

Birthdays & Other Anniversaries Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Offertory Sentence

9:00 *The congregation is seated after the ushers present the oblations at the altar.*
11:15 *The congregation is seated following the sentence.*

The Offertory

Anthem *Rorate caeli (The Advent Prose)* Richard Proulx
Sung in Latin and English by the Transfiguration Choir

Drop down, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.
— Isaiah 45:8

Stand.

Hymn 11:15 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* The Hymnal 640

*Sung in alternation: Men sing phrases beginning "Watchman";
Women sing phrases beginning "Traveler."*

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship
Eucharistic Prayer 2

This form comes from a supplemental resource to The Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship. Responses can be found in the insert.

Communion of the People

All who are baptized, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who choose not to receive for any reason, are invited forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive by intinction, continue holding the Host out and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it into the Chalice and place it on your tongue. Indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free Host by holding out your hands together palms-down.

Voluntary *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Gerald Near

Hymn

9:00 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* The Hymnal 56
Stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 7
11:15 *Jesus Came, Adored by Angels* The Hymnal 454

Stand.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors 9:00

In the name of this congregation, I 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 body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The 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.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn

The Hymnal 66

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Voluntary

Georg Böhm

Partita on Comfort, Comfort Ye My People: Variation 11



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
Transfiguration

SEEKING AND SERVING CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. | 11:15 a.m.



The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary

Georg Böhm

Partita on Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Welcome

Entrance Hymn

The Hymnal 57

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

9:00 Stanzas 1, 2 & 4 11:15 All Stanzas

The Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Presider ☩ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

The Song of Praise

Trisagion

The Hymnal S 102

Sung three times in harmony: 1 - Gallery Choir; 2 - All *mf*; 3 - All *f*

Music preceded by an "S" is printed in the front section of The Hymnal.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.**

Be seated.

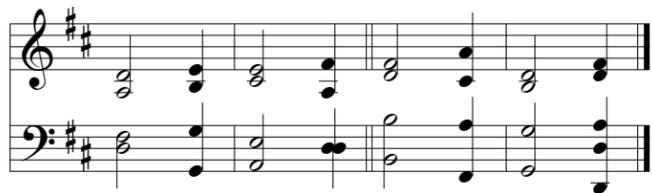
The First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as 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! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From 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. You 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. There 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. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The Hymnal S 415
Simplified Anglican Chant Tone
J. W. Meachen



© 1956, Jerome Webster Meachen. Published by Church Publishing, Inc.
All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-709126.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and **Manasseh**, *
stir up your strength and come to **help us**.

Restore 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**?

You 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**.

Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
Let your hand be upon the man of your **right hand**, *
the son of man you have made so strong for **yourself**.
And so will we never turn away from **you**; *
give us life, that we may call upon your **Name**.
Restore us, O LORD God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance and we shall be **saved**.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand.

The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia* Chant, Mode VI

Please sing this refrain after the choir's intonation and following the verse.



Verse: Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

✠✠✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then 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. 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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven,

nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It 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. Therefore, 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated.

The Sermon

Stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

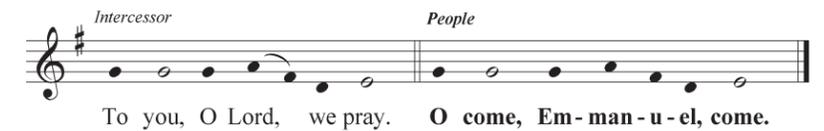
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power 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 Intercessor invites the prayers of the congregation, and offers on the altar the prayers printed in the Parish Intercession Book.

Each petition concludes:



To you, O Lord, we pray. **O come, Em-man-u-el, come.**

The Presider prays a concluding collect and the People respond Amen.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360