

The Holy Eucharist

November 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Presider: The Rev. Craig Vocelka

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Musician: Joann Richardson

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and is livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/>. For those worshipping in person, we encourage the use of facemasks and respect for others in our efforts to have people remain as healthy as possible.

Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as show our respect for our musicians.

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Klallam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal 56

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*
3. O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem, unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Lighting of Advent Wreath Candle

***Psalm 33:20* We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

Salutation

The Presider says to the people

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Collect for Purity

Presider

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.**

Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Transition Prayer for St. Antony's and the Diocese

Said by all

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

***As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.***

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

The First Reading - 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!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

S 410

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 I was glad when they/ said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the/ LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are/ standing *
within your gates, O Je/rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a/ city *
that is at unity with it/self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the/ LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the/ LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of/ judgment, *
the thrones of the house of/ David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je/rusalem: *
"May they prosper who/ love you.
- 7 Peace be within your/ walls *
and quietness within your/ towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions'/ sake, *
I pray for your pros/perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our/ God, *
I will seek to do you/ good."

The Second Reading - 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

Thanks be to God.

1. Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
 "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
 Midnight's peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken:
 "The time has come, O maidens wise!
 Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
 Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing,
 she wakes and hurries through the night.
 Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
 her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!
 We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you,
 as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
 Twelve great pearls, the city's portals: through them we stream to join th' immortals
 as we with joy your throne surround.
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
 Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily – The Rev. Bill Thaete

The Nicene Creed (said together, standing as you are able.)

**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.

Prayers of the People

Leader I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Ben Newcomb and Travis Sanger*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Ukraine and Russia

Dear God, we ask that you be with the people of war-ravaged Ukraine. Give them physical and spiritual strength to withstand the horrors of war; console them in their misery, distress and losses; sustain them in their hope for peace. We ask that you also be with their brothers and sisters in neighboring Russia. Please open their eyes and hearts to the reality of the war and give to all people in both countries the desire to know the Truth that will set them free, and the courage and strength to pursue that Truth. We thank you for all the citizens of the world who value and pursue peace, and we ask that those who made the ultimate sacrifice in this war will not have died in vain. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Prayers of the People from "Intercessions for the Christian People"

Deacon or other leader

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that the nations shall cease to learn war any more. O God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. O God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ. O God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. O God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. O God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have asked for our prayers, that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. O God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider concludes

We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Presider

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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

The Presider stands and says

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.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday 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 thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.

Music Offering

Joann Richardson

The Doxology is sung

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3 from *Enriching our Worship*

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Hymnal S-129

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Antony, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

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 for ever. Amen.

Fraction Rite (*sung*)

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us,

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.

We are serving the cup individually. After receiving the bread, the body of Christ, if you like, please take a cup from the tray and then the Eucharistic Minister will serve you the wine, the blood of Christ. Please leave your cup at the baptismal font so we can properly dispose of them.

If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available. Just ask as you approach the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing, please approach the priest with your hands crossed over your chest.

We ask that you remember to use the hand sanitizer as you come to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Those who are participating by livestream may say the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

From A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music

Joann Richardson

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Rejoice! rejoice believers”

Hymnal 68

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!

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Happy Birthday!

30th Bill Cleveland
Dec.1 Jackie Vincent
2nd Carole Nau
Carolyn Sorrell

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

Altar Flowers are given today by Steve & Betty Fabry in celebration of Steve's birthday yesterday.

Flowers arranged by Heather Carnocki

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Benny Wright in loving memory of his mother, Karen Wright.

Coffee Hour is being hosted by Amy & Christina Wentworth.

Time and Talent in Action --

In the next few weeks one of our parishioners will be displaying her hand made Seasonal Greeting Cards for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Elizabeth Haney will be having these cards for sale out in the Narthex (main entry) after the 10:15 am service starting Sunday, November 13. Liz is an accomplished artist with a unique beauty in her creations, and expresses her Time and Talents for us to appreciate. Additional cards will be available for the Christmas Holidays, as well, during early December.

Stop by her table to view her cards whether you plan to purchase or just look.

Cash or a check will be appreciated for the cards you purchase.

Tovi Andrews, Stewardship