St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Those who live in a land of deep darkness
— on them light has shined.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2022

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 A.M

Prelude An Advent Prelude Charles Callahan





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The Word of God

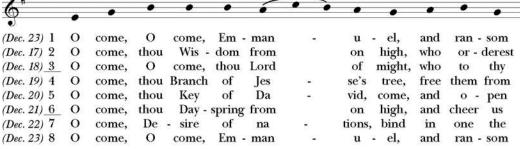
Opening Acclamation

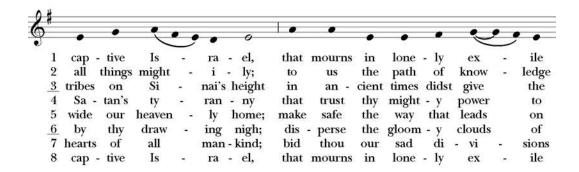
Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.

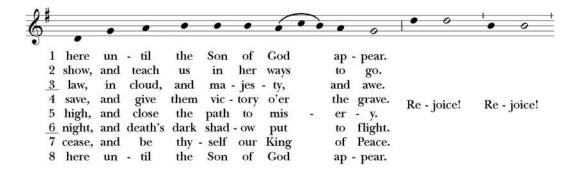
People You come to your people and set them free.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Hymn 56 O come, O come Emmanuel Veni, veni, Emmanuel Verses 1 & 2



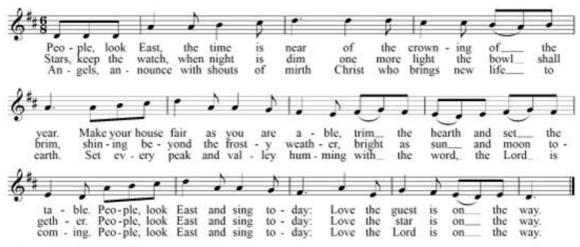






The Collect for Purity said by the Celebrant

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.**



Music: Besançon Carol Words: Eleanor Farjeon

with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

said by all

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

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

The First Lesson 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 plowshares, 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!

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Laetatus sum Psalm 122



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 Je- / rusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with it-/self; to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / LORD, the assembly of / Israel,

to praise the Name of the / LORD.

For there are the thrones of / judgment, the thrones of the house of / David.

the thrones of the house of / David.

Pray for the peace of Je- / rusalem:

"May they prosper who / love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your / towers.

For the sake of my relatives and friends, I pray for your pros/ perity.

Because of the house of the LORD our / God, I will seek to do you / good." The 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.

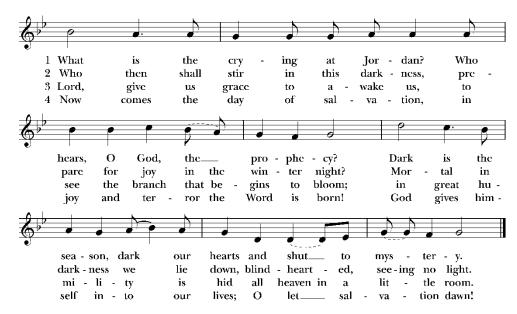
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 69

What is the crying at Jordan?

St. Mark's, Berkeley



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The Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

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,

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 and the Son, 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

Advent Prayers of the People

God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our mind on things eternal.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in light and your peace is experienced by all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen us all for the ministry you have set before us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, especially **Tricia Templeton**, **Maggie Harney**, **Susan Glenz-Pierce** and **John Floyd**. May they experience your healing presence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially: our parishioner **Lena Dot Templeton**, and **John Reagan**, friend of John Gimson, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters. We give thanks especially for these members of our parish community **Penny France**;

Ellisa Gaul; Kate & Patrick Gaul; Tom Gibbs & Steven Schneider; and Claudia and John Gimson.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for your promised time of justice and peace for all people. Make us co-creators of your coming kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth"

Elizabeth Wong Mark, flute

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall,
such birth befits the God of all.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness glow with newborn light,
No more shall night extinguish day,
Where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, virgin born to thee, eternal praise and glory be, When with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen. Richard Shephard



Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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.

