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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

November 27, 2022 10:00 AM- *The First Sunday of Advent*

Our Mission: God is calling the people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Therefore we love and embrace each other, friend and stranger alike in worship, service and prayer as we seek to live in and share God's Word.

– Adopted by the St. Mary's Vestry, May 2015



Voluntary - Hark! the glad sound! The Savior comes (Hymn 72)

Improvisation

Hymn in Procession, 72 - Hark! the glad sound! The Savior comes

Richmond

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal
prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

Advent 1 Wreath Prayer

VOICES *Cantor* *mf* Bless-ed are you, Sov-*reign* Lord, God of our

ORGAN (optional) *mf*

an-ces-tors: to you be praise and glo-ry for ev-er!

mp

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the

mp

hope of your promised ful-fil-ment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to re-

-ceive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

Collect of the Day

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.**

All sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon



I pray for your pros - per - i - ty and peace, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

- 1 *I wäs*—glád when they sáid to me, *
“Let us go to the / house of thē LÖRD.”
- 2 Now our féet are stánding *
within your gates, / O Jerúsalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is búilt as a cíty *
that is at u/nity wíth itsēlf;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of thé LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the / Name of thē LÖRD.
- 5 For there are the thrónes of júdgment, *
the thrones of the / house of Dávid.
- 6 Pray for the péace of Jerúsalem: *
“May they pros/per who löve yöu.
- 7 —Péace be withín your walls *
and quietness with/in your tówërs.
- 8 For my brethren ánd compánions’ sake, *
I pray for / your prospëritÿ.
- 9 Because of the hóuse of the LÓRD our God, *
I will / seek to dō you gööd.” [Ant.]

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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 to you Lord Christ.**

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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

All remain standing.

Let us offer our prayers to God, who clothes us in the armor of light and offers us the gift of immortal life, responding, “*O come, O come, Emmanuel.*”

For peace throughout the world, that swords of destruction may become tools for industry, and spears of war be transformed into the word that pierces every heart with the light of hope. This week in our Parish Cycle of Prayers we pray for the families of *(Congregation reads the names aloud)* **Adam and Michelle Gottfried, Vijay Gopalkvishnan and Kerry Gibson.** *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

For the grace to choose the path that leads to eternal life, generously giving toward the relief of poverty and despair, homelessness and fear, so that through our actions the saving love of Christ may be revealed; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

For the leaders of the nations of the world, that power be tempered by wisdom, and the quest for money be seen as a false strength; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

For Christians throughout the world, especially those who endure religious persecution and the prejudice of unfriendly governments, that our prayers may empower them in their time of need; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

That we may hunger for the teachings of the Lord and thirst for opportunities for education, Bible study, and fellowship with those who follow the way of Jesus; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

In thanksgiving for those who stay awake in the dark corners of human experience, abiding faithfully with those whose faith is shallow and whose fears are great. Remembering *(Congregation reads the names aloud)* **Jennifer Lurie, Irene Steinhardt, Lisa Hart, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Mary Kelleher, Mary Tatnall, Barbara Schaefer, Jim Cobb, Timothy O'Donovan and Violet Jean, Katie and Joey Crawford.** *Silence.*

Let us pray,

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

In thanksgiving for the life-giving gifts of those who have died, leaving us a harvest of love from which to eat for years to come. Remembering, Michael Grayson Smith for whom the Advent Greens on the High Altar are given this morning, Iva May Johnson for whom the additional Advent Greens on the High Altar are given, Margaret Blair and Eugene Lombard Morgan for whom the Advent Greens on the Lady Chapel Altar are given, the Spalding and Sharp families for whom the Sanctuary candle is given and Marie Thomas, Barbara McElwee and John Ford, Jr. on the anniversary of their deaths this week. *Silence.*

Let us pray,

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

We also pray for other special intentions which may be added at this time either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.**

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem - People look East

*Melody: Besancon Carol
arranged by B. Ferguson*

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

The people stand.

V. All things come of thee, O Lord,

R. And of thine own, have we given thee

In-Gathering Prayer

Celebrant and People

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving: These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams for the Church catholic as well as St. Mary's.

The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all that we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place now as well as the future.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as best as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and our minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering. It is us on the table, a living sacrifice to you. Amen.

