

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 10:15 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

*We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.
We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.*

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THE REV. ANDREW PHILLIPS, DEACON

ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

*Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon!
Please do us the honor of filling out a Visitor Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR
by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack in front of you. If you fill out a physical card,
please place it in the alms basin during the offertory or hand it to an usher or to a member of the
clergy as you leave today. Thank you!*



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982,
both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.*

Voluntary

Processional Hymn: Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal 57

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Song of Praise: Blessed be the God of Israel

Hymnal 444

The 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.**

Anthem: Snowflake Carol

Steve Kupferschmid

Raleigh Youth Choir Oak Choir, Directed by Bo Reece

The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Children's Chapel

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to listen for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.

Hymn: He came down

He came down that we may have *love; he came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah, forevermore.

**substitute peace, joy, hope*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.



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7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Hymnal 59

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Mr. Ian Finley

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Sundays and Seasons

Intercessor As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care, especially those listed below and those we name in silent prayer:

A brief silence follows as the congregation offers prayers of intercession.

Roy Wright, Carolyn Owens, Janet Gilliam, Ralph Sanders, Pete Taylor, Martha Bailey, Peggy Hawks, Ginny Byrd, Mitchell Lawrence, Darrell Dennis, Janie Ward-Newton, William Short, Julia Hall, Gigi Giersch, Catherine and Bob Williams, Fran and Paul Hoch, Justin and Logan, Brinley Harris, Don Caudill, Larry Bledsoe, Mike, Elizabeth Alexander and Family, Logan McGhee, Mike Deloatch, Mindy McIntyre, Ann Antoun, Stephanie Rivers, Carolyn Watson, Nolan Simon, Emily Bordeaux and Family, Bob Kirchgessner, Diane Pergerson, The Howard Family, The Davis Family, The Usanis-Doster Family, The Buckley Family, the people of Israel and Palestine, the people of Ukraine, The Anglican Communion, and The Church of North India.

Intercessor And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially, Richard Anthony Usanis, JoBeth Buckley, and Rosalynn Carter. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of wholeness and healing, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to vestries, search committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Martha Kuper Brinson in loving memory of her parents, Fred and Nadine Kuper.

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Sing soft to this expectant earth

John Helgen

Sing soft to this expectant earth, but not of grandeur nor of gold:

Sing of lowliness, the tender birth of unexpected magnitude.

The world wields bronze, the world wills war.

But gentle justice sang before to show true power, to shower might.

The might of God-filled human heart,

Come Christ, come Love, to waiting earth and bring your future now to birth.

Presentation Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56, verse 1

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant ...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S 125

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 368 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,**

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant ...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.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

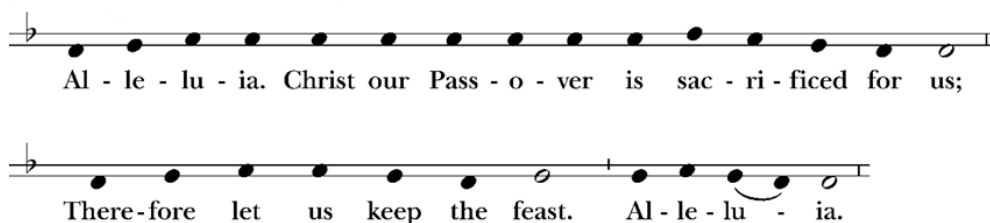
BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S 152



Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

Communion Hymns:

Creator of the stars of night

Hymnal 60

Savior of the nations, come!

Hymnal 54

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship I, p. 69

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

Blessing

Book of Occasional Services, p. 9

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the shadows from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Hymnal 68

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Please Come! Immediately following this service in front of the Parish Life Center:

- Community Lunch and Fellowship sponsored by Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team.
- Advent Wreath Festival with Raleigh Mennonite Church.

Serving Today

Ushers	Susan and Jane Jackson
Vergers	Caryl Fuller and Ed Gavin
Acolytes	Ashton Blankenship, Frankie Scanlon, and Anders Fyfe
Lectors	Maggie Stoddard and Giles Rhodenhiser
Intercessor & Chalcist	Molly Propst
Flower Guild	Judi Mathis
Fellowship Hosts	Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
PLEASE JOIN US!**

- Sunday, December 3rd
- Guest Preacher Ian Finley at 8:00 and 10:15 AM
 - Community Lunch following the 10:15 worship service
 - Advent Wreath Festival with Raleigh Mennonite Church
- Sunday, December 10th
- Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist at 10:15 AM with Choir and Handbells
 - Annual Reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with mulled wine and nibbles following the 10:15 AM worship service
- Sunday, December 17th
- All-Ages Christmas Pageant with Eucharist at 10:15 AM
 - Parish Christmas Party immediately following the 10:15 AM worship service
 - Service of Hope and Healing at Christmas at 3:00 PM
- Sunday, December 24th
- Christmas Eve Services of Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser, Preacher
- 2:00 PM Interactive Children and Family Service
 - 5:00 PM Traditional Eucharist with Choir and Handbells
 - 11:00 PM Midnight Eucharist with Violin and Cello
- Monday, December 25th
- Christmas Day Eucharist at 9 AM
The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser, Celebrant and Preacher
- Sunday, December 31st
- One Worship Service at 10:15: Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist