



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

St. James' Episcopal Church
Danbury, CT

Janet Brown & Lyn Meyers, *Wardens*

Joanne F. Archibald, *Director of Music*

The Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge, *Rector*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Thank you for observing social distancing while inside St. James' buildings today.
Mask-wearing is now optional for those who are fully vaccinated.*

Prelude Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Joseph Parry/Arr. James Mansfield

The Word of God

Opening Hymn #57 (*The Hymnal 1982*) *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*

The people standing, as able, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Presider may say

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.

The Trisagion # S-102 (*sung three times by all*) *Holy God*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system contains 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving bass lines.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray....

The Presider prays the Collect (found on your insert).

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the lessons (found on your insert).

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

After the Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 122

(Read in unison.)

The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

After the Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #601 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

O day of God, draw nigh

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

All standing as able, the Presider reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Dustin Trowbridge

The Nicene Creed *(all standing, as able)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form 2 *(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 385)*

The Intercessor will lead the People in prayer. In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

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 Presider stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand. The Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
(Please observe social-distancing while sharing the Peace.)*

Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Presider may begin the Offertory with an Offertory Sentence

Choral Offertory Anthem: Advent Hymn Steve Dallas

Presentation Hymn #61 (*The Hymnal 1982*) "Sleepers, wake!" *A voice astounds us*

Sung by all, standing as able.

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer B** (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 367)

The Presider faces the People and sings:

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 Presider proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung.

...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 # S 124 *Presider and People*

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. The Presider continues the prayer

We give thanks to you, O God (*Presider continues...*)

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

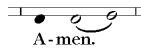
Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...

...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.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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: #S-153

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung:

Presider:
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

 Musical notation for the Presider's part: a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

People:
 There-fore let us keep the feast.

 Musical notation for the People's part: a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Fraction Anthem # S 161

Lamb of God

 Musical score for the Fraction Anthem # S 161. It consists of four staves of music in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are:

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.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Communion.
To receive a priestly blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten-free hosts are available by request.

Communion Hymns: #53 (The Hymnal 1982) Once he came in blessing
#615 (The Hymnal 1982) "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

[If the Sacrament is to be shared with homebound parishioners, the following form is used:

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

Presider In the name of this congregation, I 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: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.]**

The Presider then says
Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Advent Blessing

The Presider may bless the people.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #68 (The Hymnal 1982)

Rejoice, rejoice, believers

Postlude Concluding Voluntary in C Major No. 9
(Please be seated for the postlude.)

Charles Vincent