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

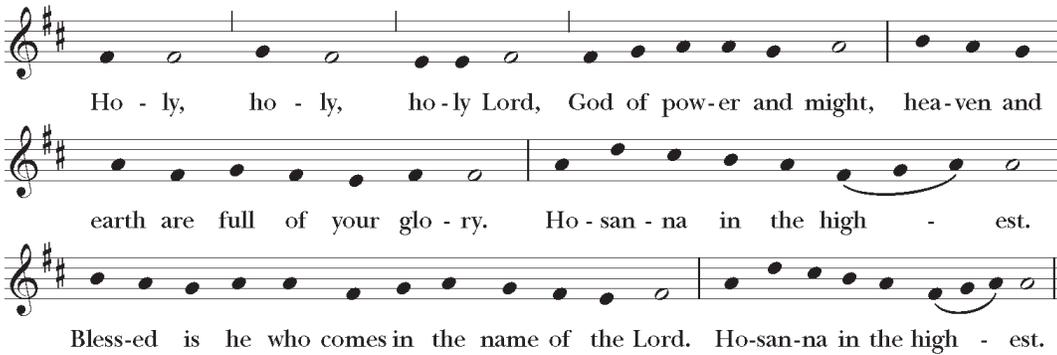
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is sung or said

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:

Sanctus et Benedictus, S124



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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 forever.



A-men.

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Agnus Dei, S161

D. Hurd

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 Celebrant says

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.

Communion Hymn, 53 – *Once he came in blessing*

Gottes Sohn ist kommen



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

A prayer for those observing birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those observing anniversaries

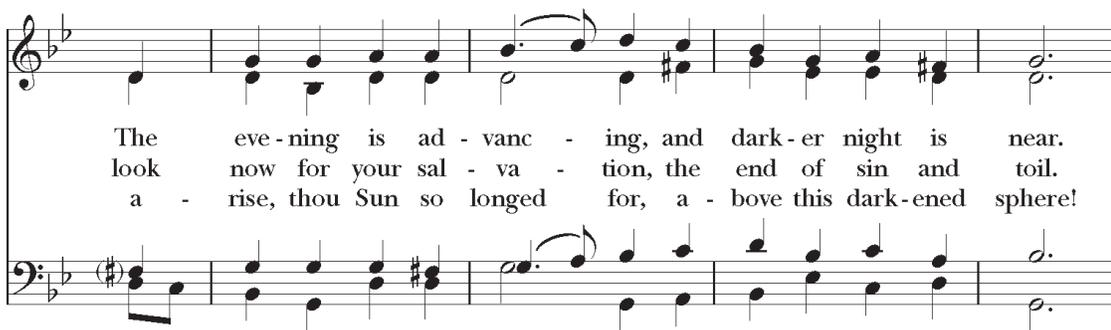
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send your blessing upon these persons who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them in your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn, 68 - Rejoice! rejoice, believers

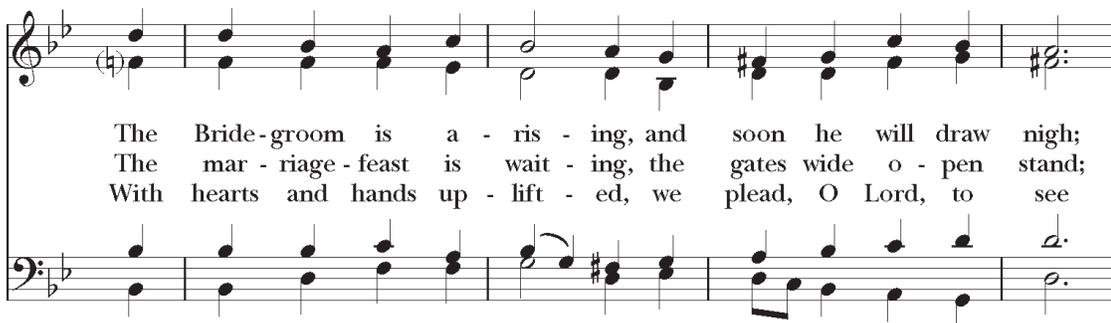
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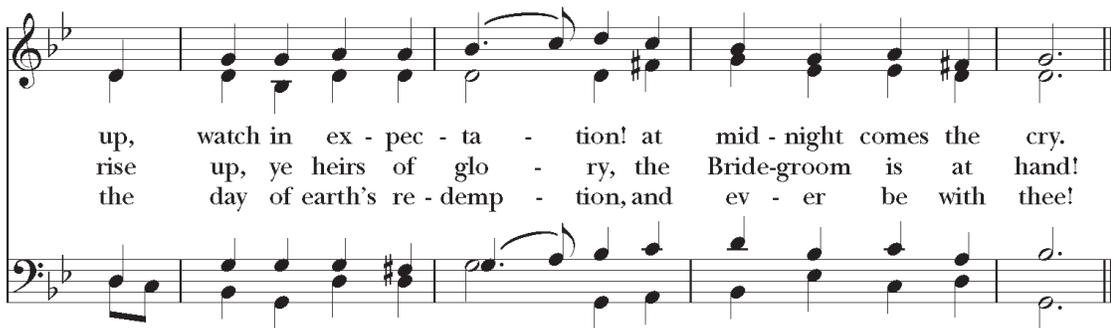
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

