



# Church of the Good Shepherd

*Welcome to Good Shepherd. We are blessed with your presence this morning. As we gather, please be conscious of the sacredness of this space. Throughout the service, please feel free to adopt the posture that is most comfortable for you. Again, welcome.*

*The words of the service come from the red Book of Common Prayer ("BCP"). The congregational responses are printed in **Bold**.*

*The music is in the blue Hymnal: the "S" or service music is in the front of the Hymnal while the Hymns are in the back. The words of the service come from the red Book of Common Prayer ("BCP").*

The First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

# THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

“Andante Religioso (*Sonata IV*)”

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 59

“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” *Merton*

ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* 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.**

KYRIE *in unison*

Hymn S-96

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 58

"Lo! He comes, with clouds descending" *St. Thomas*

*All stand*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

*Celebrant* 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*All* **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 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

Planning for Rites and Rituals

*Priest* My brothers and sisters, may God strengthen your hearts in holiness. Trusting God, let us pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation."

*Leader* God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness.

*Silence*

*People* O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
**Be our hope and our salvation.**

*Leader* God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety.

*Silence*

*People* O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
**Be our hope and our salvation.**

*Leader* God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you.

*Silence*

*People* O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
**Be our hope and our salvation.**

*Leader* God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region -- from city, village, and town -- together in a spirit of love and respect.

*People may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

*People* O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
**Be our hope and our salvation.**

*Leader* God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving.

*People may add their petitions, followed by silence*

O come, O come, Emmanuel;

*People* **Be our hope and our salvation.**

*Leader* God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.

*Silence*

O come, O come, Emmanuel;

*People* **Be our hope and our salvation.**

*Priest* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*People* **Amen.**

CONFESSON OF SIN

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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.**

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

THE PEACE *All stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Handle/arr. Liebergen

“Celebration Song”

THE DOXOLOGY

Verse 3, Hymn 380

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

THE PROPER PREFACE

BCP 378

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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

BCP 367; Hymn S-125

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues.*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life,

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

BCP 368

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

THE GREAT AMEN

BCP 369; Hymn S-146

**Amen, Amen, Amen**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *in unison*

BCP 364

**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

BCP 364

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn S-155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The people come forward, physically distanced, to receive communion, beginning  
with the front rows.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 314

“Humbly I adore thee” *Adoro devote*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *in unison*

BCP 366

**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 BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 660

“O Master let me walk with thee” *Maryton*

*The people stand*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



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