## ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# **ADVENT**

"OH COME, OH COME, EMMANUEL"

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## **Holy Eucharist Rite II**

#### **Prelude**

## **Advent Prayers**

Please stand

## **Prayer of Preparation**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, as we travel towards Bethlehem in this journey of Advent, we come together in the midst of a busy season to take a breath. To slow down as we anticipate Jesus' coming once more into the world. We are invited for a time to breathe in together the life that God gives us; to listen for the beating of God's heart and the blessings and lessons this season brings. As we gather for this time of worshipful anticipation let us, in the silence, rest in God's presence.

#### Introit

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near:

People: Come let us adore him.

Celebrant: Lord, grant us your light,

People: That being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.

## The Word of God

## **Opening Hymn**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free

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#### The Holy Eucharist I



Setting: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:

Sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, God is with you.

People:

And also with you.

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

#### Please be seated

The First Reading - Insert

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Insert

The Second Reading - Insert

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand

#### Sequence Hymn

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

#### The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior **People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sequence Hymn

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher

#### The Sermon

#### The Nicene Creed - all standing

Deacon: Let us stand and profess our faith in the historic words of 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

**Deacon:** Sisters and brothers, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek the Lord praying, "Let us see your glory, O Lord: *come to us and save us!*"

**Worship Leader:** Lord, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ. And give us patience when it seems Christ's kingdom does not come quickly enough.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O Lord.

Come to us and save us!

Lord save this nation from disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that gives justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O Lord.

Come to us and save us!

Lord, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all of creation.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O Lord.

Come to us and save us!

Lord, save this city from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak hope and encouragement to the people of our region.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O Lord.

Come to us and save us!

Lord, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. Make happy all those who have you for their help.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O Lord.

Come to us and save us!

Lord, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence – where sorrow and sighing are no more.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O Lord.

Come to us and save us!

We pray for our Parishioners

For our friends and relatives

We also pray for the ministry

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

**Celebrant:** Hasten, O God, 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. *Amen*.

#### The Confession

Deacon: Holy God, we have fallen short in loving you and loving our neighbors; we stand beside each other and ask for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Silence*)

Most Holy God, in the midst of this season of expectation and new life, we confess:

People: We have resisted the light of your love; we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us; and we have not treasured the gifts of others around us. Holy Trinity, make us holy. Holy God, make us whole. Amen.

Celebrant: May the Trinity of Love bring you back to God and forgive you all your sins; be assured of God's eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

 $Please\ stand\ as\ the\ gifts\ are\ brought\ forward\ to\ the\ altar$ 



Text: LM; verses 1, 4, Thomas Ken, 1637–1711; verses 2, 3, Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510–1561, alt.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: God is with you. **People:** And also with you.

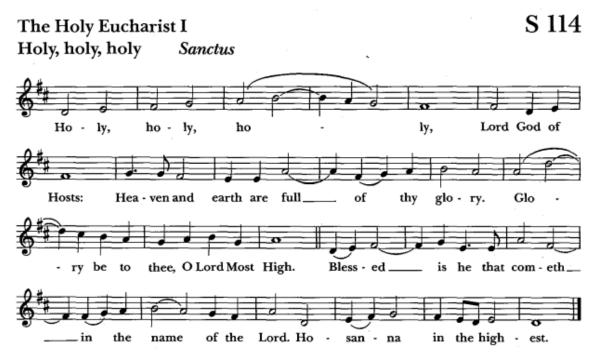
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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.

Celebrant: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly, you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing.



Setting: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness, you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile, you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

#### Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time, you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

# Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

## Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. *AMEN* 

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

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

Celebrant: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus.

People: In the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: The bread which we break.

People: Is the communion of the body of Christ.

Celebrant: One body are we,

People: For though many we share one bread.



Celebrant: These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people. So come to this table, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. You who are full of faith and full of doubt. Come, it is Christ himself who invites you to meet him here.

#### **Distribution of Communion**

All are welcome to receive communion.

If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come up for a blessing.

#### Communion Hymn(s)

#### Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us Pray

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.

#### The Advent Blessing

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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

#### The Dismissal

Deacon: Our worship is ended, our service in the world begins. As we await our coming Savior, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