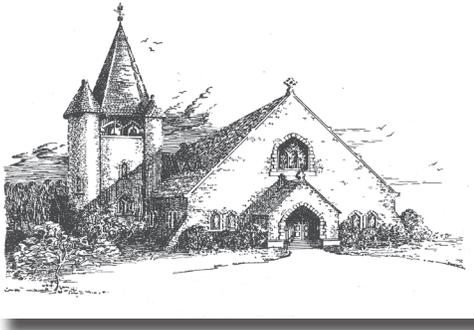
Voluntary - Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Invitation & Announcements

To all who are lonely and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, this church opens wide its doors and bids you WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary's this morning. Please sign our guest book by the front door of the Church and complete a visitor's card so we will have a record of your presence with us.



Today is Sunday, November 27, 2022 - The First Sunday of Advent

7:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Adult, Children & Youth Education

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II (livestreamed and recorded)

11:15 a.m. - Advent wreath making/Coffee Hour in the Navajo Room

Live Stream - Scott Scheidt

Acolytes: 7:45 a.m. - Greg Kelleher

10:00 a.m. - Allyson Radford, Lorelei Jones and Ruth Lanouette

Readers: Scott Ziglar and John Hinchey

Prayers of the People: Marylu Hill

Altar Guild - Team 4

Ushers - Neal Fulton (Captain) Janice Radford and Frank Tatnall

Parish Cycle of Prayers

This week in our parish cycle of prayers we pray for the families of Adam and Michelle Gottfried, Vijaya Gopalkvishnan and Kerry Gibson.

Advent Greens on the High Altar this morning are given by the Smith family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Michael Grayson Smith.

Additional Greens on the High Altar are given in loving memory of Iva May Johnson, deceased long time member of St. Mary's by her daughter Eleanor Johnson.

Advent Greens on the Lady Chapel Altar are given by the Huck family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Blair and Eugene Lombard Morgan.

The Sanctuary candle is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the departed members of the Spalding and Sharp families.

Intercession List:

The names read aloud today are St. Mary's parishioners and family members of parishioners. They include: Jennifer Lurie, Irene Steinhardt, Lisa Hart, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Mary Kelleher, Mary Tatnall, Barbara Schaefer, Jim Cobb, Timothy O'Donovan, Violet Jean, Katie and Joey Crawford.

Also included on the prayer list are our friends John Paul, Peggy Wilson, Jenny and Kirsty O'Donovan, Alan Bolton and Emma Cavanaugh-Kerr. You are encouraged to say aloud the names of your loved ones during the Prayers of the People when the lector pauses for the congregation to add their own petitions.

Please note: It is our practice to take individuals off the Intercession list after four weeks unless we are notified to keep them on. Please let the office know if you need to keep someone on for longer.

Adult Formation during Advent
"Prayer in the Night"

As the days grow shorter and we approach the longest night of the year, we celebrate the season of Advent, meaning "coming," a season of intentional waiting and preparation for when Christ comes again. With reference to the book *Prayer in the Night** by Episcopal priest Trish Warren, we will explore the questions, "How

can we trust God in the dark?” and “How can we learn to see God in the darkness?”

Classes will be held on Sundays from 9-9:45 am on November 27, December 4, 11 and 18 in the Navajo Room before the 10 am church service. The course is learner-friendly, open to all, and can be joined at any time.

Any questions? Please feel free to email Mother Lucy Ann at ladure54@gmail.com.

*The book may be ordered on-line or can be provided to you. Speak with or email Mother Lucy Ann if you'd like her to purchase it for you.

Women of St. Mary's Advent Brunch

The WOSM will be having an Advent Brunch on Thursday, December 1, 10am to 12 pm Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish House. makes a difference.

