

# The Holy Eucharist

December 1, 2024

## The First Sunday in Advent / Year C, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton

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, the use of facemasks is optional and we encourage respect for each person's choice to 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 to 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      ***"Hark a thrilling voice is sounding"***

**Hymnal 59**

### Salutation

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language--the coming of Christ--because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ IS coming. Christ IS ALWAYS coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of HOPE, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing and the well-being of all creation.

*The first candle is lit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. Loving God, as we enter this Advent season we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the power of HOPE. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

*Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection, for the light of God's love is discernible everywhere. Welcome Christ into your heart this season and go forth with the knowledge that Christ is coming and is our Hope.*

### Kyrie

**Hymnal S-95**

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

## The First Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1-9

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*



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1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in/ you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph/ over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to/ shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their/ schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O/ Lord, \*  
and teach me your/ paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and/ teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day/ long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and/ love, \*  
for they are from ever/lasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O/ Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the/ Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his/ way.

8 He guides the humble in doing/ right \*  
and teaches his way to the/ lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and/ faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his/ testimonies.

### **The Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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**Sequence Hymn**

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”***

**Hymnal 56**

(verse 1 before the Gospel, verse 2 after the Gospel)

### **The Gospel Reading – Luke 21:25-36**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### Homily – The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

**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.

**People** 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 *Amy Morrison and Nicole Steller*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People from “Intercessions for the Christian People”

Leader

As the church worldwide celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part, saying: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

For all peoples of every race, nation and disposition: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**Grant us mercy.**

For Christians throughout the world: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**Grant us mercy.**

For all Christian communities: Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**Grant us mercy.**

For those who live in fear and confusion: Whether they be stateless people in refugee camps, or settled people hidden behind high fences, give to the vulnerable strength, and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice and give our societies a human face. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**Grant us mercy.**

For this community, especially for those who suffer most, for the emotionally and physically ill, for the dying, for those who grieve: May we all, out of our own suffering, give comfort and support. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**Grant us mercy.**

For the larger community around us, especially for the newborn children, the homeless, and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food and medical care are available for all and where the law protects people for a better chance and better choices. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

**Grant us mercy.**

*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.*

Let us Pray for Peace Among the Nations

**Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus, the Christ. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*

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 Celebrant 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**

*Celebrant:* 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.*

### **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.**

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant 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.

**Choir Anthem**

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Joseph M. Martin/David Angerman



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*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 D

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*Please stand as you are able*

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

### Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***Celebrant and People***

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Antony and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*spoken*)

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, I invite you to join me and pray in the language of your heart,

**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 Anthem**

**Hymnal S 161**

*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 offering two options for communion. After you come forward and receive the bread from the priest, you may go to your right and receive the wine from an individual cup. After receiving, please leave your cup at the baptismal font so we can properly dispose of them. The second option for receiving is to go to your left and receive the wine from the common cup.*

*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 Hymn

### Steal Away

WLP 804

Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je - sus!

Fine

Steal a-way, steal a-way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

1. My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thun - der. The }  
2. Green trees are bend - ing, poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling, the }  
3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling, the }  
4. My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the light - ning. The }

D.C.

trum-pet sounds with - in a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn

**"Hark! The glad sound!"**

**Hymnal 72**

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



Please join us for coffee hour after the service. The Reeder Family is our host today.



### ***Happy Birthday!***

1st Jackie Vincent  
2nd Carole Nau  
Carolyn Sorrell  
7th Melo Scanlon

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

There are no anniversaries this week.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Mary Collier, in celebration of the birthday of her father, Herb Reinhardt.  
\*Flowers arranged by Carrie Rivers\*

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Mary Collier, in memory of her father, Herb Reinhardt.

***The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming people who worship God,  
grow in Christ, and serve others: Gather, Grow, and Go!***

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