

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist Rite 1

Welcome to St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

Processional Hymn Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley)

Hymnal 57

 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2) Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

3) Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers; with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!

4) Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!Thou shalt reign, and thou alone. The people standing, the Celebrant says Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The following is sung, all standing

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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The Lord be with you. Celebrant People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Old Testament:

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean. and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf. and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Psalter:

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * *shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.*

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * *stir up your strength and come to help us.*

³Restore us, O God of hosts; * *show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; * *you have given them bowls of tears to drink.*

•You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * *the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.*

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; * *give us life, that we may call upon your Name.*

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—

⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Blest be the King whose coming (Valet will ich dir geben)

Hymnal 74

1) Blest be the King whose coming
is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened,
no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor,
in power and pomp, comes he;
but clad as are the poorest,
such his humility!

2) Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard; pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

3) Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!He only to the humble reveals the face of God.All power is his, all glory!All things are in his hand, all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

4) Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.Gentle is he and humble!And light his yoke shall be, for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 13:24-37

All stand.

Priest	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
	Mark.
People	Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.

²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon: the Rev. Jeff Wallace

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.

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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

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Heavenly Father, give grace for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, especially Christ Episcopal Church in Denmark, South Carolina; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church, St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and Andy, our mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:

(Please see the Prayer List insert.)

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Donna Bilby, Rudy Mancke, Duvy Spruill, Rosalynn Carter, Betty Anne Rehm, and Parker Linder, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. David and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the

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commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace

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All stand.CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

The Celebrant says

sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

1) How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

2) "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and

4) "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5) "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Doxology (Old 100TH)

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. Amen

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Ephesians 5:2

Hymnal 636

The Great Thanksgiving

All things come of thee, O Lord, *And of thine own have we given thee.*

Eucharistic Prayer I

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Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

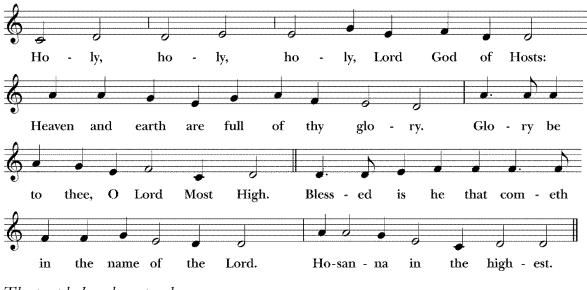
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus		
Holy, holy, holy	(Merbecke) (BCP 334)	S 113
Celebrant and People		



The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

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All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.] The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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Recessional Hymn Rejoice! rejoice, believers

1) Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear! The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.

> The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

2) See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.

The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

3) Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!

With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Dismissal

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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(Llangloffan)

Announcements:

St. David's members should have received a letter regarding the Stewardship Campaign. Pledge cards and Estate Planning brochures were also included. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so by placing it in the offering tray or by mailing it to the Church.

Recently there was a Parish Luncheon where the finances of the church were discussed. If you missed it or have questions, Senior Warden Phil Powell can help.

◆ We have resumed our **Conversational Social Time** between Sunday School and our service, and again following the service. Join us for a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary.

◆ St. David's Sunday School Bible Study meets at 9:30am in the Chapel Library. We're studying the first seven chapters of First Samuel. You can bring your Bible or use the lesson handouts prepared for each of the six weekly sessions. Please come join us. We want to hear your ideas and we put no one on the spot. The class starts at 9:30 and we should finish by 10:10, so you have a few minutes to visit in the Chapel.

♦ The Pee Dee Waccamaw Deanery is making available an Advent Bible Study via Zoom. Charles Jordan, of Church of the Messiah in Myrtle Beach, will lead an Advent Study which is open to all members of our deanery. The topic of the study is a discussion of Matthew's Infancy Narrative in Matthew 1-2.

The meetings will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning December 6th, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. The link for the Zoom meeting is in this week's Newsletter, and will also be in a Facebook post on the Church Facebook page (**St. David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw, SC**). If neither of these work for you, call the Church Office and we can email you the login information. ◆ St. David's Daycare & Preschool has a fall community giving project each year. This year they are collecting donations for local animal shelters. Please bring in food, cat litter, training pads, toys and other items to donate and support them. Plain dry food is best; the animals are typically not accustomed to canned food.

St. David's Daycare & Preschool has great long-sleeve tee-shirts on hand, with the school logo on the back and the school name on the front. They come in sizes from 2T to 3XL. See Jimmy Carol Avent, Director/Principal, for more information.

St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County *FoodShare* program, which makes fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. Contact Lobie Hammond or the Church Office to volunteer to help out. Our next delivery days are: Order by Monday, 12/4/2023.....pick up on Thursday, 12/7/2023 Order by Monday, 12/18/2023.....pick up on Thursday, 12/21/2023



Welcome!

Regardless of whether or not you regularly attend here, we are happy to have you as one of us today! Feel free to come up close, and kneel before our Lord's altar and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. All Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination (or status as Protestant or Roman Catholic) are welcome here, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you need a gluten-free wafer, then please indicate this to one of the ushers.

Of course, if you prefer to remain seated during Eucharist, we are fine with that as well. We merely hope that your experience with us today is divinely positive and truly meaningful.

As Priest-in-Charge, I would be glad for us to have a conversation during the coffee hour or to have a scheduled appointment for another time. I love answering questions about why we do what we do and about who we are as Episcopalian Christians. If you have a confidential matter to voice, I can be trusted as a priest and as a certified grief counselor.

Again, I am very happy that you have chosen to be with us this day. Feel free to contact me personally. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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