



The First Sunday of Advent

9 a.m., Sunday, November 28, 2021

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card
found on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.*

The Word of God

Voluntary

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Savior of the Nations, Come

Hymn At The Procession

Hymnal, #57

Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

Verses 1 and 4



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Acclamation And Opening Sentence

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Lighting Of The Advent Wreath

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our Savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. *Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -
le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Collect For Advent

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of your love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. *Amen.*

The Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

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

Children's Choir Offering

Come, Lord Jesus - Michael Bedford

Come, Lord Jesus, be our light, as we burn this candle bright. Fill our hearts with love and cheer, as we await you advent here. Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, by your presence will we be blessed. Fill our hearts with love and cheer, as we await your advent here. Come, Lord Jesus, be our peace, that joy may never cease. Fill our hearts with love and cheer, as we await your advent here.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #61

Sleepers Wake, A Voice Astounds Us

Verse 1 only

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“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 does not 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 God.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. David Erickson

The people are seated.

Prayers Of The People

In the stillness of December, let us be guided by the light of your Word.

Prepare our hearts to welcome him,

O come, Jesus, come.

Through your son you blessed children and gave others hope. Help us to trust in you and improve in all that we do.

Prepare our hearts to welcome him,

O come, Jesus, come.

We are excited about your son's coming and want the world to be a better place to welcome him.

Prepare our hearts to welcome him,

O come, Jesus, come.

Your son healed the sick and we, too, want those who are sad, alone and hurting to be well.

Prepare our hearts to welcome him,

O come, Jesus, come.

Children do not want to inherit a hurting planet, help us to work with others and turn to you so we can be more loving to the world.

Prepare our hearts to welcome him,

O come, Jesus, come.

You sent your son, Emmanuel: God with us. We thank you for your presence with us and say thanks for our parish community, family, and friends.

Prepare our hearts to welcome him,

O come, Jesus, come.

Closing Collect

God of love, help us to be your messengers on earth, showing your love for all people in everything that we do. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

A sign of peace is exchanged.

Greeting And Announcements

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

- Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,

And manifest Thy virgin birth:

Let every age adoring fall;

Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,

But of the Spirit, Thou art still

The Word of God in flesh arrayed,

The promised Fruit to man displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained

With virgin honor all unstained;

The banners there of virtue glow;

God in His temple dwells below.

All laud eternal Son to thee,

Whose advent sets thy people free,

Whom with the Father we adore,

And Holy Ghost for evermore

-St. Ambrose, tr. J.M Neale

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, Living God, to give you thanks and praise because you increase our faith, hope and our love. We follow the example of your son Jesus, your gift to us, whom we

wait for in joyous anticipation. While on earth, he shared your grace with others and now he shares it with us. That is why across time and eternity, the morning stars join the angels and all creation as we sing (say) this praise because we cannot keep silent:

Sanctus And Benedictus

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.

God, you are always caring for your people. You sent your son Jesus to be our friend: to heal the sick, to care for the hungry, and to comfort those who are sad or lonely.

We remember that on the night before he died, Jesus gathered around a table with his friends. He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to God and gave it to them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new Covenant, poured for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, we offer to you, O God, these gifts of bread and wine, and our own hearts too, so this bread and wine become for us the living presence of Jesus.

*Open our eyes to see him,
our hands to hold him,
our hearts to receive him,
our souls to cherish him.*

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body of Jesus and cup of our salvation. Open our hearts to receive this special meal, so that we may be one with you. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us say together the words that Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking Of The Bread And The Invitation

As Jesus broke bread, we break this bread. As Jesus took wine we take this cup.

As his first disciples shared communion in an upstairs room, we share these gifts from
hand to hand, and feed on it with grateful hearts.

The Communion

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for we have seen with our eyes and touched with our
hands the bread of life. Help us to grow in our love for you and for one another. Let us
go in peace and be joyful for we are beloved by you. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

(Touching your ears)

God be in my hearing.

(Gently touching your eyes)

God be in my seeing.

(Touching your lips)

God be in my talking.

(Touching your heart)

God be in my loving.

(Touching each hand)

God be in my helping.

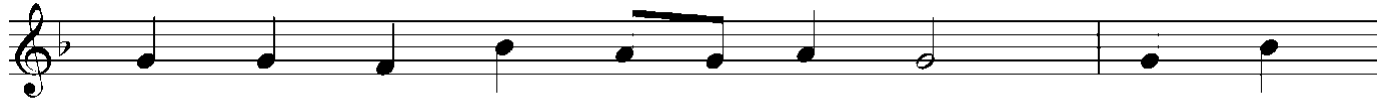
(Making a wide circle with your hands)
in the world where I live Amen!