Coffee Hour Needs Your Help

As you know, each week after church we gather as a parish family for coffee and snacks lovingly provided by a volunteer host. This is a wonderful, informal time for hospital with visitors and new comers even while having informal conversations with those we already know. The idea of our coffee hour is that we take turns being the host so it's not a burden on any one person. The problem is, at least according to the sign-up sheet on our bulletin board, that no one has signed up to host since the first week in October. Which means that it has become a burden for a faithful few. Now, these faithful few have joyfully picked up slack and have not complained even once. Please consider helping us by taking a turn as coffee hour host. Either sign up on the bulletin board in the parish house hallway or, email Fr. Joseph your willingness to take a week. Beginning November 27th, we will transition coffee hour to the Navajo Room.

Advent Wreath Making

Today, Sunday, November 27, please come to coffee hour and enjoy a great time together as we make advent wreaths in the Navajo Room. Yes, we will have coffee hour but we will also have all the supplies that you will need to make an advent wreath for you home. As we enter this season of waiting and preparing, what better way to get into the spirit of our Advent season than devotion around own Advent wreath?

The AAUW Christmas Tea and Colonial Dance Exhibition on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Father Greene Room

Again this year, everyone in our St. Mary's Community is cordially invited to join the Valley Forge branch of the American Association of University Women for its Christmas tea. There are no entrance requirements. Our entertainment this year will be well worth your time. We will host TAPESTRY, a costumed historical dance group that will demonstrate Colonial era dances and then answer audience questions about their origins. This is an afternoon for men and women; so please do come to celebrate the season and enjoy a little-known aspect of our Colonial heritage.

St. Mary's Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will take place on Wednesday, the 14th of December. We will meet at Erlis Wickersham's to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. Our January selection will be our postponed discussion of *The Iliad* by Homer. John Wickersham will be a resource person to direct our discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend and to enjoy delicious refreshments, whether you have read the book or not. We look forward to seeing you there.

Surprised by Hope Book Study

The Surprised by Hope study group will meet again on Thursday, December 1st following the Healing Eucharist service.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Envelopes are in the pews for Christmas flower memorials. Please place your memorial requests and donation in the collection plate on Sunday or return it to the church office by Wednesday, December 14. Email (SBMHuck@aol.com) or call Susan Huck (484) 612-2546 if you have questions.

Advent Quiet Morning

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

The Women of St. Mary's and the Adult Formation Committee will give an Advent Quiet morning on Saturday, December 3 from 9 am to 11am, entitled "Offering our Hearts." Using lectio divina, the ancient yet simple practice of reading and praying with scripture, we will learn a method for heart to heart conversation with God, and how this can be done in 4 easy steps.

Come center yourself in the quiet and peace of the church and the presence of God as we begin our preparation for the coming of Christ with prayer, reflection and mutual encouragement.

The Quiet Morning will be led by Mother Lucy Ann. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or send an email to Mother Lucy Ann at ladure54@gmail.com There is no charge. All are welcome!

A Look Ahead At Special Events for Advent and Christmas

Sunday, November 27 - First Advent

Advent Wreath making and Gift box wrapping during Coffee Hour*

**Coffee Hour to permanently be held in the Navajo Room*

Thursday, December 1 - Advent Brunch

The WOSM will be hosting an Advent brunch in the Fr. Greene Room

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish House

Saturday, December 3 - Advent Quiet Morning

Hosted by WOSM and Adult Education Committee 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 4 - Second Advent

Merry Men's All Parish Breakfast - 8:45 a.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols - 4:00 p.m.

Reception following at the Rectory hosted by the Smiths

December 18 or 19

Food Boxes to be delivered

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Family service with pageant - 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Mass - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

Christmas Day Rite II service - 10:00 a.m.

Don't forget your White Gifts all during Advent! Last year there were not many White Gifts collected. Through your generosity, this year we hope to cover last year's loss.*

***What are White Gifts?**

White Gifts are a long-standing St. Mary's tradition where we buy Christmas gifts for the children who live in the community of St. Mary's, Chester. When you buy your gift, wrap it in white Christmas paper (hence white gifts) and write on the outside for what gender and age group is appropriate. For example, if I were to buy a Barbie Doll, after wrapping it in white Christmas paper, on the outside I would write, "Girl - ages 9-12." Or maybe you purchase slippers suitable for either a girl or boy. After wrapping it, I would put the shoe size and write for a "boy or girl".

This year we will be collecting during all of Advent.

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