

The Holy Eucharist

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent / Year A

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

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Eucharistic Minister: Mary Collier

Lector: Cheryl Wright

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our worship of God is offered both in person and on Facebook livestream at the same time. You may 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.

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.

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.

The Salutation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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

Gloria

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father
have mercy on us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. ***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!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Laetatus sum

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 Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

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 Jerusalem: *
"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 prosperity.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O 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 *Nicole Steller*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Adapted from “*Hear our Prayer*”

Leader

Let us now open our hearts and offer to God our deepest prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, inspire the universal church to be most concerned with living lives inspired by your Son and give us hearts that beat to serve you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those in authority, especially for Donald, our President, Bob our Governor, and for all who hold local and national and international authority in this nation and in all the nations, with an urgency to care for all people and to undo systems of injustice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us opportunities to live into our faith and identity as followers of Jesus. Open our eyes to see those around us, in our neighborhoods, schools, and places of work, who need our loving support and care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and persistence to those who seek cures and relief of pain, and heal and comfort those who suffer from illness. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us wisdom and persistence for the care of creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant rest eternal to those who have died and comfort to those who mourn. Grant us daily an awareness that life is precious and fleeting, that we might use our ours to your glory. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Phil, our Bishop, for Hillary our Vicar, and for all the clergy and lay ministers throughout our diocese, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the World Anglican Communion we give thanks and pray for The Anglican Church of Australia. In Jerusalem and the Middle East we give thanks and pray for Emmanuel Church, Ramleh, Israel. In our own Diocese of Olympia we give thanks and pray for St. Alban's, Edmonds; Redeemer, Kenmore. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Prayer list is read

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Let us pray for peace to come to our hurting world.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace,

as beloved children of one God. For yours is the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, you lovingly created and care for us, hear now these prayers and answer them as may be best for us and for the furtherance of your redemptive grace. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith run unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

***Birthday Prayer* - Watch over thy 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 passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements



You can make a donation to the church by
scanning the QR code with your phone.

OFFERTORY INSTRUCTIONS

The offertory plates are passed throughout the congregation by the ushers. Please accept the plate and pass it all the way down your row. When it comes to you, we invite you to use those few seconds to thank God for the blessings in your life and reflect on how you are giving back. Giving is never an obligation; it's always an invitation! We know that everyone gives as the Spirit leads, and that gifts of time and talent don't fit in the offering plate! We also know that many people give online or by the QR code above. (If so, feel free to place the "I Gave Online" card in the plate as it passes you.) So whether you have something to put in the plate today or not, this moment is just between you and God. If you simply pray "Thank you, God" each time you touch the offering plate, that is a powerful spiritual practice.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the offertory with a sentence of scripture.

The Offertory Sentence, said together

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving | Rite I
Eucharistic Prayer 1

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus (*Spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand as able. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and

sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.

*** Hand sanitizer can be found next to the hymnal and prayer books on the chair in front of you. **
To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar behind the railing and in front. You may kneel or stand. Cup your hands in front of you to receive the bread. For the wine, you may*

choose either to get a single use compostable cup on your way to the altar, or drink from the common cup.. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven

*.** If you would prefer to have communion brought to you for any reason, simply remain seated and let the usher know when your row is sent. The usher will alert the altar party, who will bring communion directly to you.*

Used communion cups may be placed in one of the bowls on either end of the first row of chairs.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant gives the Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Happy Birthday!

12-01 Jackie Vincent

12-02 Carole Nau

12-02 Carolyn Sorrell

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell in memory of deceased siblings, Bohdan, Martha, and Jack.

Flowers arranged by Donna Hilton

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Dee Perreira for Winter blessings.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Nov. 30

8 am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1

9:00 am – Episcopal 101

9:30 & 11:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:15 am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Wednesday, Dec. 3

5:30 pm – Advent Soup Supper

Thursday, Dec. 4

12:30 pm – Bible Study

Sunday, Dec. 7

8 am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1

9:00 am – Episcopal 101

10:15 am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Teen Bible Study – canceled

***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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