Blessing

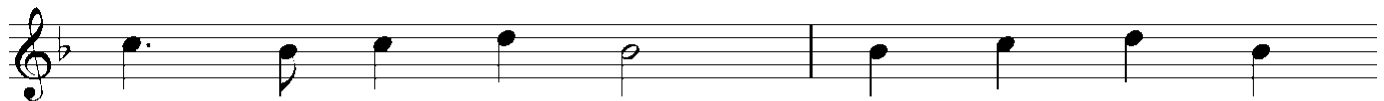
Closing Hymn

Hymnal, #54

Verses 1 & 2 are sung before the Homily, and 3 & 4 are sung after.



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Bach

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

November 28, 2021

Thank you for worshipping with us. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

Starting this Sunday, a poster with daily activities for the season of Advent (starting November 28) will be available for individuals and families in the narthex and in the church office. Grab yours as soon as you can!

Additionally, as a parish we will be reading through an Advent devotional book written by Walter

Brueggemann: [Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent](#). Order your copy soon! The church will have a few extras on hand if you need one.

Contact Mike Stafford with questions or if you would be willing to lead some of the reflections on the devotions.

ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

1. Giving Tree

St. Mary's hopes to once again partner with Episcopal Community Services in offer the opportunity to give gifts to children and families through the Giving Tree. We are still coordinating on final details, so keep a lookout for more specific information soon!

2. Advent Giving Cards

In the Gospel of Matthew (2:12 ff), "an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up' He said, 'take the child and

his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him. So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where they stayed. . . . Herod . . . was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under. . . ." Sounds very contemporary, doesn't it? We at St. Mary's honor this passage by welcoming the migrant, the sojourner among us. Their names are Rodnoel José Aranguren-Flores from Venequela and the Baratzada family (Janmohammad, Machal, and 10-month old Asiya} from Afghanistan. St. Mary's accompaniment team is helping each of these families establish independent lives in America.

Here's where you come in. These families need food, clothing, and health care to get through the winter. In honor of the migrant Christ family, St. Mary's is accepting your donation of gift cards throughout Advent. Specifically, we are seeking cards for Target, Walmart, Walgreens, and Safeway. Consider individual cards of \$20-\$50. Bring them with you to the Sunday service and drop them in in the collection plates. It could not be easier. Thank you serving our migrant God in this very personal way.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

Please help contribute towards decorating the church with holiday finery in honor of Christ's coming at Christmas. Your donation towards the cost of our Christmas flowers may be made in honor or memory of someone dear to you.

You may make your donation online by visiting smvsf.org/donation or you may return this form with your check payable to "The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin," (with a note in the memo section "ALTAR FLOWERS") either in the Sunday collection basket or by delivering to the church office by Friday, December 17. Please email Ashley at ashley@smvsf.org stating who your donation is in honor or memory of. Donations received after Dec. 17 cannot appear in the printed Christmas service program. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND
CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021**

Christmas Eve

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021

- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Petting Zoo in the Courtyard
- 3:00 p.m. Family Nativity Pageant
- 5:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist for Christmas Eve
- 10:15 p.m. Extended Organ Prelude
- 10:30 p.m. Festival Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Congregational Lessons & Carols for Christmas

Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols

The Feast of the Epiphany and

The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany and the Visitation of the Magi
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist for the Baptism of Our Lord and The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**SANKTA LUCIA PROCESSION
CHILDREN & YOUTH SIGN-UP**

Children and youth K-12 are requested to join the upcoming live Sankta Lucia procession on Sunday, December 12 in either a singing or non-singing role.

Rehearsal will be at 8:15 a.m. for the 9:00 service. Costumes will be provided.

Please sign up with Marla

Perkins: marla@smvsf.org including name of child, age, grade, and clothing size.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

No youth group for the rest of the month of November because of all of the holidays.

We'll see you in December!

2022 ANNUAL MINISTRY FUND

Amount Pledged: \$619,743

Goal: \$800,000+

Number of Pledges: 131

Goal: 200+

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

David
Bob Bledsoe
Sandy Briggs
Charlotte
Barbara Elliott
Jeanne
Jon
Zakaria El Fatihi
Karen
Paul
The Zieman family
Kendra Lanham
Fred Martin

CONTINUING PRAYERS

June
Pat Okimoto
Doris Howard
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
San Francisco Night Ministry
Jane
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Tim Eland
Forester Davis
Simon
Phyllis Shepherd
Michael Crossley

RECENTLY DECEASED

Colin Powell
Donna Kay Stadtfeld
Joseph E. Ehrman, III
Boyd Jarrell
David Horgan
Charles G. Hall
Gordon Mulava
Andrew Zieman
Susan Crown

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For the people of Delhi, India where toxic air pollution is imperiling their health.

For the people of Waukesha, Wisconsin in the aftermath of a searing community tragedy.

THANKSGIVINGS

For safer conditions than a year ago for holiday gatherings and traditions with family and friends.

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