

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN COMMON MISSION WITH  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C  
28 NOVEMBER 2021 ~ 8:30 AND 10:45 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

Voluntary and Fughetta on *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Charles Callahan

*Please stand for the Procession.*

**At the Procession**

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Tune: *Stuggart*

*Hymnal 66*

**Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*BCP 355*

*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.*

**Trisagion**

*Hymnal S-100*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

**Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

*The Lord be with you.*

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

*Let us pray.*

*BCP 211*

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.*

## The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*Before the reading*

Reader            A Reading from 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."

*After the reading*

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 25:1-9

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



- 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 disappointed 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 ever/lasting.
- 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 Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Before the reading*

Reader            A Reading from 1 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.

*After the reading*

Reader            The Word of the Lord.  
People            ***Thanks be to God.***

### **The Sequence**

O day of God, draw nigh

Tune: *St. Michael*

*Hymnal 601*

### **The Gospel**

Luke 21:25-36

*Before the Gospel*

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 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."

*After the Gospel*

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Phillip Parker

### **The Nicene Creed** *(said in unison)*

*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.

## **The Prayers of the People, Form I**

*BCP 383*

*Deacon or other leader*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael and Elizabeth, our Presiding Bishops; for Brian and Julian, our Bishops; for Phillip, our Rector; for Billy, our Deacon; for Rufus, our Seminarian; for this gathering; and for all clergy and people let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Joe, our President; Tate, our Governor; Todd, our mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city & county, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering; let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all expectant parents; let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ruth Hardin Bryan, Judy Zinn, Alice Alexander and Kendal Pugh; and for those celebrating anniversaries remembering; let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed especially Rosalie Falgoust MacInnes Joyce (mother of Alex Watson); let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.*

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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

*The Priest stands and says*

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

## The Peace

*BCP 360*

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Anthem

Come thou, Redeemer of the Earth

Richard Shepherd

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall,  
such birth befits the God of all.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness glow with newborn light,  
No more shall night extinguish day,  
Where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesus, virgin born to thee,  
eternal praise and glory be,  
When with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen

#### At the Presentation

Songs of praise the angels sang

Tune: *Northampton*

*Hymnal 426*

#### The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*BCP 361*

*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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.....

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:

### **Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*

*Hymnal S-124*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

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.....

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....

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.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*BCP 364*

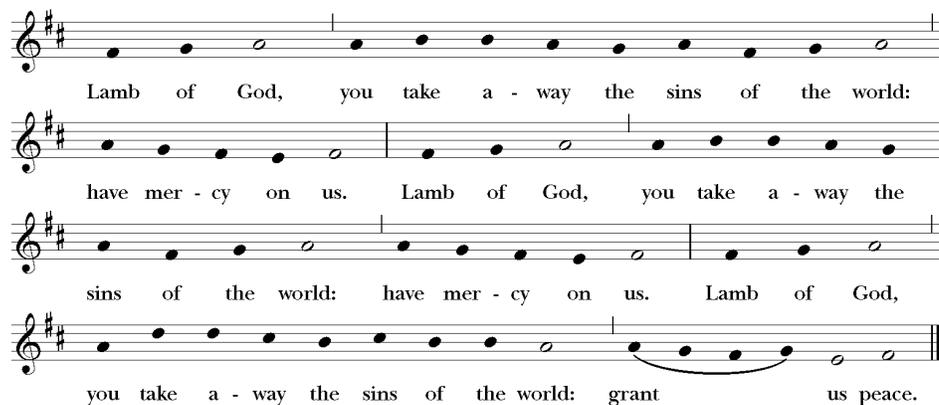
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction

*Celebrant and People*

*Hymnal S-161*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## The Communion of the People

*BCP 364*

### Music during Communion

Steal away  
Once he came in blessing

Tune: *Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood*

*WLP 804*

*Hymnal 53*

Tune: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*BCP 366*

## The Blessing

*BCP 366*

## At the Procession

Jesus came, adored by angels

Tune: *Lowry*

*Hymnal 454*

## The Dismissal

*The people respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*BCP 366*

## Postlude

Hark, the Glad Sound!

arr. Paul Manz

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The Altar greenery is given to the glory of God.

### **Participating in the Liturgy**

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Phillip Parker

*Deacon:* The Rev. Dr. Billy Walton

*Choirmaster:* Taylor Sparks

*Organist:* Dr. Debra Atkinson

#### **10:45**

*Chalice Bearer:* Natalie Sparks-Bullock

*Intercessor:* Stan Furr

*Lectors:* Jim Newman, Dana Maharrey

*Ushers:* Kevin Pridmore, Wayne Averett

*Vergers:* Richard Pate

*Vestry Persons of the Day:* Donna Timmons, Paul White

*Altar Guild:* Cathy Sparks, Betty Lee Marshall, Carrie Barnes,

Allison Bedillion, Sherrie Black, Lisa Gray, Mona Warlick

*Altar Greenery:* Deanna Alford, Donna Timmons, Manuela Hayden

### **WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28:**

**Sunday 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\***

**9:30 a.m. Sunday Lectionary Class\* (SBO)**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Alley

**10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist\***

6:30 p.m. AA (*Conference Room*)

#### **Monday**

**12:15 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Chapel*)**

6:00-7:30 p.m. Scouts BSA Board of Review (*Parlor*)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 85

**Tuesday** 5:30 p.m. AA (*Conference Room*)

**Wednesday** 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer (*Chapel*)

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir (*Children's Choir Rm*)

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (*Adult Choir Rm*)

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (*Choir Room*)

\*Nursery Provided



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28

Sunday School for children and youth and EYC will not meet today. We will resume our studies on Sunday, December 5. The Lectionary class will continue to meet in the south breakout room of the Parish Hall.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent! A limited supply of Advent calendars and meditation booklets are available at the entrance to the church. Feel free to take one home with you.



If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2022 and turn in your pledge by next Sunday, December 5.

A legacy of generous giving lives in this parish, which enables and empowers our ministries in everything from pastoral care to worship, missions and outreach. We can be and do, as Scripture promises, "far more than we can ask or imagine." AS CHRIST'S SERVANTS, WE WILL GROW IN GRACE.

For more information on our "Growing in Grace" campaign, visit [www.allsaintstupelo.org](http://www.allsaintstupelo.org).

For a printable commitment card visit:

<https://allsaintstupelo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Pledge-card-2022-with-Capital-Campaign-pledge.pdf>

To submit your 2022 commitment online visit:

<https://allsaintstupelo.org/giving-to-all-saints/2022-stewardship-online-giving/>

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Please join us next Sunday for our annual Advent Lessons & Carols. The prelude will begin at 5:15 and the service will begin at 5:30 p.m. A festive reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the service. Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre, ready to serve and drop it off in the kitchen before the service.

The Tupelo High School Madrigals will be with us to perform next **Sunday at 10:35** as part of their concert tour of churches.

### **A New Offering During Advent. . .**

Centering Prayer will be offered during Advent beginning Monday, November 29 at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel.

Centering Prayer, also sometimes called contemplative prayer or listening prayer, is a method of silent prayer that prepares us for experiencing the close presence of God in us. Not intended to take the place of other types of prayer, Centering Prayer helps to bring a deeper meaning to all prayer. A meditative way of praying, Centering Prayer helps us to rest in God's presence. Instead of talking to God as in more active methods of prayer, during Centering Prayer we simply receive the inflow of the Holy Spirit. The method of Centering Prayer is simple — anyone can learn quickly.