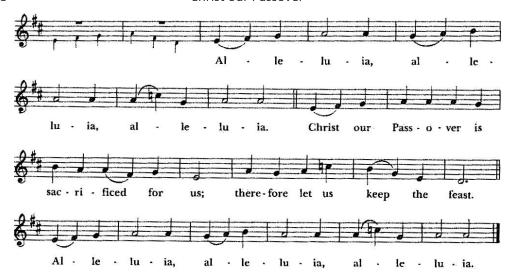
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

Fraction Anthem S.155

Christ our Passover



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion of the People







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Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Advent Blessing

The blessing of God, who has promised to come into our lives, be with you today.

The blessing of God, whose love ransoms us from all captivity, be with you forever.

The blessing of God, whose breath brings new beginnings, send you forth into the world to create a new day for the good of all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn WLP 721 Signs of endings all around us Wachet auf
On following page

The Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God.

Postlude "People, Look East!" Kristina Langlois
Based on *Besançon*, a French Carol



Ministry Schedule

	Nov 27 – Advent 1	Dec 4 – Advent 2
Vestry on Duty	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Vivian Siggers
Lay Reader 8:30 a.m.	Bob Longino	Peg Maloney
Lay Reader 10:45 a.m.	Nancy Dillon	Bob Longino
Lector 1st Lesson	Alexander Pierre	Suzanne Johnson
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Katy Pierre	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon
Ushers / Greeters		
Altar Guild	Claudia / Cathy / Elizabeth	Marshall / Cathy / Mary Jane
Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Claudia / Lucy

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Expecting Emmanuel

During Advent our Sunday school will look at the women who prepared the way for Jesus. We'll dive deep into the accounts of Jesus' female ancestors, reflect on God's presence in their complicated lives, and examine how they helped to shape the Messiah. Join us in the Founders' Room at 9:30 on November 27, December 4 and 11.

Coffee & Cocoa Drive

This Advent we are helping our brothers and sisters served by Church of the Common Ground, a congregation in downtown Atlanta for those without shelter. Having something hot to drink becomes ever more important as the days grow colder. We are collecting coffee (ground, NO DECAF), 4-lb bags of sugar, and hot chocolate mix (with water). Please bring them by December 20.

Advent Events

Second Sunday of Advent (December 4)

10:45 a.m. -- At this service we will remember the life of our parishioner Peachy Horne, who devoted years of service to St. Dunstan's, including taking excellent care of our grounds.

4 p.m. -- The Music of Advent -- Join us for a special service of music, prayers, and readings for the season.

Saturday, December 10

4:30-7:30 p.m. -- Winter Solstice Celebration Fundraiser for Mary & Martha's Place. Live music, candlelight, and poetry. A table of items for sale from the Cathedral Bookstore. Light refreshments. Buy tickets and register online at www.maryandmarthasplace.com/special-events

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 18)

10 a.m. -- ONE service this day. We will decorate the Christmas tree and celebrate with a festive potluck lunch after the service.

Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24)

5 p.m. -- Come celebrate the birth of the Messiah.

Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25)

10 a.m. -- A simple Eucharist for Christmas Day.

New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1)

10 a.m. -- One service of Christmas Lessons & Carols.

Happy Birthday

Roy Leyden November 28 **Renée Kastanakis** December 1 **Anil Weerakoon** December 3 **Connor Mark** December 5

Prayers

Parishioners: Tricia Templeton; Maggie Harney; John Floyd; and Susan Glenz-Pierce.

Family: Brett Bradshaw & baby Sebastian, Goddaughter; Hilary Foster, niece of Claudia Gimson; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Scott O'Connell, brother of Mark; Gray Cavender, Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Preston & Bryan Wilson, brothers, and Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Jim Montsinger, nephew and Claude Thompson, son-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Tiffany Wilson, niece of Rhea Hannah; Linda Blocksom, sister of Susie Throop; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Bill Fields, brother of Nancy Dillon; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Arvis Morris, mother, and Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Trina Gordon, Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Matthew and Emily Reagan, (John Gimson); Jacki Labat; Carolyn Long Banks; Angela Mattson, (Lee Morris) Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); Tony Ippilito; Mary Jane Graff, Rose Faison, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Davis Family); Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold).

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We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Penny France**; **Ellisa Gaul**; **Kate & Patrick** and **Joe Gaul**; **Tom Gibbs & Steven Schneider**; and **Claudia** and **John Gimson**.

Vestry 2022 – 2023

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden; Lynn Hood; Gwen McAlpine; Elizabeth Wong Mark; Michele Smither; Wayne Hood; Max Changus; Susie Throop

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant

