

Advent Mass with Lessons and Carols
The First Sunday of Advent • 30 November 2025



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Rite Catholic Parish

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The name “Advent” is derived from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming.” Advent is the first season of the Church calendar, starting four Sundays before Christmas. During Advent, the Church prepares for Christ’s Second Coming even as it prepares for the remembrance of his Nativity. Thus, as with Lent, it is a time of preparation and introspection, of devout and joyful expectation.

The Ceremony of Lessons and Carols as a celebration of Advent is a traditional Anglican observance, evolved from a similar Christmas festival. The alternating music and lessons used in the Liturgy in this service follows the forms introduced at King’s College, Cambridge, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and later celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion.

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And please retain Silence before Mass in respect of those making Preparation.**

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Sermon	Ken Kubo, Candidate to the Diaconate
Choir Director	Beth Kubo
Choir	Robert Gressis, Nancy Jones, Robert Jones, Beth Kubo, Ken Kubo, Evan Sears, Kathryn Shehata, Deacon John Yeager
Acolytes	Robert Jones, Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager, Evan Sears (in training)
Lay Readers	Robert Gressis, Ken Kubo, Landon Melamed, Evan Sears, Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager,
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin and Nancy Jones
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

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Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Lighting of the First Candle

(All rise)

Celebrant

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Processional

Lift Up Your Heads
 "Truro," Hymn 484



1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; Be - hold the
 2. O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, Where Christ the
 3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 4. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to
 5. So come, my Sove - reign; en - ter in! Let new and

King — of — glo - ry waits! The King of
 rul - er — is con - fest! O hap - py
 tem - ple — set a - part From earth - ly
 thee: — here, — Lord, a - bide! Let me thy
 no - bler — life be - gin; Thy Ho - ly

kings is draw - ing — near; The Sa - viour
 hearts and hap - py — homes To whom this
 use for heav'n's em - ploy, A - dorned with
 in - ner pre - sence — feel: Thy grace and
 Spi - rit guide — us — on, Un - til the

of — the — world is here. A - men.
 King — of — tri - umph comes!
 prayer — and — love and joy.
 love — in — me re - veal.
 glo - rious — crown be won.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All stand or kneel)*

Collect for Purity

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

Introit

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

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

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

Celebrant Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed.

Summary of the Law

Deacon Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison

John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for the Advent Season

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. Through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

A Bidding Prayer

(All stand)

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this state.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

All 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.*

Celebrant The Almighty God ☩ bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen*

The Lessons

Please be seated for the lessons and choral anthems. You may stand or sit for the congregational hymns. Each reader may conclude "Here endeth the reading," to which all respond, "Thanks be to God."



Choir

Creator of the Stars of Night
Plainsong, arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Genesis 3:8-15 *Landon Melamed*

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.



1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - viour comes, The Sa - viour pro - mised
 2. He comes, the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's bond - age
 3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing soul to
 4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come shall pro -



long: Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a throne, And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 held: The gates of brass be - fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 cure: And with the trea - sures of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 claim; And heav'n's e - ter - nal ar - ches ring With thy be - lov - ed Name.



A - men.

Isaiah 7:10-15..... *Robert Yeager*

Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

Choir

*Carol for Advent
 Don Besig/Nancy Price*

Baruch 4:36-5:9 *Robert Gressis*

O Jerusalem, look about thee toward the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. Lo, thy sons come, whom thou sentest away, they come gathered together from the east to the west by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever. Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under

heaven. For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God. For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom. For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God, Moreover even the woods and every sweetsmelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

All

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

"St. Stephen," Hymn II

1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
 3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And

light tri - umph - ant breaks; When beau - ty gilds the
 bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 of that morn, The day that aye shall last;
 o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
 peo - ple pray, Come quick - ly King of kings. A - men.

Micah 5:2-4 *Evan Sears*

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren

shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

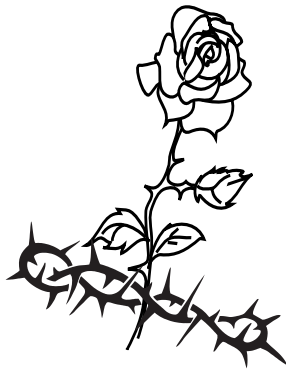
Choir

Once in Royal David's City
H. J. Gauntlett

Isaiah 11:1-9..... *Tony Shehata*

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.





1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind,
 3. This Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of old have sung.
 With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
 Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - ery - where.



It came a flow'r - et bright, A - mid the cold of win - ter,
 To show God's love a - right, She bore to men a Sav - ior,
 True man, yet ve - ry God, From sin and death He saves us



When half spent was the night.
 When half spent was the night.
 And light - ens ev - ery load.

Luke 1:26–38 *Ken Kubo*

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Choir

Gabriel's Message

Basque Carol, text Sabine Baring-Gould, arr. David Willcocks

Gradual

Celebrant

For all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed, O Lord. Make known to me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths

Alleluia, alleluia. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

The Gospel

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

(All rise)

All

And with thy spirit.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel ☩ is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse.



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

Matthew 21:1-13

When they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed,

cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name 'of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

(remain standing)

Celebrant

I believe in one God...

All

...the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, *(genuflect)*

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: *(stand)*

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets: And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Announcements



Sermon Hymn

Hosanna to the Living Lord

"Hosanna" Hymn 318



1. Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho -
 2. Ho - san - na, Lord! thine an - gels cry; Ho -
 3. O Sa - viour, with pro - tect - ing care A -
 4. But, chief - est in our clean - sed breast, E -
 5. So in the last and dread - ful day, When



san - na to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor,
 san - na, Lord! thy saints re - ply; A - bove, be - neath us,
 bide in this thy house of prayer, Where we thy part - ing
 ter - nal! bid thy Spi - rit rest; And make our se - cret
 8 earth and heav'n shall melt a - way, Thy flock, re - deemed from



Sa - viour, King, Let earth, let heav'n, Ho - san - na sing!
 and a - round, The dead and liv - ing swell the sound;
 pro - mise claim, As - sem - bled in thy sa - cred Name.
 soul to be A tem - ple pure and wor - thy thee.
 11 sin - ful stain, Shall swell the song of praise a - gain.



Ho - san - na, Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est! A-men

In the Name ✠ of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

(all sit)

Sermon

Four Things

Ken Kubo, Candidate

Offertory

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed.

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Michael Praetorius, arr. David Willcocks



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high,
 3. O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might,
 4. O come, thou Rod of Jes - - - se's stem,
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - - - vid, come,
 6. O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high,
 7. O come, De - sire of na - - - tions, bind



And ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el,
 Who ord - 'rest all things might - - - i - ly;
 Who to thy tribes on Si - - - nai's height
 From eve - ry foe de - li - - ver them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - - ly home;
 And cheer us by thy draw - - ing nigh;
 In one the hearts of all _____ man - kind;



That mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile here
 To us the path of know - - ledge show,
 In an - cient times didst give _____ the law,
 That trust thy might - y pow'r _____ to save,
 Make safe the way that leads _____ on high,
 Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of night,
 Bid thou our sad di - vi - - sions cease,



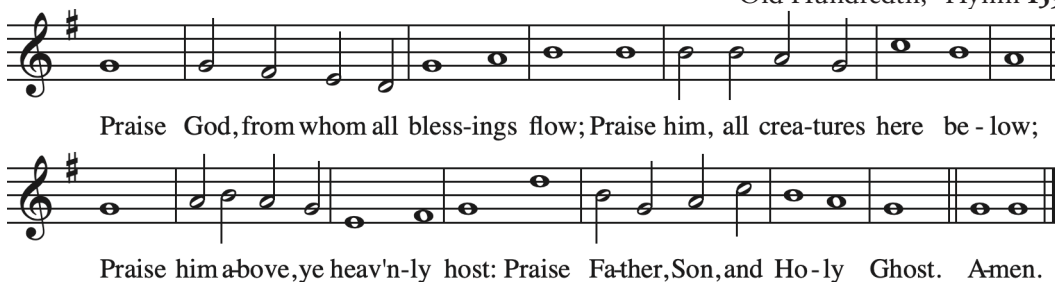
Un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways _____ to go.
 In cloud, and ma - jes - ty, _____ and awe.
 And give them vict' - ry o'er _____ the grave.
 And close the path to mi - - - se - ry.
 And death's dark sha - dow put _____ to flight.
 And be thy - self our King _____ of Peace.



Rejoice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra-el! Amen.

All (standing)

The Doxology
"Old Hundredth," Hymn 139



Bidding Prayers and Mass Intentions

Celebrant Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

All The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Prayers Over the Oblations

Celebrant Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that the effectual power of these thy holy mysteries may in such wise cleanse us from all our iniquities that we may in all purity attain unto him who is the author of the same, even Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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

The Great Intercession

(All stand or kneel)

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Exhortation

Dearly beloved in the Lord, ye who mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries. And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us; he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort. To him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen.*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

General Confession and Absolution

(All kneel)

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

Deacon Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

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

John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.

I John 2:1-2

Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All



We lift _____ them up un - to _____ the Lord _____

Priest



Let us give _____ thanks _____ un - to _____ our Lord _____ God.

All



It is meet _____ and right so _____ to do _____

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus

John Merbecke



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,



Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.



Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant

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

and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. ✠ Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

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

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

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

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

Remember, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens which are gone before us with the mark of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. We beseech thee, O Lord, that unto them, and unto all such as rest in Christ, thou wilt grant a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional, very ancient



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.



Thy will be done, On earth as it__ is__ in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.



And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.



And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.



For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.



A - men.____

Celebrant

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew and with all thy Saints, favourably grant peace in our time, that by the help of thy mercy we may be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Fracture

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke



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



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



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Administration of Holy Communion

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him ✠ that taketh away the sins of the world.

All

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

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Holy Communion is offered to those who have been Confirmed by a Bishop in Apostolic Succession or are desirous and ready to be so Confirmed, and who are prepared to receive the Blessed Sacrament (BCP, pp 86-87). Please come forward reverently and kneel at the Altar Rail. If you wish a blessing in place of Communion, please cross your arms across your chest during the presentation of the consecrated bread.

Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue. Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.

2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.



All (seated)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

"Picardy," Hymn 197



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its vanguard on the way,
4. At his feet the six - winged se - raph; che - ru - bim with sleep - less eye,



Pon - der no - thing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
As the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Veil their fa - ces to the Pre - sence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
He will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
That the powers of hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"



A - men.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Communion Verse

Celebrant The Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

Post-Communion Prayer

(All stand or kneel)

Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech thee: so to wait for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy Temple, that in readiness of heart and mind we may hail the coming feast of our redemption. Through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Advent Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Deacon Depart in peace.

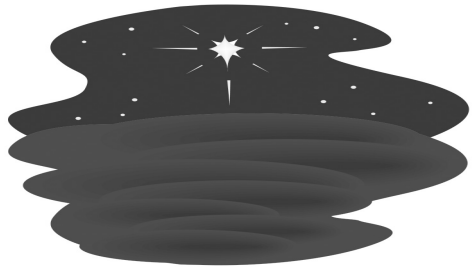
All Thanks be to God.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord

All From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord

All ☩ Who hath made heaven and earth.



An Advent Blessing

Bishop May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, ☩ and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



Retiring Processional

Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding
"Merton," Hymn 9



1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh," it
2. Wa - ken'd by the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth - bound
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don
4. So when next he comes with glo - ry, And the world is
5. Ho - nor, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



seems to say; "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
soul a - rise; Christ, her sun, all sloth dis - pell - ing,
down from heav'n; Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, May he with his mer - cy shield us,
and the Son, With the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit



O ye chil - dren of the day." A - men.
Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
One and all to be for - giv'n
And with words of love draw near.
While un - end - ing a - ges run.

Closing Prayers

Thank you for sharing this special service with us! We especially welcome our visitors. Please sign our guest book in the Entrance and join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Flowers are not used on the Altar in Advent, with the exception of the Third Sunday in Advent (Rose Sunday) which falls on 14 December this year. If you wish to contribute toward flowers for Rose Sunday, please see Beth Kubo to make your request known.



The Weekday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (St. Francis Xavier, Confessor)

Happy Birthday

Robert Eisenhart
Jake Longridge

December 5
December 6

Today is 'STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY', the day on which we designate what the amount of our Annual Pledge to the work of the Church shall be for the coming year. We hope that you have prayerfully considered your Annual Pledge for 2025 and that as well you have been moved in heart to return a voluntary Pledge Card today. Thank you for your sacrificial giving to God's work.

Our THANKSGIVING FOOD INGATHERING provided **385** lbs of groceries for the needy. Sandy and Tori Wood delivered the food offering to the SOVA distribution center. God Bless you all for your Generosity! And thank you to Sandy and Tori for making the delivery.

Heartfelt thanks to our Choir for today's beautiful **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, and for the hours they have expended in rehearsals, and a big thank you also to our volunteer Lectors who read the several scripture lessons during the service.

The Pioneer Church was built in 1903 with volunteer labor on donated land. The church was originally located at what is now 10051 Topanga Canyon Boulevard. At the time, it was the only church in the northwest valley. It served as a high school, a meeting place for the Chamber of Commerce and the community, and a recital hall as well as the community's religious center. It provided a home for the Methodist Episcopal Church, later called the Chatsworth Methodist Church. That congregation moved into a larger facility as the community grew.

The Pioneer Church was saved from demolition and moved to its current location in 1965, thanks to the efforts of the Chatsworth Historical Society and the generosity of the Oakwood Memorial Park Association and the community. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, patrons of the Society from its inception, donated the first thousand dollars to the moving fund.

In 1981, the Pioneer Church became home to the congregation of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Rite Catholic Parish, which has occupied the building ever since. St. Mary the Virgin is a member congregation of the Anglican Rite Catholic Province, a traditional Anglican denomination. Mass is celebrated at 10 AM each Sunday using the 1928 American (Episcopalian) edition of *The Book of Common Prayer*.



Regular Schedule of Sunday Services

1 st Sundays	Low Mass with hymns & sermon
2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Sundays	Choral Mass with hymns & sermon
3 rd Sundays	High Mass with hymns & sermon

all services are held at 10 AM

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