind the organ console. Ask the ushers for directions to the baby-changing table located in its own private restroom.

### COME AND EAT.

All baptized persons are invited to receive communion, and gluten-free bread is available. We are presently unable to share the chalice, but know the bread alone is sacramentally sufficient. You may also receive a blessing if you’d rather not receive the sacrament.

November 28th, 2021  
8 am | 10 am

# The Holy Eucharist

First Sunday in Advent  
Rite I

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*Music is unique to the 10am Mass only. Otherwise, it is spoken or skipped entirely. The people’s responses are in bold.*

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*“Sleepers Awake” by J.S. Bach*

*The people stand at the introduction to the hymn.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #57

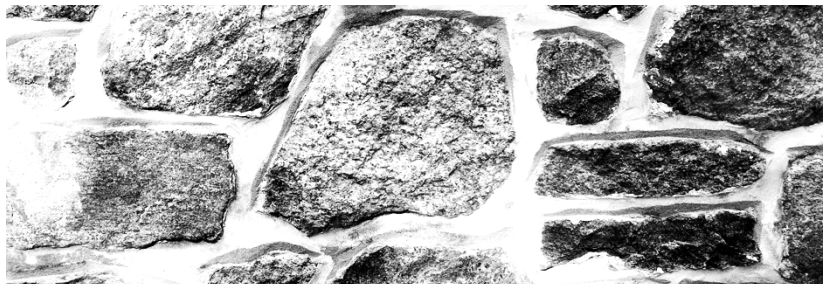
*“Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending”*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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



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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## THE TRISAGION

*To the tune by Alexander Archangelsky*

The musical score for the Trisagion is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The first system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some single notes in the bass line.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**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, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST READING – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY – 25: 1-9

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.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*

**and teach me your paths.**

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.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*

**for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

**remember me according to your love**

**and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*

**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

He guides the humble in doing right \*

**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

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

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

## GOSPEL HYMN #613

*"Thy Kingdom Come, O God!"*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 21: 25-36**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

## **THE SERMON – The Rev'd Canon Matthew Dayton-Welch**

*The people stand.*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

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 worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe in 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Daniel, our bishop, and Bert, Matt, and Tim, our priests, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Mike, Lisa, Kevin, Mary Jane, Mary-Lou, Lauren, Jane, Richard, Noel, Steven, Gary, Sara, Linda, Lisa, Millie, Robert, Ryan, Sara, Kim, Martha, Alexa, Holly, Doug, Matt, Ed, Tom, Marianne, Alan, Robbie, Fred, Barbara, William, Suzanne, Debbie, and those names we now offer silently and aloud, (*pause*) and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, remembering especially Robert Carfrey, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, of Alban and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*The people kneel.*

## **THE CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION, and PEACE**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

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.**

*The people stand.*

Here the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*"Comfort Ye" from "Messiah" by George F. Handel and sung by Vinton Fisher*

## **THE SUNG DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise Him all creatures, here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them unto the Lord.**

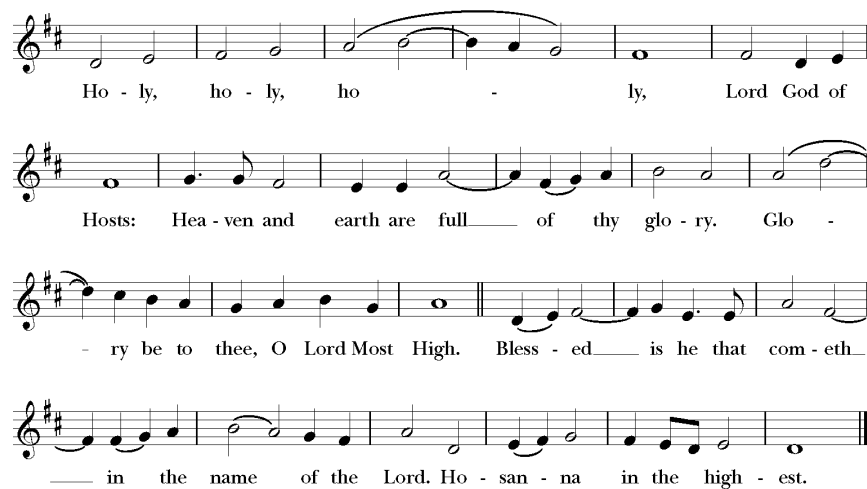
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

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.

*Here a proper preface is said.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant consumes the wine on behalf of the whole congregation.*

*Please kindly receive the host by extending your hands, holding them open like a plate and not cupped like a bowl, as this makes it easier for the priest to distribute communion without touching hands.*

*The people stand.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving 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 celebrant offers a blessing.*

## FINAL HYMN #68

*"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*It is our new custom to stand until the procession passes by and remain seated during the postlude so as to better appreciate its beauty.*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*"Tell Out My Soul" by Paul Manz*

**For more details on upcoming events, please be sure to subscribe to our weekly emails.**



Sunday, Nov. 28

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Wednesday, Dec. 15

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Saturday, Dec. 18

### First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 am

The Nativity in Scripture at 9 am

Advent wreath-making party at 11:15 am

Bible Study on zoom at 7:30 am

Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm

Centennial Committee at 6:15 pm

### Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 am

The Nativity in Scripture at 9 am

#### St. Alban's Circle Tree Lighting

Caroling rehearsals begin at 5pm  
in the parish hall

Bible Study on zoom at 7:30 am

Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### with visit from St. James School

Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 am

The Nativity in Scripture at 9 am

Bible Study on zoom at 7:30 am

Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm

Centennial Committee at 6:15 pm

Live Christmas Simulcast with Bethlehem  
at 10 am, online and at the Cathedral



In this space you will find highlights and upcoming events as we celebrate our centennial year. For now, please save the following dates:

*Sunday, Dec. 5*

**St. Alban's Circle Tree Lighting with Caroling by St. Alban's Church**

Join us this evening for a wonderful community celebration of the Christmas season in Newtown Square. We will meet at the parish hall prior for pizza and a quick rehearsal, then head over to the circle prior to our singing. More details to come.

*Thursday, Dec. 16*

**Advent Study Live from Jerusalem**

Fr. Matt and his colleagues host the Very Rev. Richard Sewell, dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem, for a virtual course designed to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. About an hour long, the event's registration is found in your weekly email.

*Sunday, Dec. 18*

**Christmas Simulcast Service between Philadelphia and Bethlehem**

This livestreamed event combines the Episcopal community in Philadelphia with the Episcopal and Lutheran communities in Bethlehem for an Advent celebration in word and song—a live event like no other! Register to attend in person!

*Sunday, Dec. 19*

**A Candlelit Advent Lessons and Carols at 7pm**

Steeped in Anglican tradition, this service is remarkably beautiful, its readings calling us to Christmas hope and its music stirring our hearts. A champagne and cookies reception will follow in the parish hall. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors—it is open to the whole community!

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Anne and Tom Harrison in memory of her father, William Anderson;

and by Barbara Reeves-Cohen, in memory of John Maria Ecsodi, distinguished U.S. diplomat,  
and all departed St. Alban's Choir members.

They are arranged by Claudia Cashion-Boyle and Bill Mullen.



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*We strive to be the  
voice, heart, hands, and feet  
of Jesus Christ.*