

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 2023
AT 10:30^{AM}



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6301 PARKMAN PLACE
CINCINNATI

If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us today! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about all of the wonderful offerings we have at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Please feel free to also find out more about us on our website at allsaintscincinnati.org

ARTIST'S NOTE

“Don’t shrink. Don’t puff up. Stand your sacred ground”
– Brene Brown, *The Gifts of Imperfection*.

When we think of talents and gifts, the gifts we have are not always what first comes to mind when someone says “Oh, they’re gifted” or “Oh, they’re so talented”. We first think of art, music, speaking, sports, writing, etc.: physical things we can see and hear. But in a broken and weary world as this, the gifts we need most are the gifts we often don’t think of: the ability to sit and truly listen and empathize towards one another, the instinct to know when you can lighten the load for one another, the ability the sorrowful and weary, the ability to bring a smile to a frowning heart. These are the gifts given to you – the ability to meet one another where they are, where you are, and love one another.

What is your loving talent? How do you best share this love with others? Being a shoulder to cry on? Taking time to listen to those who hurt? Giving your time for those in need? Take time in today’s service to meditate on what your gifts of loving are to give to the world. Think of what great goodness you have to offer. For the love and gifts in your heart is the light of Christ, nurture it, tend to it, stand your sacred ground, and share it.

It is hard in a world as cruel as this to identify the gifts we are given from the hands of God. It is far harder to honor them and stand our sacred ground when naysayers diminish the value of what precious good things we have to offer to the world. We can diminish ourselves or put up our guards, but that only gets in the way of being our true and honest selves. To stand our sacred ground we must know what gifts we have been blessed with, know their value, know their worth, and know that it is a right and a good thing to share this light given to us with all.

“Advent” comes from the Latin word adventus, meaning “coming”. It is the first season of the new church year and is a time for us to get ready both for the great Christmas feast as well as the final coming of Christ. Major themes of the season are waiting, expectation, and preparation. Major symbols revolve around light and dark, which includes the popular Advent wreath. The Christ candle sits in the center of the wreath with candles around it to represent the following virtues: hope, love, joy and peace.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Charles Ives

Prelude on ADESTE FIDELIS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: O Emmanuel, come to us today. We rejoice to hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “prepare the way of the Lord.” Fill our hearts and minds with joyful anticipation, as we await your coming at Christmas and your coming again for all eternity. We light these candles for hope, peace, and joy.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, as we light the third candle of our Advent wreath, help us to pray without ceasing as we await the holy day of Christmas. Help us to hold fast to what is good, and to abstain from every form of evil. Come, Lord Jesus!

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus!

OPENING HYMN

H 66, v 1 & 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

GLORIA

MHSO 12

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes with some rests.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

The All Saints Christmas Pageant

Featuring: The Children of All Saints

With endless gratitude for: Julie Chaney, Mary Taflinger, Chris Meshot, Ron Thomas, Lindsay Kramer and our All Saints parents for all of their hard work!

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

The children of the parish are invited to gather closely around the altar while the Celebrant conducts the Eucharistic liturgy.

The Liturgy of the Table

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY ?

Balm in Gilead

AT THE PRESENTATION

H 43 V. 4

1 2

4 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.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be 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 God thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

MHSO 36

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 the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est.

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "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 you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

FRACTION HYMN

MHSO 43

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the
 world, have — mer - cy, have mer - cy — on us. —

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the
 world, have — mer - cy, have mer - cy — on us. —

O Lamb of God — that — tak - est a - way the
 sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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Celebrant: 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.

A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest.

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

H 472 V. 2

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Standing; said by all.*

*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 BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those we make the journey with. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSE

H 66, v 3 & 4

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

THE DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ethan Neal

Improvisation on HYFRYDOL

Serving Today 12/17

Celebrant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

Advent Wreath: The Bowen Family

Musicians: Ethan Neal and All Saints Choir

Server: Tom Carter

Usher: Amanda Almaguer

Altar Guild: Maggie Nelson

Communion Bread: Erica Bowen

Coffee Hour: Ron and Karen Murphy

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH

Poinsettias on Christmas Eve



Consider sharing in the beauty of flowers this Christmas Eve and give thanks for or remember a loved one with a poinsettia. You can purchase poinsettias for \$25 each and a list of remembrances and thanksgivings will be listed in the bulletin. Orders will be accepted through **TODAY** December 17th. You can purchase one by way of a paper form on Sunday mornings or online via the QR code below.

Advent and Christmas at All Saints

Sunday, Dec. 17th: All Saints Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

***Please note there will be **no** Sunday morning service on 12/24*

Sunday, Dec. 31st: Christmas Lessons and Carols

Ways to Give



All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash or checks in the offering plate. You can donate via text by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give by credit card by scanning the QR code below.

Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Marley and Jaxon Singh, Jeanne Longeway, Sherrie O'Rear, Jean McOsker, the Family of Beth Bruin, Kristi Barnes, Pat H., Joshua Bermudez, JoAnn and Mike Griffin, Rob S., Danny Brown, Gary Slater, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



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