



Advent at Transfiguration

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and prayers not only direct us toward the joy of Christ's birth, they also challenge us to consider the day we will stand before the judgement seat of Christ. Therefore, this holy season is marked by both hope and repentance, as we await the day when all things will be brought to their fulfillment by the same one through whom all things came into being, who also came into the world as a babe in Bethlehem.



Ushers can guide you to the most convenient restrooms. A unisex restroom is available in the Gathering Space.



Our professionally staffed nursery is open for Saturday and Sunday services. An Usher can help direct you.



Hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an Usher if you would like one.



For more information on the life of Transfiguration and how to get involved, stop by the Visitors Center outside the doors to the church.

Sunday, December 1, 2019 | 11:15 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Rite II with Expansive Language

First Sunday of Advent

Voluntary

Two Advent Reflections

Anne Krentz Organ

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus & O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Willa Henigman, oboe

Welcome

Entrance Hymn

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

The Hymnal 57

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Song of Praise

Trisagion

The Hymnal S 102

Sung three times in harmony:

1– Gallery Choir 2 – All 3 – All

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

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.**

First Lesson *Be seated.*

Isaiah 2:1-5

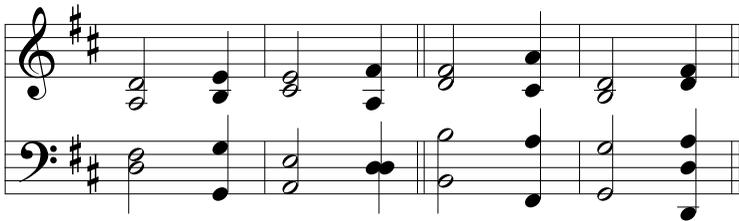
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

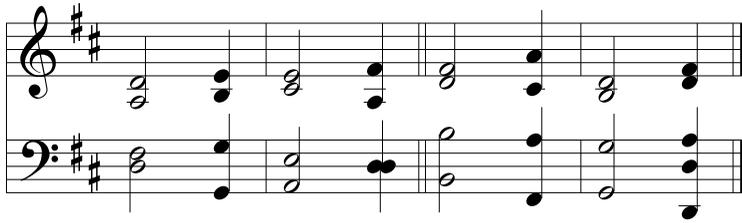
Simplified Anglican chant by J. W. Meachen



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I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
Now our feet are **standing** *
within your gates, O **Jerusalem**.

Jerusalem is built as a **city** *
that is at unity with itself;
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.



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For there are the thrones of **judgment**, *
the thrones of the house of **David**.
Pray for the peace of **Jerusalem**: *
“May they prosper who **love you**.

Peace be within your **walls** *
and quietness within your **towers**.
For my brethren and companions’ **sake**, *
I pray for your **prosperity**.

(Last half of the tone)

Because of the house of the **LORD** our **God**, *
I will seek to do you **good**.”

Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Chant, Mode VI

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

Cantor: *All:*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. _____

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

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. R. Casey Shobe, D.Min.

Stand.

The Nicene Creed *Spoken*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and
became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

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:

Intercessor *People*



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

The Presider prays a concluding collect:

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at
hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us
strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we
may go out joyfully to greet him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin *Please kneel.*

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 our Savior 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.

The Presider pronounces an absolution:

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

Birthday & 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 Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory Sentence

The congregation is seated after the Offertory Sentence.

The Offertory

Anthem *Pray that Jerusalem* arr. Charles Villiers Stanford
Transfiguration Choir

Hymn *“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us* The Hymnal 62

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

*This form comes from a supplemental resource to
The Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship.
Copies of the prayer are on the bulletin table in the Gathering Space.*

The Lord 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 our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

New Plainsong

David Hurd

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en
and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

In the midst of the prayer, the Presider says:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer *Sung*

The Hymnal S 119

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem *New Plainsong*

The Hymnal S 161

Communion of the People

All who are baptized by water and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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

Savior of the Nations, Come!

G. F. Kaufmann

Hymn

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels

The Hymnal 454

Stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

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 Eucharistic Visitors

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.

Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness. **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.**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn

Signs of Endings All Around Us

WLP 721

*This hymn is printed in the green Wonder, Love, and Praise
hymnal in the pew back.*

Voluntary

*“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us
Op. 67, No. 41*

Max Reger

TODAY

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REGISTRATION

Children and youth ages three years old through high school are invited to help act out the story of Christ's birth at the 3 p.m. Eucharist on Christmas Eve. To participate or volunteer to help please register in Realm. More information on audition times and ways to help is available on the Realm registration page.

