

The Holy Eucharist

November 30, 2025

First Sunday in Advent / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

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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 "Sleepers Awake" Hymnal 61

Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

The first candle is lit.

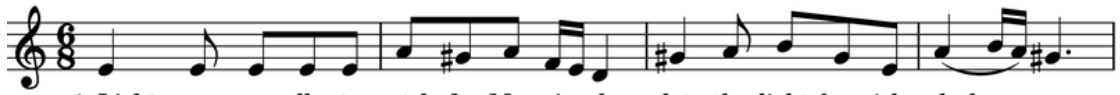
Hymn for lighting of Advent Wreath (Next page)

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” ELW 240

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Yiddish folk tune, arr Wayne L. Wold



1. Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He__ shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills__ the prom - ise.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you

People **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.**

Kyrie S-96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The people are seated for the reading of Scripture.

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

Psalm Tone 411

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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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 com/panions' 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.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn “O come, O come, Emmanuel” Hymnal 56
(Verse 1 before the Gospel; verse 2 after)

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant 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.”

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 *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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Choir Anthem **“My Lord, what a morning”** African-American spiritual



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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 Doxology *(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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant:: Lift up your hearts!

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. 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

Sanctus S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

-san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

-san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, 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.

Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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.

Remember Mother Hillary, Bishop Phil, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

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*)

The Celebrant continues:

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray in the language of our hearts.

**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 S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

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.

To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar; the ushers will guide you. 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 to receive from the common cup. To do so, simply guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, communion in one kind is just as valid; simply cross your arms over your chest when the wine is offered to you, and the minister will say the words over you and move on.

To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest when each element is offered to you.

*** 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.*

Hand sanitizer can be found next to the hymnal and prayer books on the chair in front of you.

Communion Hymn "Once he came in blessing" Hymnal 53

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Rejoice, rejoice, believers” Hymnal 68

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude



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

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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