

St. Mary the Virgin

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The Sunday next before Advent

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*For our virtual congregants, due to bandwidth limitations, please remain muted during the service,
but continue to respond and sing with gusto!*

An Order for Morning Prayer

According to The Book of Common Prayer, 1928 ed.

ProceSSIONAL:

St. George's Windsor

Hymn 137

George J. Elvey, 1858



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest-home:
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his har - vest home;
4. Ev - en so, Lord, quick - ly come To thy fi - nal har - vest-home;



All is safe - ly ga - thered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - ge - ther sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
From his field shall in that day All of - fen - ces purge a - way;
Ga - ther thou thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin;



God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied;
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for ev - er pu - ri - fied, In thy pre - sence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest-home.
Grant, O har - vest Lord, that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest-home.



A - men.

Henry Alford, 1844, alt.

Minister. Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A General Confession (p. 6)

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Versicles and Responses (bottom of page 7)

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. [all stand]

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Venite, exultemus Domino (Hymn 612, BCP p. 9)



(a) O COME let us sing unto the | LORD;

* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

(b) Let us come before his presence with thanks|giving;

* and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

(a) For the LORD is a great | God;

* and a great King | above all gods.

(a) In his hand are all the corners of the earth;

* and the strength of the hills | is his also.

(b) The sea is his and he | made it;

* and his hands prepared the dry land.

(a) O come let us worship and fall | down,

* and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.

(a) For he is the Lord our | God;

* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

(c) O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;

* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

(a) For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;

* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

(a) Glory be to the Father and to the | Son,
* and | to the Holy Ghost;
(b) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever | shall be,
* world | without end. Amen.

Psalm 39. *Dixi, Custodiam.* (p. 389)

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, * that I offend not in my tongue
I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle, * while the ungodly is in my sight.
I held my tongue, and spake nothing: * I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and
grief to me.
My heart was hot within me: and while I was thus musing the fire kindled, *and at the last I spake with
my tongue:
LORD, let me know mine end, and the number of my days; * that I may be certified how long I have to
live.
Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of
thee; * and verily every man living is altogether vanity.
For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; * he heapeth up riches, and cannot
tell who shall gather them.
And now, Lord, what is my hope? * truly my hope is even in thee.
Deliver me from all mine offences; * and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.
I became dumb, and opened not my mouth; * for it was thy doing.
Take thy plague away from me: * I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.
When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it
were a moth fretting a garment: * every man therefore is but vanity.
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and with thine ears consider my calling; * hold not thy peace at my tears;
For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, * as all my fathers were.
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, * before I go hence, and be no more seen.
Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [all sit]

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 4:23-31

I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I
beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was
no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness,
and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger. For thus
hath the Lord said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the
earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not
repent, neither will I turn back from it. The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and
bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a
man dwell therein. And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with
crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in
vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life. For I have heard a
voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of
the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my
soul is wearied because of murderers.

Te Deum laudamus (Hymn 613A, BCP p. 10).



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.

* All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;

* To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tinually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;

* Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.

The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.

* The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.

The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.

* The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;

* Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.

* Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **Father**.

When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver man,

* thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **Virgin**.

When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,

* thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.

Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,

* in the glory | of the **Father**.

We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.

* We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,

* in glory | ever**lasting**.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.

* Govern them, and lift them | up for **ever**.

Day by day we | magni•fy thee;

* And we worship thy Name ever, | world **without** end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with|**out** sin.

* O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • **upon** us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.

* O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be **confounded**.

The Second Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-8 (p. 225)

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68. (Hymnal 640/BCP p. 14)



BLESSED be the Lord God of | Israel; * for he hath visited and re|deemed • his **people**;
And hath raised up a mighty sal|vation for us, * in the house of his | servant **David**;
As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets, * which have | been • since the | world began;
That we should be saved | from our enemies, * and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.
To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**, * and to remember his | holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather | Abraham, * that | he would **give** us;
That we being delivered out of the | hand of • our enemies * might | serve him • without fear;
In holiness and righteous|ness before him, * all the | days of **our** life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest: * for thou shalt go before the face of the
| Lord • to pre|pare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his people * for the re|mission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy | of our God; * whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit•ed us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow • of death,
* and to guide our feet | into • the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, * and | to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, * world without | **end**. Amen.

The Gospel

St. John 6:5-14 (p. 225)

WHEN Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

The Apostles' Creed (p. 15)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. *Amen*.

