

ST. ALFRED'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
The First Sunday of Advent
Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant
The Reverend Agostino Rivolta, Preacher

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant
The Reverend Agostino Rivolta, Preacher

The Chiming of the Hour (*Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.*)

The Prelude "Sleepers Wake!" *A Voice Astounds Us* J. S. Bach
(based on Hymn 61)

The Word of God

Hymn 58 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* St. Thomas

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom 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.*

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) Plainsong/Janet Hall

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with the instruction 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.' The second staff begins with 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Chri-ste e-lei-son. Chri-ste e-lei-son. Chri-ste e-lei-son.' The third staff begins with 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.' The word 'Choir' is written above the second and third staves, indicating the start of the choir's response. The music is written in a simple, plainsong style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the following Collect.

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.*

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*


Plainsong

(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat it. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon



- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **[Antiphon]**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **[Antiphon]**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. **[Antiphon]**

Antiphon  O come, O come, Em-man - u-el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra-el.

- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. [**Antiphon**]

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 72

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Richmond

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth

will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Agostino Rivolta

(A moment for reflection.)

The Nicene Creed

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 *The response following each intercession is:*
Leader O come, o come, Emmanuel;
People Be our hope and our salvation.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

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All stand. The Celebrant 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.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Creator of the Stars of Night

Plainsong/John Scott

1 Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Savior of us all,
Regard thy servants when they call.

4 At thy great name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
And things in heav'n and earth shall own,
That thou art Lord and King alone.

2 Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
Of all creation doomed to die,
Didst come to save a ruined race
With healing gifts of heav'nly grace.

5 To thee, O holy One, we pray,
Our judge in that tremendous day,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From ev'ry onslaught of the foe.

3 Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening tide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

6 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

- 7th century Office Hymn, translated by J. M. Neale (altered)

(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)

Hymn 380, Stanza 3

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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The Celebrant, faces them and says

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

The Sanctus S 125

Jeffrey Smith

(Organ) Ho ly, - ho ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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, ho -
san - na, ho san - na - in the high est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Celebrant and People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

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

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The Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Jeffrey Smith



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.

Communion Anthem

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels

Gerald Near

(The text of the anthem may be found at No. 454 in the Hymnal.)

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Said by All)*

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

_____, 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. We, who are many, are one because we share one Bread, one Cup. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Hymn 601

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

The Dismissal

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The People respond Thanks be to God.

(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)

Postlude

Choralfantasie "Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

Max Drischner

Coffee Hour

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Reister Hall immediately following the service.

Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

Prayer List

Please pray for

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| David | Jennifer Dean | Our nation |
| Elease, Liz and Steve | Patrick Dean | All who serve our country at home and abroad |
| Maddie | Kitty Hooper | Those affected by COVID |
| Michele, Charlotte and John | Alex and Diane Hugill | Healthcare Workers |
| Fr. Peter | Fran Lever | Victims of violence |
| Sarah | Diane Linindoll | Victims of hurricanes |
| Tricia | Cindy Logsdon | Helene, Milton and all natural disasters |
| David and Lynne Aukamp | Fran Martin | The people of Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and all places torn by strife |
| David Bliss | Jeannette McCabe | |
| Kristen B. | Peter Macaulay | |
| Beverly Butters | Bonnie Schumacher | |
| Ann & Richard Clark | Lin Stanko | |
| | Wally and Joan Tyson | |



Weekly Calendar

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| Monday, December 2 | 1 p.m., Daughters of the King (Library) 7 p.m., Bible Study (Library and Zoom) |
| Tuesday, December 3 | 10 a.m., Communications Meeting (Library) |
| Wednesday, December 4 | 10 a.m., Book Club (Library) 7 p.m., Bell Choir (Church) |
| Thursday - December 5 | 10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) 12 p.m., Holy Eucharist and Healing 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Friday, December 6 | 10 a.m., GriefShare (Library) 1:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library) |
| Saturday, December 7 2 Advent | 2 p.m., Rice Bagging and Outreach Mtg (Reister Hall) 5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I |
| Sunday, December 8 2 Advent | 10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library) |

— *Announcements* —

Daughters of the King, Monday, December 2

The Daughter's of the King will meet on Monday, December 2 at 1 p.m. in the Church Office. The luncheon has been moved to January.

Advent Organ Recital, Tuesday, December 3

Kevin Johnson and Carl Gravander will share a half-hour organ recital of music for Advent at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church at 110 S. Ft. Harrison Avenue in downtown Clearwater, on Tuesday, December 3 at Noon.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 15

The choirs, under the direction of Organist-Choirmaster Kevin Johnson will present a service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday afternoon, December 15 at 4 p.m.

Advent Organ Recital, Tuesday, December 17

Timothy Belk will present a half-hour concert of Advent music here at St. Alfred's on Tuesday, December 17 at noon. Timothy is organist at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clearwater.

The Christmas Fellowship Luncheon, Wednesday, December 18

The Christmas Fellowship Luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, December 18 at the Countryside Country Club, 3001 Countryside Blvd., Clearwater. A signup sheet is located in the Narthex. The cost of the luncheon is \$42 per person. Meal choices and payment are required in advance. Checks should be made payable to St. Alfred's. Cash should be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your name and the words Christmas Luncheon.

Christmas Altar Flowers

The Flower Guild is now accepting donations for altar flowers for our Christmas services. You may make a donation in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving. Donations should be received by Wednesday, December 18 so that a list of the donors and those they are remembering can be published in the Christmas bulletins. Thank You.

Christmas Services

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| Christmas Eve | 4 p.m. | The Holy Eucharist with Carols, Recorder Consort |
| | 9:30 p.m. | Pre-Service Choral & Instrumental Music |
| | 10 p.m. | Candlelight Eucharist |
| Christmas Day | 10 a.m. | The Holy Eucharist with Carols |

"Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us - J.S. Bach, Oliver Ditson
Creator of the Stars of Night - John Scott, Oxford University Press
Sanctus and Agnus Dei - Jeffrey Smith, MorningStar Music
Choralfantasia "Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us - Max Drischner, Edition Schultheiss
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