THANK YOU FROM AUSTIN STREET CENTER MINISTRY

This year's Thanksgiving Eve feast at Austin Street Center has been served and what a success it was, enjoyed by everyone! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped in a variety of ways: transporting food, setting up, and serving. A special thank you to iParentX for baking 75 delicious pies, and a huge thank you to all who generously provided funds to our ASC ministry to help make this possible.

ADVENT BLANKET DRIVE

During Advent, Children's Ministries are collecting blankets for Vogel Alcove, a childcare center that provides developmental, social, and health services to children from families experiencing homelessness. Please bring donations in December to the designated baskets in the Tower Cloister by Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE SERIES

During December in both youth Sunday school (10:15 a.m.) and Wednesday Crossover (6:30 p.m.), we'll explore a series on Biblical lessons in Christmas movies. On Sundays we'll watch "A Nightmare Before Christmas," "Arthur Christmas," and "A Christmas Carol," and at Crossover, we'll watch "Elf," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and "Home Alone." Encourage your kids to invite their friends to join us for these fun lessons in the Youth Center!

THIS WEEK

FRIENDSDAY WEDNESDAY

First Wednesdays are for youth fun! Sandwiched between musical worship and prayer, we'll have dinner, celebrate monthly birthdays, play games, do crafts, and just hang out. This is a chance to welcome others and to strengthen our relationships with one another and with God. Encourage your child to invite a friend or a neighbor to come! Join us December 4 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Youth Center.

SECOND HALF - HOLIDAY HEALTH

Join us to discuss the health challenges seniors often face this time of year. Join Second Half on Thursday, December 5 at 1 p.m. in Roper Hall for a presentation led by Joe Boorman. The presentation is free, no registration is required and all are invited to attend.

THIS WEEK

WOMEN'S EVENING BOOK GROUP

The Women's Evening Book Group will meet on December 5 in the Parlor at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Baker's Secret* by Stephen P. Kiernan. In 1944 in a small Nazi occupied village on the Normandy coast, young baker Emmanuelle is making bread that sustains her villagers, but also gives them hope that ultimately the Allies will arrive to save them. All women are welcome. Email questions to Betsy Warren at betsymwarren@gmail.com.

SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT

The real-life Saint Nicholas lived during the 4th century in ancient Turkey. He used all his money to help children in need and people who were sick or poor. Children are invited to leave their shoes outside their formation class door on December 8 to receive a sweet treat from this beloved saint and families are invited to take pictures with Saint Nicholas in the Gathering Space between services.

Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols

The Transfiguration Choir and congregation will celebrate the Advent season through Scripture and song next Sunday, December 8 at 5 p.m. The choir will process throughout the church as it sings carols and anthems, and the congregation will join in singing hymns, chants, and carols accompanied by the handbells and the two organs. Childcare is provided and a reception follows this perennial favorite in Roper Hall.

COMING UP

ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE

Experience a contemplative evening of prayer and song and encounter the beauty of Transfiguration's labyrinth by candlelight at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.

ART MUSIC MONDAY

The second concert of the 2019-2020 Art Music series will be held on Monday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. Daryl Coad, clarinet, Gayane Manasjan Fullford, cello, and Edward Newman, piano, will perform works by Beethoven and Bruch. Presented in the intimate environment of Transfiguration's Performance Hall, this program is free and includes coffee and light desserts.

PARISH ELECTION RESULTS

We recently concluded Transfiguration's annual parish elections for four new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention Delegates for 2020. Thank you to everyone who voted! The results are as follows:

The Vestry slate of four, Jodi Dalton, Scott Daniels, Linda Horton and Mark Ramsey was approved. These four new Vestry members will begin their three-year term in January 2020.

Next year's *Diocesan Convention Delegation* will be led by Jim Kirkman and consist of George Banitch, Oliver Cone, Louise Harms, E.T. Manning, and Elaine Sweet. The alternates are Barbara Cody, Bryant Kitchens, Kristi Roper, Peter Soper, and Brett Vanderbrook.