Minister. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray. [all kneel]
Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Sunday Next Before Advent (p. 225)

STIR UP, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, [through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Healing

O Almighty God, who art the giver of all health, and the aid of them that turn to thee for succour, We entreat thy strength and goodness in behalf of all thy servants who suffer illness, especially thy servants Anthony+b [Rasch], Clifford+b [Bulloch], Burton+p [Swan], Luis+p [Ronderos], Rita [Ronderos], Ann [Hanna], Chris [Pike], Anne [Dempsey], Christine [Mann] and all within our parish and Province that they may be healed of their infirmities and strengthened in body and spirit, to thine honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Ill (from the Church of England)

O God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through Him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with thee in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Departed

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered; accept our prayers on behalf of the souls of thy servants departed, especially all those who have perished as a result of COVID-19 and violence of race and class, victims of abortion, recent Christian martyrs, and all the faithful departed of this parish, Diocese, and Jurisdiction. Grant to them an entrance into the land of light and joy, and shower them and all souls with thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Army

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to Donald, the President of the United States, to Gavin our Governor, to those newly elected to public service, to our elected officials of our local communities and in Congress, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, especially Thomas our Metropolitan, Anthony and Clifford our Bishops, and other Clergy of our Diocese and throughout our Church, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for All Conditions of Men.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, especially the homeless, the unemployed, and underemployed; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving. (p. 19) [may be said in unison]

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sermon Hymn:

Hymn 313

Shining Day

Johann Georg Ebeling, 1666



1. We thank you, Lord of Hea-ven, For all the joys that greet us, For
2. For swift and gal-lant hors-es, For lambs in pas-tures spring-ing, For
3. For home-ly dwell-ing pla-ces Where child-hood's vi-sions lin-ger, For



all that you have giv-en To help us and de-light us In
dogs with friend-ly fa-ces, For birds with mu-sic throng-ing Their
friends and kind-ly voi-ces, For bread to stay our hun-ger And



earth and sky and seas; The sun-light on the mea-dows, The
chan-tries in the trees; For herbs to cool our fe-ver, For
sleep to bring us ease; For zeal and zest of liv-ing, For



rain-bow's fleet-ing won-der, The clouds with cool-ing sha-dows, The
flowers of field and gar-den, For bees a-mong the clo-ver With
faith and un-der-stand-ing, For words to tell our lov-ing, For



stars that shine in splen-dor- We thank you, Lord, for these. A-men.
sto-len sweet-ness la-den- We thank you, Lord, for these.
hope of peace un-end-ing- We thank you, Lord, for these.

Jan Struther, 1933

The Sermon

The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Hymn:

Hymn 140

Dix

Conrad Kocher, 1838, alt.



1. Praise to — God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that crowns our days;
2. All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; Au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3. Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss, and pub - lic wealth,
4. As thy pros - p'ring hand hath blest, May we give thee of our best;



Boun - teous — source of ev - 'ry joy, Let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
 Flocks that whi - ten all the plain; Yel - low sheaves of ri - pen'd grain;
 Know - ledge with its gladd'ning streams, Pure re - li - gion's ho - lier beams:
 And by — deeds of kind - ly love For thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;



All to thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 Sing - ing thus through all our days Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

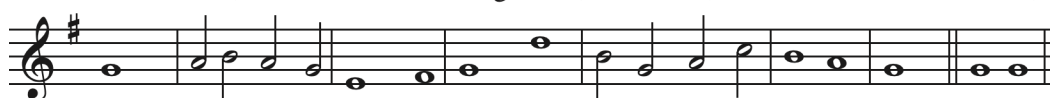


A - men.

Anna Laetitia Barbauld, 1772

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

Closing Prayers

Retiring Processional:
Christmas

Hymn 577
George Frederick Handel, 1728



1. A - wake my soul, stretch ev - 'ry nerve, And
2. A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round Hold
3. 'Tis God's all - an - i - ma - ting voice That
4. Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - 'ry nerve, And



press with vig - or on; A heav'n - ly race de-mands thy zeal, And
thee in full sur-vey; For - get the steps al - rea - dy trod, And
calls thee from on high; 'Tis his own hand pre-sents the prize To
press with vig - or on; A heav'n - ly race de-mands thy zeal, And



an im - mor - tal crown, And an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, And on - ward urge thy way.
thine a - spi - ring eye, To thine a - spi - ring eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, And an im - mor - tal crown.

Philip Doddridge, 1755

Announcements

Officiant	Ken Kubo
Sermon	The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Gospel	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistle	Robert Jones
Choir Director	Beth Kubo
Music Typesetting	Kevin Kubo
Zoom Wrangler	Kira Kubo
Altar Guild	Susan King

Happy Birthday: Pamela Mares (24 November)

We will celebrate a virtual service of Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10 am on Thanksgiving Day. Please join us!

Next week, God willing and weather permitting, we will continue our outdoor services in the shade of the oaks on the south side of the Chapel of the Oaks near the entrance to the park. Stayed tuned!