A special thanks is extended to the Nominating Committee, who spent time meeting with candidates, reviewing applications, and faithfully filling these vacancies for leadership in the church. The group was chaired by Robin Caldwell and comprised of George Banitch, Chip Brownlee, Jim Cates, Kristin Cutts, Barbara DeLizza, Lacey Garcia, Roy Heller, Liz Kerner-Wyse, Pat Kriska, and Paul Sternweis. If you are interested in participating on the Nominating Committee next year, it will begin its work in July 2020. Questions? Contact Robin Caldwell at jrcaldwel@verizon.net.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher | Casey Shobe

Presider | Rebecca Tankersley

Assistants | Ginny Kivel

Minister of Ceremonies | Peter Soper

Lectors | Charlise Hill-Larson, Bryan Elwood

Eucharistic Ministers | David Gillam, Dana Jean, Diana Rawlins, Mat Thekkil

Acolytes | John Bhadelia, Robin Caldwell, John Glass

Ushers | Jack Skelton, Charlie Barnes, Penny Bonneau, Barbara Cody, Lacey Garcia, Sergio Garcia, Maggie Sharer

Sound Technician | George Gilliam

Greeters | Sara Ivey, Bryant Kitchens

Organist | Stefan Engel

Director of Music | Joel Martinson

Altar Guild | Gabby Guion, Pam Johnson, J. B. Forrest, Marylse Bassett, Mary Jo Francis, Colleen Carson

Flower Guild | Carolyn Lewis, Annette Randall, Joan Payseur, Emogene Hanvey, Linda Carrara, Nick Braun

FLOWERS

Help us adorn our altar in splendor each weekend by making a gift to our flower fund. Envelopes can be found in the pewbacks, or you may give online or by calling the church office.

PASTORAL CARE

Clergy, staff, and other ministers work together to provide pastoral care to our church every week. Through prayer, personal visits, anointing, carrying the Sacrament, and many other ways, we seek to serve people in need. If you would like to add someone to those prayed for daily by our Prayer Chain, email prayers@transfiguration.net or call 972-233-1989 (ext. 300). For private pastoral counseling and spiritual direction, contact Pastor Nancy DeStefano at ndestefano@transfiguration.net. If you would like to notify the clergy of a need, please use the Pastoral Care Station in the Gathering Space and submit a card. And if you urgently need to reach a member of the clergy after hours, call 214-296-2748.



Each month, Transfiguration makes a donation to the National Forest Foundation to offset our paper usage.

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 1

Bill Duke
Barb Herber
Whitney Holley
Olivia Vaught

DECEMBER 2

Linda Norris
Mamie Thrash
Kathy Pershern

DECEMBER 3

Ellen Hart
Liz O'Donnell

DECEMBER 4

Kathleen Taylor-Gadsby
Alina Williams

DECEMBER 5

Mary Forrest
Gene Mason
Divine Okpara
Annette Randall
Chris Thomas
Rachel Wilson

DECEMBER 6

Rowan Beil
Kristofer Gerlach
Karen Huff
Ann Huffman
Nancy Jagmin
Bob Lemen

DECEMBER 7

Janet Cummings
Keira Dwinell
Susan Fisk
Aidan Grimmett
Ginny Kivel
Sherry Latson
Michael McNelly
Marian Weix

WORSHIP WITH US

Wednesdays 6 p.m.

Thursdays 12 p.m.

Saturdays 5:30 p.m.*

Sundays 9* and 11:15 a.m.*

*Childcare available for children
6 weeks to age 5.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Meet the Vestry	Gathering Space	8:00 a.m.
Children's Chapel	Classroom 3	9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	9:00 a.m.
Formation Classes for All Ages	Various Rooms	10:15 a.m.
Peace Post	Church Office	10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Tai Chi Class	Roper Hall	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Tuesday Book Study	Parlor	1:30 p.m.
Bella Musica Rehearsal	Music Room	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Holy Eucharist	Church	6:00 p.m.
Vestry Special Meeting	Vestry Room	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Centering Prayer	Parlor	11:25 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	12:00 p.m.
Women's Book Group	Parlor	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Funeral for Larry Wilson	Church	12:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Transfiguration Choir Rehearsal	Church	10:00 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening	Library	5:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist - The Table	Church	5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Blood Pressure Screening	Library	8:30 a.m.
Children's Chapel	Classroom 3	9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	9:00 a.m.
Formation Classes for All Ages	Various Rooms	10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	Church	11:15 a.m.
Advent Lessons & Carols	Church	5:00 p.m.



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